

# MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS

# 2020-2021 REOPENING PLAN

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mountain Brook Schools has relied on the Jefferson County Department of Health, Alabama State Department of Education, and Alabama Department of Public Health throughout the school reopening process. The guidance provided by these agencies has enabled our school district to make informed decisions that prioritize the health and safety of our school community while ensuring the continued provision of an effective, challenging, and engaging education.

Up to this point in the 2020-2021 school year, implementing a hybrid schedule at the secondary level and a cohort model at the elementary level has given us the best opportunity to accomplish both of those objectives. But it has never been our intention to maintain these schedules long-term. We know our students learn best when they are in classrooms interacting with their teachers and peers daily, and we are aware of the impact created by the dearth of such interaction at the secondary level. We understand this pandemic has been challenging for our students' mental and socio-emotional health and academic progress. Our school district has worked diligently to overcome those challenges and remains committed to returning our students safely to school on a full-time basis.

We have monitored metrics in conjunction with the JCDH to guide our path forward. While the <u>metrics we shared with you last month</u> have not been met, there is an observable downward trend. Metrics can be found on the <u>Alabama Department of Public Health website</u> and are updated weekly. Our progress toward these metrics, combined with new guidance from the JCDH and our unwavering desire to meet the needs of our school community, tells us that we are ready to enter the next phase of our reopening process.

The <u>JCDH on Monday released guidance</u> stating that it is now reasonable to consider a more flexible approach in reopening our secondary schools. In light of this news, we are targeting Monday, Oct. 19, as the day on which we increase the student capacity at Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School to 100%.

In our new schedule, secondary students will attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with a virtual day scheduled for Wednesday. Since our teachers are supporting traditional and virtual learners simultaneously, the virtual day will allow them time to plan and support both groups of students. It also will provide opportunities for students to continue their learning and receive support and intervention to combat the challenges of the first nine weeks. Furthermore, a virtual day will give our custodial staff extra time to clean our buildings thoroughly.

Mountain Brook Schools will continue to evaluate new data and stay flexible in our planning as we move toward the ultimate goal of bringing our students back to school full-time later this semester. Please note this schedule shift doesn't change our district's commitment to masking, distancing, and practicing good hygiene. The health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and all of their families remain our top priority as we open our schools more fully.

As we prepare to enter the next phase of reopening, we understand we will soon encounter a new set of challenges, some of which are beyond our control. We will do everything in our power to keep students spaced as far apart as possible in all situations but acknowledge that space constraints in our buildings may make it difficult to maintain 6 feet of distance at all times. Since our school district must follow quarantine procedures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that identify individuals as close contacts if they are within 6 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or longer, we could see a rise in the number of quarantine-related absences.

There is no ideal situation in this pandemic season, and we realize every family must make the best decision for their children. As we move forward, Mountain Brook Schools will continue to offer a full-time virtual option for all students in kindergarten to 12th grade. Any student who is interested in transitioning to the virtual option should notify their school by the end of the day on Sunday, Oct. 11. Those who opt into the virtual program will remain enrolled in the program through the end of the first semester. Virtual students interested in transitioning back to the traditional format on Monday, Oct. 19, also should notify their school by the end of the day on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The strict safety guidelines and procedures outlined in our plan remain largely unchanged from the previous version. Our schools will continue to follow them closely to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We cannot, however, stop this virus on our own. COVID-19 requires all of us to join together, take the necessary precautions, and confront this task as a community united by concern for one another.

I understand this continues to be a trying time for all of us. Please know that we are committed to doing our best and working with you to provide our students an effective, challenging, and engaging education regardless of the barriers we all must overcome.

