



# **LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **Blueprint for Reopening Schools 2020-2021**



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As a district and a community, we will face obstacles this school year that will require much-needed teamwork. LCSD is making every effort to provide a safe and healthy school year. As we bring our children back to school, we will strive to create a familiar school environment. We value our children and our community. Working together will ensure the success of our district.

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# Traditional and Distance Learning Schedules

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**Students will begin school on August 6, 2020!**

Parents may choose one of the following options:

## **Traditional Schedule**

- ✓ Students will attend school five (5) days a week.
- ✓ Students will be physically present in school with modifications to follow CDC guidelines and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) recommendations. The school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.
- ✓ Each school has a plan in place for activity classes (art, PE, recess, music) that meets social distancing guidelines.

## **Distance Learning Schedule**

- ✓ Students will enroll in distance learning for each nine (9) week period.
- ✓ Instruction will be provided online through Google Classroom with the option of meeting with your teacher periodically using Google Meets and/or Zoom.
- ✓ Deadlines will exist for logging in and for assignment completion.



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## Guiding Principles

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### Goals

- ✓ Maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for staff and students and keep schools open all year.
- ✓ Reopen schools in August with the intent to resume normal activities where permitted.
- ✓ Provide parents with the option of traditional and distance learning.
- ✓ Allow teachers time to prepare for distance learning modules.
- ✓ Maintain our emphasis on a rigorous curriculum and instruction to increase achievement for all students.

### Parameters

- ✓ Establish protocols for students and staff who are sick or who have been exposed to COVID-19.
- ✓ Develop cleaning and sanitizing protocols for high-touch surfaces.
- ✓ Structure classrooms to follow CDC guidelines for physical distancing where possible.
- ✓ Require the use of face masks for staff and students when physical distancing is not possible.
- ✓ Limit student movement and restrict gatherings in buildings to achieve physical distancing guidelines.





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## Academics

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- ✓ Provide digital textbooks / workbooks when available by publisher.
- ✓ Make digital resources available that accompany text.
- ✓ Provide traditional instruction five days a week and an option for distance learning using Google Classroom.
- ✓ Provide parents with training in using Google Classroom and other electronic instructional needs.
- ✓ Modify pacing guides to incorporate previous year skills that were not taught during school closure.
- ✓ Students will face the same direction in desks during class instruction.
- ✓ Follow current LCSD grading, promotion, and retention policies for (Policies IHE, ICHI, IHF).
- ✓ Provide a district webpage for parents regarding academics and resources from MDE.
- ✓ Create master schedules that reduce class sizes.
- ✓ Provide controlled small-group instructional time as needed.
- ✓ Provide special education services through the IEP and 504 processes.
- ✓ Utilize data for reading and math to determine instructional gaps and provide interventions as needed.

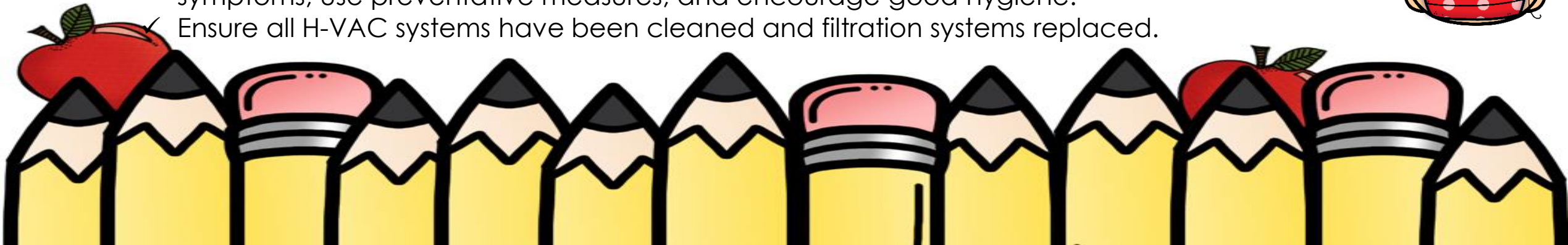


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## Health and Safety

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- ✓ Provide families with information about the health and safety of students and staff on the LCSD website under the COVID-19 tab.
- ✓ Equip classrooms and buses with additional cleaning and sanitizing supplies.
- ✓ All buses will be sanitized at a minimum on a daily basis.
- ✓ Schools will sanitize high-touch surfaces before the start of each school day.
- ✓ Structure classrooms to meet physical distancing guidelines where possible.
- ✓ Students and staff will be required to wear masks where physical distancing is not possible. This includes bus routes, common areas, and entering and exiting the building.
- ✓ Staff will be required to wear masks when utilizing small group instruction.
- ✓ No large gatherings and events will take place where physical distancing cannot be practiced.
- ✓ Continue to support students' emotional well-being.
- ✓ Provide instruction on proper hygiene to reduce virus spread.
- ✓ Post signs in high-traffic areas to communicate how to reduce the spread of COVID-19, identify symptoms, use preventative measures, and encourage good hygiene.
- ✓ Ensure all H-VAC systems have been cleaned and filtration systems replaced.



