



LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Blueprint for Beginning the School Year 2021-2022



LCSD is making every effort to provide a safe and healthy school year.
We value our children and our community.
Working together will ensure the success of our district.



Traditional Schedule

Students will begin school on August 5, 2021

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- ✓ Students will attend school five (5) days a week.
- ✓ Students will be physically present in school while following the recommendations of the CDC guidelines and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH). The school day will be a traditional school day, approximately 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ✓ Each school has a plan for activity classes (art, PE, recess, music) to take place.



Guiding Principles

Goals

- ✓ Maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for staff and students and keep schools open all year.
- ✓ Reopen schools in August prepared to resume normal activities.
- ✓ Maintain our emphasis on a rigorous curriculum and instruction to increase achievement for all students.

Parameters

- ✓ Continue cleaning and sanitizing protocols for high-touch surfaces.



Academics

- ✓ Provide digital textbooks / workbooks when available by publisher.
- ✓ Make digital resources available that accompany text.
- ✓ Provide traditional instruction five days a week .
- ✓ Provide parents with training in using Google Classroom and other electronic instructional needs.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Provide 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.



Health and Safety

- ✓ Provide families with information about the health and safety of students and staff on the LCSD website Equip classrooms and buses with additional cleaning and sanitizing supplies.
- ✓ Continue to support students' emotional well-being.
- ✓ Provide instruction on proper hygiene.
- ✓ Ensure all H-VAC systems have been cleaned and filtration systems replaced.
- ✓ If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, your child must be kept home until he/she is **fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.**
- ✓ If a staff member has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they must stay home until they are **fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.**



Family and Community Support

- ✓ Provide consistent communication to stakeholders using media such as Remind, social media, and the district website.
- ✓ 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.



Learning Management Systems

- ✓ Students can access online textbooks and learning apps via ClassLink.
- ✓ Students will be provided with instruction on how to use Google Classroom.



School Calendar

Fall Semester

- ✓ **Aug. 2 – 4:** Professional Development Days
- ✓ **Aug. 5:** First Day for Students
- ✓ **Sep. 6:** Labor Day Holiday
- ✓ **Oct. 11:** Columbus Day Holiday
- ✓ **Nov. 22 – 26:** Thanksgiving Holidays
- ✓ **Dec. 16:** Fall Exams
- ✓ **Dec. 17 :** Fall Exams – 60% Day
- ✓ **Dec. 20, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2021:** Christmas Holidays

Spring Semester

- ✓ **Jan. 3:** Professional Development Day (Teachers Only)
- ✓ **Jan. 4:** Students Return
- ✓ **Jan. 17:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- ✓ **Feb. 21:** President's Day Holiday*
- ✓ **Mar. 14 – 18:** Spring Break
- ✓ **Apr. 15:** Good Friday Holiday
- ✓ **Apr. 18:** Easter Monday*
- ✓ **May 19 – 20:** Spring Exams
- ✓ **May 21:** Graduation
- ✓ **May 23-25:** Professional Development Days/
Last Days for Teachers



*District Calendar reflects 180 instructional days/(1st Semester = 90 Days & 2nd Semester = 90 Days)

*February 21, 2022 is included as an inclement weather day.

*April 18, 2022 is included as an inclement weather day.

Grading Periods

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1 st : Aug. 5-Oct. 8, 2021	Oct. 14, 2021
2 nd : Oct. 12-Dec. 17, 2021	Jan. 13, 2022
3 rd : Jan. 4-Mar. 11, 2022	Mar. 31, 2022
4 th : Mar. 21-May 20, 2022	May 26, 2022



Updated additional procedures

In accordance with the latest guidance from MSDH and the CDC for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in school settings, the LCSD has added the following information to the previously released Blueprint for Returning to School 2021-2022.

1. Masks are not required for students or staff to attend school or work at this time. MSDH/CDC recommend masks for students and staff while indoors at school.
2. Vaccination for COVID-19 is not required for students or staff in order to return to work or school. The MSDH/CDC do recommend the COVID-19 vaccination for all individuals over the age of 12.
3. Isolation, contact tracing, and quarantine procedures for individuals who test positive or have been exposed to COVID-19 remain in effect. Those procedures are found in the LCSD Return to School Blueprint & the COVID19 tab @leecountyschools.us
4. As a reminder, fully vaccinated students and staff do not have to quarantine or be excluded from any school setting if they are exposed to COVID-19 and remain symptom free.
5. LCSD will continue to closely monitor the guidance provided by the MSDH and the CDC while making decisions we feel are in the best interest of our students and staff.



Frequently Asked Questions

from the Mississippi State Department of Health K-12 Recommendations (July 16, 2021)

Isolation, Contact Tracing, and Quarantine

Schools should continue to isolate and exclude COVID-19 infected students, teachers, and staff and continue contact tracing to identify exposed individuals for quarantine and exclusion from the school setting.

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should be excluded from the school setting and remain in **isolation** for a full 10 days from the onset of symptoms and are fever free for 24 hours (or excluded for 10 days from the date of the test if asymptomatic).
- Asymptomatic individuals with a positive rapid COVID-19 test who have a negative molecular based COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the rapid positive do not require further exclusion and may return to the school setting. This only applies to molecular based test (i.e.; PCR) and does not include antigen test or antibody tests.
- Schools should continue **Contact Tracing** to identify all individuals who are in close contact to COVID-19 within the school setting or in extracurricular activities. Close contact to COVID-19 is define as 15 minutes of cumulative contact over a 24-hour period at <6 feet, with the following exceptions:
 - * **Fully vaccinated persons in close contact with an infected person do NOT have to quarantine or get tested unless they develop symptoms.**
 - * People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
 - * In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated individuals within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student do not have to quarantine if both students were wearing masks.
 - * In all other settings, the standard definition of close contact applies.



(Mississippi State Department of Health K-12 Recommendations continued)

- Students, teachers, and staff who are not fully vaccinated and are identified as close contacts to COVID-19 should be in **Quarantine** for a full 14 days. There are additional options to the 14-day quarantine period from the school setting as follows:
 - * 10-day option: Quarantine can end after 10 days if the individual has no symptoms during the entire 10-day period, or
 - * 7-day plus test option: If the individual has no symptoms for 7 days and has a negative test results with any form of molecular based testing for the detection of COVID-19 RNA collected on day 5, 6, or 7 of the quarantine period, the quarantine period can be discontinued quarantine after 7 days, or
 - * Unvaccinated students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19 **will not require exclusion** from school for quarantine if they receive any type of COVID-19 testing every two days and remain asymptomatic. At the end of 7 days, they will no longer require testing.



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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