Dicky Barlow, Ed. D. Superintendent

## **GLOSSARY**

**Traditional**: The term "traditional" refers to the option available to students and families who would like to attend classes on campus. While mitigation measures will impact how students and classes navigate the school building, teachers and students will be working together in person as they deliver and receive instruction. Based on information from the local health department, alternate schedules (secondary) and alternate internal plans (elementary) may be implemented in an effort to keep students attending classes on campus.

e-Learning: The term "e-Learning" refers to an option utilized by traditional students if health and information data require them to learn from home. While at home, students will access instructional materials and information from their school-based teacher through the specified learning management system. E-learning may be utilized during times when a school-wide alternate schedule is in effect or when a school is temporarily closed for in-person instruction. E-Learning will also be available to students who may be required to quarantine due to a positive test or high-exposure situation.

**Virtual**: The term "virtual" refers to the option available to students and families who choose to attend school from their home. Students will participate in instruction and learning through digital content provided by a Mountain Brook Schools teacher using the district's specified learning management system. Students will have remote access to their teacher for support, questions, and intervention. Virtual implies that all instruction, learning, and assessment occur off campus.

**Learning Management System**: The term "learning management system" refers to the program used by Mountain Brook Schools to house and deliver instructional information. Teachers use this program to upload content, make assignments, share instructional information, and connect with students about their progress. Students use this system to access assignments, resources, submit work, and receive feedback from their teacher.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

## **TRADITIONAL OPTION (Moving from Alternate to Traditional)**

## **Secondary Schools**

The traditional option for Pre-K through 12th grade provides students who reside within the residential zones served by Mountain Brook Schools the opportunity to complete a program of courses in an in-person setting when feasible. Beginning Monday, Oct. 19, students will attend school at full capacity four days a week while abiding by health and safety protocols and engage in a virtual day on Wednesday. This will provide them an opportunity to continue their learning and receive support and intervention on site during designated times. A chart of the schedule is below.

| Day                | Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| Learning<br>Format | In school | In school | Virtual w/<br>at-school<br>support at<br>designated<br>times | In school | In school |

It is important to note the distancing between and among individuals may not meet the CDC recommendation of 6 feet due to space constraints within our buildings. The school system, however, will do its best to space students as far apart as possible in all situations. By choosing the traditional option, families accept a level of risk regarding COVID-19 transmission and quarantine requirements.

Mountain Brook Schools will continue to engage in contact tracing and follow the CDC's quarantine procedures that identify individuals as close contacts if they are within 6 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or longer. The school system has no authority over this policy and realizes its potential to impact students' attendance and their ability to participate in extracurriculars. Any student who becomes positive or quarantined will access their academic work through the learning management platform while at home.

## **Elementary Schools**

Elementary schools will implement rotating schedules for upper elementary grades and allow all students in grades Pre-K to 6 to rotate to their specials classrooms. While rotating, students will remain with their designated classmates to help mitigate cross-contamination of virus exposure between and among groups. This includes PE and recess.

Plans have been developed for the gradual release of classrooms into cohorts, grade levels, and schoolwide activities. The transitions will occur over time based on the monitoring of local and county COVID-19 data.

Due to these mitigation measures, the Extended Day Program will not be available at this time. The feasibility of restarting EDP will be re-evaluated when elementary schools release into grade level and/or schoolwide activities.

## **FULL-TIME VIRTUAL OPTION**

The full-time virtual option for kindergarten through 12th grade provides students who reside within the residential zones served by Mountain Brook Schools the opportunity to complete a program of courses in an online setting.

Mountain Brook teachers will utilize Mountain Brook resources, including Schools PLP content. The content will meet all standards and requirements established by Mountain Brook Schools. Students who opt for virtual school will be assigned to a Mountain Brook Schools teacher and will be considered enrolled at their base school.

Any student who is interested in transitioning to the full-time virtual option should notify their school by the end of the day on Sunday, Oct. 11. Those who opt into the virtual program will remain enrolled in the program through the end of the first semester. Virtual students interested in transitioning back to the traditional format at the beginning of the second nine weeks also should notify their school by the end of the day on Sunday, Oct. 11.