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## Health and Safety (continued)

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- ✓ Create protocol for visitors on campus (scheduled office visits, no walking students to class, etc.).
- ✓ LCSD will be conducting periodic temperature screenings of staff and students.
- ✓ We request parents to check their child's temperature prior to sending students to school. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, your child must be kept home until he/she is **fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications.**
- ✓ Prior to arriving at work each day, we request staff members to take their temperature. If a staff member has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they must stay home until they are **fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications.**
- ✓ LCSD will provide an isolation room for sick students awaiting parent pick up.
- ✓ A student or employee who tests positive for COVID-19 shall be quarantined at home for 14 days before returning.



If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms  
please leave the building and contact your health care provider.  
Then follow-up with your supervisor.

**DO NOT ENTER** if you have:



FEVER



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SHORTNESS OF  
BREATH



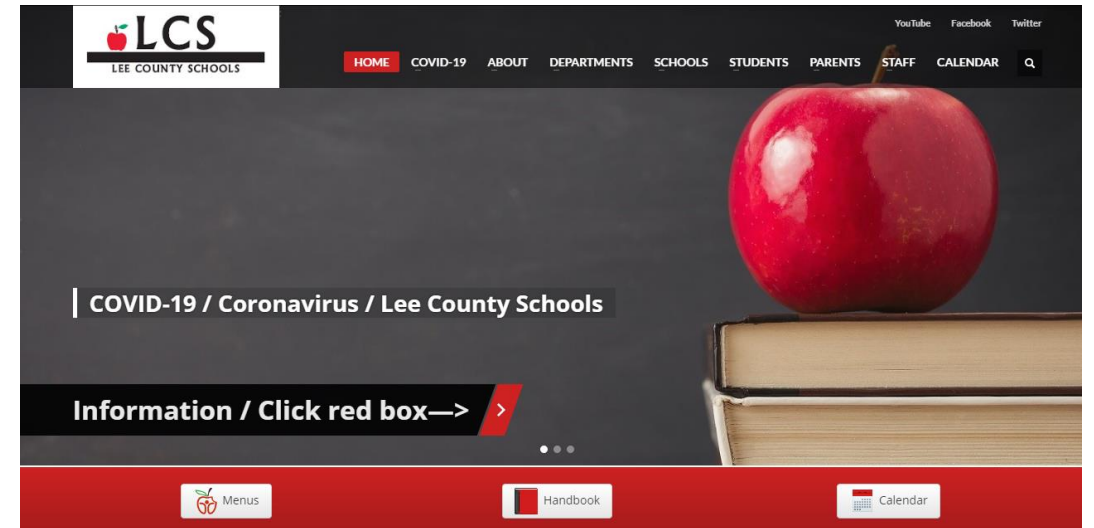
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## Family and Community Support

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- ✓ Provide consistent communication to stakeholders using media such as Remind, social media, and the district website.
- ✓ Continue to provide information and updates regarding COVID-19 on the LCSD website as it relates to the school environment.
- ✓ Develop training sessions for parents in the use of Google Classroom.
- ✓ Encourage parents to maintain/update current contact information.
- ✓ Continue to seek input from stakeholders.





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## Learning Management Systems

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- ✓ Students can access online textbooks and learning apps via ClassLink.
- ✓ Google Classroom and Google Meets will be utilized for distance learning.
- ✓ Students will be provided with instruction on how to use Google Classroom.
- ✓ An email address will be established for each school site in order to assist parents with questions concerning distance learning.



