JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETURN TO LEARN





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Safety Measures



VACCINATIONS are available for adults and children ages 12 and up. We encourage vaccinations and will share opportunities to obtain them with our scholars and staff.



ENTRY SCREENING

Parents are urged to check scholars' temperatures before leaving home.



INCREASED HAND WASHING

Regular handwashing and hand sanitation breaks will be provided throughout the school day.



MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS

Wearing a mask is no longer requirement for JPS scholars and staff. Although this is optional, masks are encouraged. Scholars and staff should monitor the COVID-19 community levels for our state and country. This will assist in determining the preventative steps to take based on the latest COVID-19 data.

Individuals may continue to use mitigation strategies such as wearing face masks, getting vaccinations and booster shots, self-testing, and physical distancing to protect themselves and reduce the spread of COVID-19.



LAPTOP DEVICES

Each scholar will receive a device along with training on how to navigate activities & properly disinfect the device. Classwork will be conducted using technology.

Instruction will be conducted in-person with integrated technology.



NURSING & WELLNESS

Scholars and staff will be continually monitored. Nurses will be in regular contact with administration should anyone become symptomatic. Parents will be notified if their child becomes symptomatic with recommendations concerning further actions.

Routines & Procedures



All buildings will have daily cleaning.
Restrooms will be checked and disinfected throughout the school day.



All visitors will be subject to temperature checks and health screening at entry. They must follow the school's mask and other safety guidelines throughout their visit.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Buses will be disinfected daily.



Scholars will have lunch in cafeterias.



SOCIAL WORK

Educators and staff will monitor scholars and each other for emotional distress. School counselors will assist with implementation of social-emotional learning and counseling sessions. Staff members may access support through the Employee Assistance Program.

Registration Requirements

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year for all JPS students is open. Registration for returning students is even easier through the JPS mobile app.

Register Your Returning Student

Registration for returning students can be completed through the ActiveParent portal accessible online at www.jackson.kl2.ms.us/SchoolRegistration or via the JPS mobile app.

On the JPS mobile app, simply tap the ActiveParent icon If you don't have the mobile app, download it in the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Look for it by searching for Jackson Public Schools MS.

Register Your New K-12 Student

Registration for new students is by appointment only, please visit our School Registration page at www.jackson.kl2.ms.us/SchoolRegistration to get more information and to schedule a registration appointment.

Register Your New Pre-K Student

If you are registering your scholar for pre-kindergarten, please visit our Pre-K page at www.jackson.kl2.ms.us/PreK to schedule an appointment. We offer pre-K classes at 20 campuses located in the north, south, east, west and central areas of the city, including a state-of-the art pre-K-only facility at the Van Winkle Early Childhood School.

Required Documents

The following documents are required for parents of all new students to complete registration during your appointment:

- Parent's Government-Issued Photo I.D. or Driver's License
- Student's Original Long-Form Birth Certificate
- Student's Mississippi Immunization Form 121
- Two Proofs of Residency
 - One of the following:
 - Copy of mortgage document
 - Copy of filed homestead exemption
 - Copy of property deed
 - Current lease agreement

AND

- One of the following:
 - Current utility bill
 - Voter registration card showing residential address
- Notified Affidavit of Shared Residency (if applicable)
- Non-Parental Affidavit (if applicable)
- Withdrawal Form and Report Card from Previous School (Transfer Students)

Student Device Expectations

Students who have completed registration and will be attending the same school the following school year are eligible to keep their JPS issued device over the summer and into the following school year provided the following conditions are met:

- The device and the charger have been brought to the school, has been visually verified, and they are both in working condition. Non-working devices cannot be kept over the summer. Devices that are brought in without working chargers cannot be kept over the summer.
- The student has registered and will be attending the same school the following year. Students who register to attend a different school the following year must check out a device from their new school.
- Parents/guardians must complete a Summer Checkout and Hand Receipt.
- Students leaving grades pre-K, 5, 8, and 12 are ineligible to keep their device for the summer and must return their device to the school.
- Students transferring to a new JPS school during the summer must return their device to the original school and must receive a clearance letter from the sending school before the student can receive a device from the new school.

Additional Information About Student Devices

- Students are not required to keep their devices over the summer.
- All devices and chargers must be returned to the school before the end of school to be visually inspected regardless of whether they will be kept over the summer or returned.
- Students who fail to produce their device or charger for visual inspection, fail to return their device or charger, or who owe a fee for loss or damage to a student chromebook will not receive a report card, transcript, or final appraisal per JPS policy JIAB and JBK. Written notification of the reason reports are being withheld will be mailed to the parents or legal guardians per policy JBK in lieu of final report cards along with the amount of the fee or fine due for damage or loss.

Please refer to the <u>Technology Handbook</u> for more Student Device policies and procedures.



Academic Schedules

In Person Only

ELEMENTARY (Grades PK-5)

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

Monday-Friday 8:35 a.m.-4:05 p.m.

Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities

While on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Athletic Department will continue to be diligent in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all scholar-athletes, employees, and extended community. Spectators at outdoor sporting events will not be required to wear masks or adhere to seating assignments. Please understand that the current decisions may be adjusted to provide the safest environment for all involved. The following policies will be in effect for the fall sports season:

- Clear bag policy will be enforced at all athletic events (Only clear bags will be allowed in athletic events)
- Only electronic tickets will be sold for athletic events (NO cash will be exchanged at ticket gate)



Shared Responsibilities

Working together, we can promote learning and safety.





PPE & SUPPLIES

- Launder/clean face coverings.
- Replace unserviceable face coverings.
- Provide hand sanitizer, soap, gloves, and disinfectants to custodial teams.