By selecting the virtual option, students and parents assume increased personal responsibility in time management, organization, self-direction, communication, and discipline to complete the course and school requirements.

### Method

All courses will be web-based and require daily Internet access. Mountain Brook teachers will deliver instruction through a learning management system, monitor and assess progress, and meet at least weekly with students — and parents if needed. Students will complete assignments at their own pace with a set due date, while teachers will be mindful to consider how much time students spend in front of a computer screen.

Assessments will be completed online from home, with teachers grading and providing feedback, and report cards will be completed in Chalkable INOW every 9 weeks. State assessments administered in the spring must be completed in the school building with safety precautions in place.

#### Courses

In some instances, specialized courses will not be available in the virtual option. Students in grades 7-12 selecting the virtual option who wish to enroll in a course not offered virtually can come to the school building to take an individual course at the designated time during the school day. A list of those courses can be found in the chart below. Additionally, elementary students in the enrichment program have the option to attend enrichment in the school building.

## \*Courses offered in school but not virtually

| MBHS                                      |
|---|
| Academic Skills                           |
| Acc. Alg. 2 Trig Precal.                  |
| American Studies                          |
| AP Calculus BC                            |
| AP European History                       |
| Debate                                    |
| Driver's Education                        |
| Engineering Your World                    |
| Incubator EDU (Entrepreneurship I and II) |
| Leadership MB                             |
| Math 227/237                              |

| Pageant Staff             |
|---------------------------|
| Peer Tutorial             |
| Strength and Conditioning |
| Sword and Shield          |
| Yearbook                  |
| Zoology                   |

<sup>\*</sup>This list is subject to change based on staffing. Drama is the only course not offered virtually at Mountain Brook Junior High.

## Requirements

#### Students:

- Must be enrolled in Mountain Brook Schools.
- Must maintain consistent, reliable daily Internet access at their home or another location available to them.
- Must agree to and sign an Academic Integrity Contract.
- Must participate in a weekly conference with the online teacher and complete assigned work to be counted present for the week.
- Are required to take any state-mandated tests and must do so at the Mountain Brook school for which they are zoned. The online teacher will ensure testing dates and requirements are known to virtual students.
- Must maintain a grade of 70 or above and make adequate progress in every course. Students who don't meet these standards may be required to have additional conferences with the online teacher.

Students whose education program is determined by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may apply for enrollment if the IEP team decides the virtual option is the Least Restrictive Environment for that student. In doing so, the virtual program will follow guidelines published by the State Department of Education on December 11, 2015. Please contact your child's case manager for specific information.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance will be taken in the following manner:

- Students must log in to the online site and complete weekly assignments by Friday of each week.
- Students (and parents if necessary) must participate in weekly communication with the online teacher.
- Complete all assigned work.

## **Extracurriculars and Technology**

Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and must meet all organization requirements. The school system will provide students in the virtual option any devices, including Chromebooks, that are provided to Mountain Brook students in the same grade.

## **Instructional Option Comparison Chart (Elementary)**

|                           | *TR                                     | VIRTUAL<br>OPTION                       |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|                           | Traditional                             | Alternate<br>Plan                       | e-Learning  |   |
| Curriculum                | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources       | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources       | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources                         | Mountain Brook<br>w/ resources                      |
| Teacher                   | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-<br>based) | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-<br>based) | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-based)                       | Mountain Brook<br>(district-based)                  |
| Instructional<br>Delivery | In school                               | In school                               | e-Learning<br>through<br>learning<br>management<br>system | Virtual through<br>learning<br>management<br>system |
| Schedule                  | Regular                                 | Regular with<br>no class<br>rotations   | Assignments<br>posted by<br>Monday at 8<br>a.m.           | Assignments<br>posted by<br>Monday at 8<br>a.m.     |
| Extracurriculars          | No, and no<br>EDP**                     | No, and no<br>EDP                       | No, and no<br>EDP   | Consistent with traditional plan                    |
| Lunch                     | In<br>classroom                         | In<br>classroom                         | N/A   | N/A   |

<sup>\*</sup>Decisions about traditional options will be made based on information and data from the Jefferson County Department of Health.