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# School Calendar

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## Fall Semester

- ✓ **Aug. 3 – 5:** Professional Development Days
- ✓ **Aug. 6:** First Day for Students
- ✓ **Sep. 7:** Labor Day Holiday
- ✓ **Oct. 12:** Columbus Day Holiday
- ✓ **Oct. 13:** Professional Development Day (Teachers Only)
- ✓ **Nov. 23 – 27:** Thanksgiving Holidays
- ✓ **Dec. 17:** Fall Exams
- ✓ **Dec. 18:** Fall Exams – 60% Day
- ✓ **Dec. 21, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021:** Christmas Holidays



## Spring Semester

- ✓ **Jan. 4:** Professional Development Day (Teachers Only)
- ✓ **Jan. 5:** Students Return
- ✓ **Jan. 18:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- ✓ **Feb. 15:** President's Day Holiday\*
- ✓ **Mar. 8 – 12:** Spring Break
- ✓ **Apr. 2:** Good Friday Holiday
- ✓ **Apr. 5:** Easter Monday\*
- ✓ **May 20 – 21:** Spring Exams
- ✓ **May 22:** Graduation
- ✓ **May 24:** Spring Exams 60% Day/  
Last Day for Students
- ✓ **May 25-26:** Professional Development Days/  
Last Days for Teachers
- ✓ **May 31:** Memorial Day Holiday Observed

\*District Calendar reflects 180 instructional days/(1st Semester = 89 Days & 2nd Semester = 91 Days)

\*February 15, 2021 is included as an inclement weather day.

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## Grading Periods

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| 9wks Grading Periods                    | Report Card Dates |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> : Aug. 6-Oct. 9, 2020   | Oct. 15, 2020     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Oct. 14-Dec. 18, 2020 | Jan. 14, 2021     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Jan. 5-Mar. 17, 2021  | Mar. 25, 2021     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> : Mar. 18-May 24, 2021  | May 24, 2021      |



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Will attendance be taken?**

LCSD will take attendance for all students participating in traditional classes and distance learning.

### **Is distance learning an option for students?**

Parents will have the options of enrolling student(s) in distance learning/home-based instruction or traditional instruction. Parents who chose distance learning must enroll their child for a nine(9) week period.

### **What about grading?**

Assignments will be graded for traditional and distance learning students using the traditional grading scale established in policy IHE.

### **What if school closes due to COVID-related illness?**

The superintendent may be required to close a school and/or the district due to a possible outbreak. If this is required, all students will be provided instruction through virtual learning activities and/or printed packets.

### **Will students be required to wear a mask?**

Students and staff will be required to wear masks where physical distancing is not possible. This includes bus routes, common areas, and entering and exiting the building.

### **Will there be large group assemblies?**

There will be no large assemblies where social distancing cannot be practiced.

### **Will schools allow visitors and volunteers?**

LCSD has established the following protocol for visitors entering the building:

- Call the office before entering.
  - Temperature screening will be performed on visitors.
  - Face masks/coverings will be required when in the building.
- NON-ESSENTIAL VISITORS WILL BE LIMITED! Parents may not come to school to eat lunch with their children or walk them to class. LCSD will have staff available to accompany students to their classrooms on the first day of school.





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## Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

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### **What is the plan for cafeteria service?**

Each school cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch using a plan developed by individual school sites. Options include: grab and go breakfast, delivery to classrooms, one class a day dine-in, etc. Your school will share detailed information with you.

### **Will students be able to use the water fountain?**

Water fountains will not be in use. Water will be made available. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle for individual consumption during the school day.

### **Will students with IEP's/504 plans continue to receive accommodations?**

Student services will be managed by the IEP committee or the 504 Plan due to the highly individualized nature of these accommodations.

### **What about the first day of school?**

Students will be supported by school staff to find their classrooms on the first day of school. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building to walk students to class.

### **Will schools still have Open House and Parent Conferences?**

Plans for Open House will be developed by individual school sites. Principals will share information via social media and school websites. Options for parent-teacher conferences include virtual meetings, appointment-only meetings, phone calls, and drive-through meets.

### **Will schools continue to provide transportation?**

Yes. The use of face coverings is required where physical distancing is not possible for anyone using school transportation. Buses will be disinfected at minimum on a daily basis. We may require family members to sit with one another in order to maintain CDC guidelines.

### **Can students have backpacks/lunchboxes/purses?**

Backpacks, lunchboxes, and purses are allowed and will follow previous rules set forth in the student handbook.

### **Will older students be allowed to use lockers?**

Each school that uses lockers will provide students with expectations for locker use.

### **Will younger students be allowed to have recess?**

Recess plans for elementary students will be developed by each campus administrator and shared with parents. Recess time will allow for a reduced number of students in any one location at the same time.

### **Will students be allowed to participate in athletics?**

Schools will follow all rules and regulations provided by the Mississippi High School Athletics Association.

### **What will classrooms look like?**

Classrooms will be structured to support social distancing. Classroom supplies will not be shared.



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**Due to the dynamic nature of this situation, all information in this document is subject to change. We at LCSD are committed to providing your child with a quality education while exhausting every effort to keep them safe and healthy.**

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