HEALTH CHECKS

- Check your child's temperature each morning.
- Keep your child at home when sick.
- Check temperatures for scholars and all staff/scholars at entry of schools.

TECHNOLOGY

- Provide internet connectivity for child's device OR indicate need for support with connectivity.
- Inspect scholar's device monthly and alert school of damage or loss.
- Become familiar with <u>Technology</u> **Handbook** requirements.
- Keep your device charged overnight.
- Provide an internet-ready device for all JPS scholars.
- Provide technical support to parents and scholars.

REGISTRATION

- Register your returning scholar for school online through ActiveParent.
- Register your new scholar at Poindexter Complex by appointment (601) 960-8850.
- Offer online registration support to families. Streamline new scholar registration appointment process.

- **COMMUNICATION** Communicate any symptoms or illness to your child's teacher/school.
 - Provide updated contact information in event of a move or life change.
- Provide frequent and timely updates on our mobile app, website and social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, & YouTube).









Important Contacts

CHILD NUTRITION

(601) 960-8910

CLIMATE & WELLNESS

(601) 960-8705

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE

(601) 956-4816

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

(601) 960-8945

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QUESTIONS ABOUT DEVICES & TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

CALL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Download our online directory at

www.jackson.k12.ms.us/DistrictDirectory

CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Communicate with your child's teacher via SchoolStatus.

COVID DATA

www.jackson.k12.ms.us/COVIDDataDashboard

VACCINATION INFORMATION

1-877-978-6453 or covidvaccine.umc.edu

JACKSON SCHOLARS MENTAL HEALTH WARMLINE

(601) 713-4358

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Core Values

At Jackson Public Schools, we believe in the importance of equity, excellence, growth mindset, relationships, relevance, and positive and respectful cultures.

EQUITY

Our vision of equity, put simply, is "all means all." We ensure equity by celebrating each scholar's individuality, interests, abilities and talents; providing each scholar in each school with equitable access to high-quality instruction, courses, and resources; and holding high expectations for all scholars to graduate college-ready and career-minded. Similarly, we recognize and value the individual abilities, experiences and talents of our staff; providing all staff with equitable access to opportunities for development and growth; and ensuring that such opportunities are provided through clear and transparent processes.

EXCELLENCE

High expectations for our scholars help to prepare them for college and career paths. High expectations from and for all adults foster ownership, consistency, and transparency. Every member of our district performs with an attention to detail and the quality that each task demands in order to achieve great outcomes.

GROWTH MINDSET

Our leaders—scholars and staff—thrive in environments where belief in their abilities is affirmed. Everyone in the organization embraces the ideal that effort and perseverance lead to success.

RELATIONSHIPS

It is essential to develop relationships through mutual respect of culture, social context, and community. This allows us to create a community of safety, trust, productive vulnerability, and genuine connection as we celebrate successes and value opportunities for constructive feedback.

RELEVANCE

Scholars experience relevant education that is engaging, motivating, and inspiring, leading to a lifelong commitment to learning. Our scholars must learn to connect with each other, the larger community, and the 21st-century world, ultimately developing agency to contribute to positive change in Jackson, in Mississippi, and in the world.

POSITIVE AND RESPECTFUL CULTURE

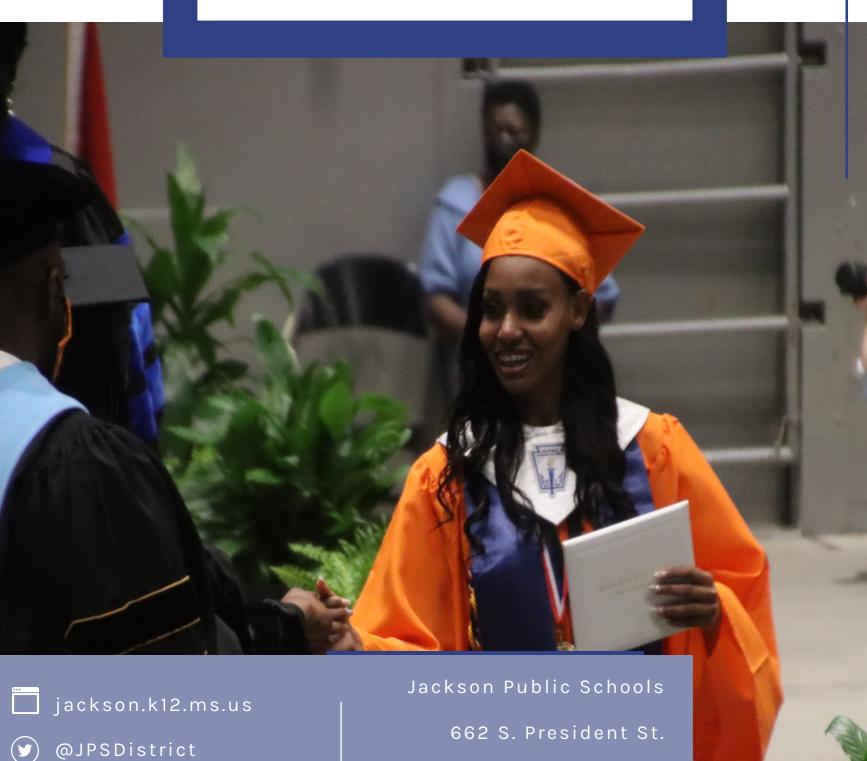
Scholars and staff thrive in learning environments where growth and achievement are the highest priorities and climates are safe, positive, and respectful. These environments engage and excite all scholars, leaving them hungry for more knowledge. All adults contribute to a positive and respectful culture allowing them to experience more productivity, increased retention, and joy at work.















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