<sup>\*\*</sup>To be re-evaluated as elementary schools transition to cohorts, grade levels, and schoolwide activities.

## **Instructional Option Comparison Chart (Secondary)**

|                           | *TRADITIONAL OPTION                        |   |   | VIRTUAL<br>OPTION                                      |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|--|
|                           | Traditional                                | Alternate<br>Plan   | e-Learning  |  |
| Curriculum                | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources          | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources                                       | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources                         | Mountain<br>Brook w/<br>resources                      |
| Teacher                   | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-<br>based)    | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-<br>based)                                 | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-based)                       | Mountain<br>Brook<br>(school-based)                    |
| Instructional<br>Delivery | In school w/<br>1 virtual<br>day           | In school/<br>e-Learning<br>through<br>learning<br>management<br>system | e-Learning<br>through<br>learning<br>management<br>system | Virtual<br>through<br>learning<br>management<br>system |
| Schedule                  | In school:<br>M, T, TH, F<br>Virtual:<br>W | Alternate<br>schedule /<br>e-Learning                                   | Assignments<br>posted by<br>Monday at 8<br>a.m.           | Assignments<br>posted by<br>Monday at 8<br>a.m.        |
| Extracurriculars          | Yes with<br>mitigation<br>measures         | Yes with<br>mitigation<br>measures                                      | No  | Consistent<br>with traditional<br>plan                 |
| Lunch                     | Distanced in designated locations          | Distanced in designated locations                                       | N/A   | N/A  |

<sup>\*</sup>Decisions about traditional options will be made based on information and data from the Jefferson County Department of Health.

## SAFETY EXPECTATIONS OVERVIEW

## **WELLNESS**

## **Physical Distancing**

Mountain Brook Schools will make every effort to distance students physically to the maximum extent possible in their classrooms. Student seating will face one direction when possible, and seating arrangements/assignments will be recorded.

Schools have created distancing plans for large common spaces, such as libraries, gyms, cafeterias, and playgrounds, and will limit large group gatherings.

Schools have developed plans to ensure safe traffic flow into, out of, and within their buildings. Students will enter and exit through designated locations. When possible, classes will transition on a rotating basis.

## **Facial Coverings**

To most effectively mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Mountain Brook Schools will require all students and employees to wear a cloth facial covering on our campuses.

Our schools, however, are intentionally planning specific times when students can extend their distancing and take "mask breaks." These breaks may occur more frequently at the lower grade levels due to the difficulty of prolonged masking for younger students.

Individuals can determine what type of cloth facial covering is most comfortable for them, but it needs to cover the nose and mouth. A facial covering that can be worn around the neck would be most beneficial for younger children. Any graphics or wording should comply with the Mountain Brook Schools Code of Conduct.

Employees will be allowed to wear a clear face shield only when instructionally necessary if they are practicing physical distancing of 6 feet or more. But they must wear a cloth facial covering throughout the rest of the school day. Although reports have shown that face shields aren't as effective as masks in limiting virus transmission, it is important for students to see a teacher's face during instruction for a variety of reasons, including pronunciation, lip reading, and facial expressions.

Each school will have a supply of extra masks in case a student or employee forgets their mask at home or it breaks during the day. Mask wearing will be enforced with the same strategies used to address other rules violations.

The exceptions to the facial covering requirement include when students and staff are eating or drinking or are involved in direct physical activity during PE. PE teachers are developing plans to ensure maximum physical distancing among students and will prioritize health and safety. Masks will not be required during recess if physical distancing can be achieved.

Facial covering expectations are subject to change pending future state and county mandates. We will work with members of our school community to accommodate those for whom this policy is medically impractical as outlined by CDC guidelines.

