



FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT INSTITUTED

Effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021, the Jackson County Board of Education will require face-coverings for all employees and students in grades K-12, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors and for all passengers on a school bus. This requirement extends to all individuals entering school facilities for any events.

If an employee or student has a medical condition that may prevent them from wearing a face covering, they may request a medical exemption by submitting a fully completed exemption form to the school principal or immediate supervisor. Exemption forms will be forwarded to the Jackson County Health Department for review to determine if an exemption is granted.

Staff and students are to comply with the face covering requirement until which time their exemption is approved by the Jackson County Health Department.

Exemption forms are also available on the Jackson County Schools Website.

Blaine C. Hess

Superintendent

RIPLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT MEMO – SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

We are working on our school routine and seeing students beginning to make that change into school mode for the 2021 - 2022 school year. We appreciate your patience as the startup glitches are resolved. School is much the same each year but also different each year. As a school system we have to be flexible and make changes that will benefit our students throughout the school year.

We are planning to have Open House a little differently this year because of Covid 19. We will have a single grade level meet on an evening. That means we will have multiple days of Open House events. We are hoping to have Open Houses outdoors to allow for distancing. We ask that you bring a chair with you and depending on school mask requirements at the time, that you follow the school system mask requirements. Those are updated on the Jackson County Schools website.

Should it be raining on the evening you are coming for Open House, we will move to the gym and have parents sit in groups based on classroom enrollments. Open House will be primarily a meeting for general information with your child's classroom teacher. We are mandated to provide you some specific school wide information such as the role of Title I at Ripley Elementary. Meetings will last about 30 minutes. If you need to speak with a teacher about your child, you will need to contact the school to arrange that meeting separately from Open House.

The following dates are for grade level Open Houses:

Grade 1 - Thursday, September 9 on the front parking lot area. Teachers will have a table for each classroom to show you where to meet. Please bring your own chair and park away from the tables. 6:00 PM for about 30 minutes.

Grade 2 - Tuesday, September 14 on the front parking lot area. Teachers will have a table for each classroom to show you where to meet. Please bring your own chair and park away from the tables. 6:00 PM for about 30 minutes.

Grade 3 - Thursday, September 16 on the front parking lot area. Teachers will have a table for each classroom to show you where to meet. Please bring your own chair and park away from the tables. 6:00 PM for about 30 minutes.

Grade 4 - Tuesday, September 21 on the front parking lot area. Teachers will have a table for each classroom to show you where to meet. Please bring your own chair and park away from the tables. 6:00 PM for about 30 minutes.

Grade 5 - Thursday, September 23 on the front parking lot area. Teachers will have a table for each classroom to show you where to meet. Please bring your own chair and park away from the tables. 6:00 PM for about 30 minutes.

Kindergarten - Tuesday, September 28 on the front parking lot area. Teachers will have a table for each classroom to show you where to meet. Please bring your own chair and park away from the tables. 6:00 PM for about 30 minutes.

Please see the Face Covering Requirement Instituted letter from Superintendent Hess and the Jackson County Board of Education on the back of this. Mr. Hess will be sending out electronic messages over the weekend with this information and possibly additional information.