## Screening

All students and employees will be asked to conduct a daily symptom check before attending school. Mountain Brook Schools will provide a symptom-checking tool that will help parents, students, and employees make daily decisions regarding attendance.

Students and employees with shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new cough, or new loss of taste or smell should not attend school. Additionally, any student or employee with a fever of 100.4 or higher should not attend school until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.

Other symptoms to check for include fatigue, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, stomach issues such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, headache, and congestion.

It is also important for students and employees to be mindful of those with whom they have come in contact, particularly if any of them have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days. If a student or employee is exhibiting symptoms, they should contact their healthcare provider for assistance and not report to the school building.

School nurses will quarantine and screen any student or employee who begins to exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19 while at school. The nurses will contact parents if their child is unwell, and parents are asked to pick up their child from school within 30 minutes of the notification.

## **Testing, Positive Cases, and Notification**

If a student or employee presents with identifiable COVID-19 symptoms, they should report to the school nurse's office for evaluation and possible quarantine. The nurse will contact the student's parents upon evaluation and recommend

testing if appropriate. Parents and employees will be required to share test results with the school nurse to assist with notification and cleaning procedures. All personal information will be kept strictly confidential.

If a student or teacher tests positive, Mountain Brook Schools will work with the Jefferson County Department of Health on contact tracing and exposure levels. The individual will be required to remain at home until they meet all return-to-school criteria listed below:

- Fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and
- Symptoms have improved, and
- 10 day period has passed since the onset of symptoms (symptomatic) or positive test date (asymptomatic)

If an individual tests positive, their family members should also quarantine at home for 14 days to monitor for symptoms.

Mountain Brook Schools will contact anyone who may have had potential exposure to COVID-19 while on campus or involved in a school activity. If there is a high risk of exposure, the school system or county health department will speak with your family directly.

Those who have been exposed using the 6-feet/15-minute rule will remain home for 14 days to monitor for symptoms. There is no mandate from the school system to seek out and pay for a COVID-19 test.

## **Personal Hygiene**

All students and employees will practice enhanced personal hygiene during the 2020-2021 school year. They should wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or use hand sanitizer after every class/activity change. Hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol will be available in every instructional and common area throughout school buildings.

Students and employees also will practice cough and sneeze etiquette to mitigate the transmission of airborne pathogens. They are also encouraged to use personal water bottles or plastic cups at water fountains.

Students will keep backpacks and personal items in individual containers, cubbies, or lockers, and will use individualized instructional materials.

## **OPERATIONS**

## Cleaning

Mountain Brook Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. Our custodial teams have received professional training and will continue to clean our schools daily.

Desks and instructional workspaces will be disinfected at the end of every class period or activity, and high-touch areas and bathrooms will be cleaned multiple times during the school day. Playground and athletic/PE equipment will be cleaned daily as well.

Teams in our schools are also devising plans to minimize sharing of supplies and equipment. Any space with potential exposure will be closed for 24 hours before being cleaned and disinfected. If a class is temporarily displaced for cleaning, it will relocate to another area in the school building.

Mountain Brook Schools buildings are not open for rentals at this time.

## **Child Nutrition and Transportation**

Mountain Brook Schools has implemented measures to reduce high-touch areas in lunchrooms. Cashless transitions will be required, and sanitizing will occur between lunch groups. All elementary students will pick up their lunch from the lunchroom and return to their classrooms to eat until schools begin a gradual release of classrooms into cohorts, grade levels, and schoolwide activities. Secondary students will eat lunch while distancing in designated areas throughout the schools.

When being transported on school buses, students will be required to wear cloth facial coverings. Bus windows will be lowered to allow for additional airflow when weather permits. Buses will be sanitized before and after each route, and students and drivers will sanitize their hands before getting on the bus. When possible, alternating seats and rows will be used as much as possible.

#### **Visitors**

Mountain Brook Schools believes in community schools and the partnership that exists between the community and school system. However, due to the possibility of virus spread, visitors will be limited to the school buildings.

Schools are required to keep an accurate, detailed record of all visitors, and visitors will be screened before entering the building. Schools are modifying check-in and check-out procedures, and all parent meetings will be hosted virtually. If an in-person meeting is necessary, 1 parent per child will be allowed.

#### **Attendance and Absences**

If a student is quarantined or tests positive and is unable to attend class on campus, their absences will be considered excused. Students will be able to access their academic work through a learning management system to continue their work in alignment with their classmates.

If an employee is unable to attend work due to a COVID-19 related issue, they should contact their administration and the Director of Personnel to make the necessary arrangements.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

Based on the fluctuation of information and data that Mountain Brook Schools receives from the local health department, determinations will be made about extracurricular activities. If extracurricular activities are active in schools, all masking and distancing requirements will apply.

The Mountain Brook Schools Extended Day Program and Community Education will not be offered at this time due to efforts to keep students with classroom groups. This will help prevent cross-contamination between and among groups of students from different classrooms. The offering of EDP will re-evaluated as classrooms move to grade level and/or schoolwide gatherings.

School-based athletics will follow all health and safety protocols outlined by the AHSAA and Mountain Brook Schools. If schools operate on an alternate schedule or transition to a full e-Learning format, determinations will be made regarding practices and competitions. Limitations on spectators and traveling groups will be made based on guidance and information from the local health department and the availability of space due to distancing requirements.

### Ventilation

Mountain Brook Schools is following CDC recommendations for the maintenance of all HVAC systems to ensure air quality in the buildings. We are installing Tri-Dim MERV-11 filters in all schools and adding ionizers to existing units.

# WELLNESS/OPERATIONS PROCEDURES

| WELLNESS/OPERATION CATEGORY | PROCEDURE   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| SAFETY AND HEALTH           | <ul> <li>Students, faculty, and staff will wash and/or sanitize their hands after every class/activity change.</li> <li>Hand sanitizer (&gt;60% alcohol) will be provided for every instructional and common area throughout school buildings.</li> </ul> |
|                             | <ul> <li>All students and employees will<br/>strive to follow CDC guidelines<br/>regarding handwashing and/or<br/>hand sanitizing, in addition to<br/>cough and sneeze etiquette,<br/>throughout the school day.</li> </ul>                               |
|                             | <ul> <li>Students will be encouraged to<br/>use individualized instructional<br/>materials.</li> </ul>  |
|                             | <ul> <li>Backpacks and personal items<br/>are kept in individual containers,<br/>cubbies, lockers, etc.</li> </ul>  |
|                             | <ul> <li>Students are encouraged to use<br/>personal water bottles or plastic<br/>cups at water fountains.</li> </ul>   |
| SOCIAL DISTANCING/MOVEMENT  | <ul> <li>Large group gatherings will be<br/>limited.</li> </ul>   |
|                             | <ul> <li>Classrooms will distance seating<br/>as far apart as possible.</li> </ul>  |
|                             | <ul> <li>Student seating will face one direction when possible.</li> </ul>  |

|                  | <ul> <li>Students will enter and exit<br/>through designated locations.</li> </ul>   |
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|                  | <ul> <li>Seating arrangements and assignments will be recorded.</li> </ul>   |
|                  | <ul> <li>Classes will transition on a<br/>rotating basis if possible.</li> </ul>   |
|                  | <ul> <li>General locations will provide<br/>direction on distancing and<br/>movement.</li> </ul>   |
|                  | <ul> <li>Recess/PE will implement<br/>distancing plans. Masks will not<br/>be required during recess if<br/>physical distancing can be<br/>achieved.</li> </ul>  |
| FACIAL COVERINGS | <ul> <li>All students and staff will be<br/>required to wear a cloth facial<br/>covering in our school buildings.</li> </ul>   |
|                  | <ul> <li>Exceptions to this requirement<br/>include when students and staff<br/>are eating or drinking, are<br/>directly involved in physical<br/>activity at PE, or have a medical<br/>exemption per CDC guidelines.</li> </ul> |
|                  | <ul> <li>This requirement is subject to<br/>change pending future state and<br/>county mandates.</li> </ul>  |
| SCREENING        | <ul> <li>All students and employees will<br/>be asked to conduct a daily<br/>symptom check before attending<br/>school.</li> </ul>   |
|                  | <ul> <li>Parents are asked to conduct a<br/>daily symptom check with their<br/>child and should not send<br/>students who are exhibiting<br/>symptoms to school.</li> </ul>  |

|                            | <ul> <li>School nurses will quarantine and<br/>screen any student or faculty<br/>member who begins to exhibit<br/>signs or symptoms of COVID-19<br/>while at school.</li> </ul>  |
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|                            | <ul> <li>School nurses will contact<br/>parents if their child is unwell.</li> <li>Parents are asked to pick up<br/>children from school within 30<br/>minutes of the call.</li> </ul>   |
|                            | <ul> <li>School nurses will follow<br/>procedures outlined by the SDE<br/>for school nurses.</li> </ul>  |
|                            | <ul> <li>Parents are encouraged to give<br/>medication at home if possible.</li> </ul>   |
| TESTING AND POSITIVE CASES | <ul> <li>If a student or employee     presents with identifiable     COVID-19 symptoms, they     should report to the nurse's office     where they will be quarantined     and evaluated.</li> </ul>  |
|                            | <ul> <li>Upon evaluation, a student's<br/>parents will be contacted by the<br/>nurse who will recommend<br/>testing if appropriate. If the<br/>individual is in distress, the nurse<br/>will call 911 and follow<br/>emergency protocols.</li> </ul>                           |
|                            | <ul> <li>Parents and employees will be<br/>asked to share the test results<br/>with the school nurse to assist<br/>with notification and cleaning<br/>procedures. All personal<br/>information will be kept strictly<br/>confidential in compliance with<br/>FERPA.</li> </ul> |

|                         | <ul> <li>If the student or employee tests<br/>positive, the school nurse will<br/>notify the school administration,<br/>district COVID Coordinator,<br/>Director of Student Services, and<br/>the Jefferson County Department<br/>of Health.</li> </ul>   |
|-------------------------|---|
|                         | <ul> <li>The school district will follow the guidance of the Jefferson County Department of Health and work to support the health department's contact tracing.         The individual will be required to remain at home until:             They are fever-free for 24 hours without medication.             Symptoms have improved.             It has been 10 days since symptoms appeared (symptomatic) or a positive test was received (asymptomatic).         </li> </ul> |
|                         | <ul> <li>Requirements about returning to<br/>school or work are subject to<br/>change per state orders.</li> </ul>  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Individuals who have been<br/>exposed using the 6 feet/15<br/>minute rule will remain home for<br/>14 days to monitor for<br/>symptoms.</li> </ul>   |
| ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES | <ul> <li>All COVID-19 related absences<br/>will be coded as excused.</li> </ul>   |
|                         | <ul> <li>Academic work will be provided<br/>to the student in the same<br/>manner as a traditional absence.</li> </ul>  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Teachers will utilize a learning<br/>management system to share<br/>academic work with all students.</li> </ul>  |

|                                    | <ul> <li>All normal absence protocols apply.</li> </ul>   |
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| MEDICALLY FRAGILE STUDENTS         | <ul> <li>All IEPs, 504, and health plans<br/>will be reviewed to ensure<br/>individual supports are provided<br/>as documented in the student's<br/>individual plan.</li> </ul> |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Parents are asked to<br/>communicate with their child's<br/>case manager, counselor, or<br/>school nurse regarding concerns.</li> </ul>                                |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Alternate plans/virtual school will<br/>be developed for any medically<br/>fragile student who is unable to<br/>attend school.</li> </ul>                              |
| CHILD NUTRITION AND TRANSPORTATION | <ul> <li>Implement measures to reduce<br/>high-touch areas in lunchrooms.</li> </ul>  |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Cashless transactions will be<br/>utilized.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Frequent sanitizing between<br/>lunch groups.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Alternative dining locations may<br/>be utilized. Classrooms will be<br/>avoided if possible.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Frequent sanitation between bus routes.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Facial coverings are required on buses.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Windows will be open on buses,<br/>weather permitting.</li> </ul>  |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Students will sanitize their hands<br/>before loading busses.</li> </ul>   |

|                      | <ul> <li>Alternate seats and rows will be<br/>used as much as possible.</li> </ul>  |
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| CLEANING             | <ul> <li>Frequently touched surfaces will<br/>be cleaned and disinfected<br/>throughout the day.</li> </ul>                                   |
|                      | <ul> <li>Student workspaces will be<br/>cleaned at the end of each<br/>class/activity.</li> </ul>   |
|                      | <ul> <li>Bathrooms will be cleaned<br/>throughout the day.</li> </ul>   |
|                      | <ul> <li>Playground and athletic/PE<br/>equipment will be cleaned daily.</li> </ul>   |
|                      | <ul> <li>Any space with potential exposure will be closed for 24</li> <li>hours before being cleaned and disinfected.</li> </ul>              |
| VISITORS             | <ul> <li>Visitation to schools will be<br/>limited to an as-needed basis.</li> </ul>  |
|                      | <ul> <li>Schools will maintain an accurate, detailed list of visitors.</li> </ul>   |
|                      | <ul> <li>Visitors will verify that they are<br/>symptom free.</li> </ul>  |
|                      | <ul> <li>Check-out procedures will<br/>support limited visitors to the<br/>building while adhering to school<br/>safety protocols.</li> </ul> |
|                      | <ul> <li>Every effort will be made to host<br/>parent meetings virtually.</li> </ul>  |
|                      | <ul> <li>If attending an in-person<br/>meeting, 1 parent per child will<br/>be allowed.</li> </ul>  |
| ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS | <ul> <li>Off-campus field trips and overnight events will be</li> </ul>   |

|                         | temporarily delayed or rescheduled. This will be re-evaluated based on local, county, and state guidance.  |
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|                         | <ul> <li>If alternate schedules or<br/>e-Learning become necessary,<br/>decisions will be made regarding<br/>the continuation of<br/>extracurricular<br/>activities/athletics.</li> </ul>                          |
|                         | <ul> <li>Extracurricular activities must<br/>meet all guidelines regarding<br/>social distancing, safety, and<br/>health.</li> </ul>   |
|                         | <ul> <li>Spaces utilized by extracurricular<br/>activities must be cleaned and<br/>sanitized before the next school<br/>day.</li> </ul>  |
|                         | <ul> <li>All school athletics will follow<br/>safety and health protocols of the<br/>AHSAA and health department.</li> </ul>   |
|                         | <ul> <li>When possible, video streaming<br/>will be used to connect school<br/>activities with the community.</li> </ul>   |
| SAFETY DRILLS           | <ul> <li>If safety drills are required, they<br/>will be conducted on a rotating<br/>basis to honor density reduction<br/>strategies.</li> </ul>   |
| EDP/COMMUNITY EDUCATION | <ul> <li>The Extended Day Program and<br/>Community Education will not be<br/>offered at this time but will be<br/>re-evaluated as classrooms move<br/>to grade level and/or schoolwide<br/>gatherings.</li> </ul> |
|                         | <ul> <li>School buildings will not be<br/>available for rentals but will</li> </ul>  |

continue to be evaluated based on local and county data.