



**School Reentry for 2020-21**  
**June 24, 2020**  
**Volume 1**

**REVISED JULY 10, 2020**

JNPSD Parents and Community Members:

Thank you for your understanding and patience during the school closure period. Your support will be vital in contributing to a successful school reopening in August.

The Jacksonville North Pulaski School District will follow and implement guidance and directives from the Governor, Arkansas Department of Health, and Arkansas Department of Education. The Arkansas Ready for Learning plans and documents have been provided to all school districts to assist in planning for school reopening in August. We ask for everyone's cooperation as state guidance and directives will be implemented into school operations

JNPSD has shared numerous community updates and other communication since the school closure period began on March 12. You will continue to receive these updates as new information becomes available.

This message will be one of many regarding school reentry plans and procedures. Feedback has been solicited from teachers, parents, community members, and others in the effort to plan for the best possible scenario in getting school open for the fall. JNPSD wants to provide a safe educational experience with opportunities for our scholars to learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We want to provide support for social interaction and access to extra-curricular activities while abiding by the guidance and directives set forth by the Governor, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and Arkansas Department of Education (ADE).

We hope the information contained in this document helps answer many questions you may have about school reopening. We know that these items may generate other questions that will need responses. JNPSD plans to follow up with our community as new or more information is needed.

### **First Day of School**

~~August 13, 2020~~ – This date may change based any new directives sent by ADH and ADE. ***The Governor announced on July 9 that the start date of school is delayed to the week of August 24, and school will start no later than August 26. JNP is evaluating the implications of this change and will update the community on any revisions to the school calendar as soon as possible.***

### **Parent Options**

Surveys have been available for parents to complete concerning intent for the 2020-21 school year. Parents will be offered the following options:

1. Blended Learning: This option will be the traditional school day with scholars and teachers on campus. All classes will be offered as normal. Technology will be utilized in certain ways to move to online or virtual learning if school closures or other situations warrant.
2. Virtual Learning (JNP Virtual Academy): This option is available for parents who want their children to learn remotely full-time using technology-based learning platforms. The scholars will not be on campus, and classes will be facilitated by JNP teachers using Google Classroom, Edgenuity, and other resources. Attendance will be taken, and lessons will be graded as required. The virtual option is new learning – just at home. The courses use the JNP curriculum aligned with state standards. We ask that parents choosing the virtual learning option for their children commit to this option for at least one semester.

### **Face Coverings**

*ADH has shared the following guidance based on scientific data and other evidence:*

The general public should wear face coverings in all indoor environments where they are exposed to non-household members and distancing of 6 feet or more cannot be assured. This includes, but is not limited to, workplaces

(with few exceptions), retail stores, businesses, places of worship, courtrooms, jails and prisons, schools, healthcare facilities, other people's homes and all the scenarios addressed by the Governor's Directives.

The general public should also wear face coverings at all outdoor settings where they are exposed to non-household members, unless there is ample space (6 feet or more) to practice physical distancing.

Regarding the type of face covering, medical masks may be somewhat more protective than cloth masks (if they are clean and dry), but more and more evidence supports cloth masks as being sufficient for the general public and effective in preventing transmission. Cloth masks should consist of at least two layers of fabric. N95 respirators should be reserved for front-line health care workers.

All face coverings should cover both the mouth and nose at all times in order to be effective.

#### *JNPSD Face Mask Implementation*

Face masks should be worn by all staff according to ADH guidelines. Physical distancing will be practiced to the extent practical.

Face masks should be worn by all scholars grades 3-12 as appropriate and feasible according to ADH guidelines. Face masks for PreK-2 are recommended and can be worn if manageable. Physical distancing will be practiced when feasible.

Note: If physical distancing can be achieved in certain areas at certain times, the face masks could be removed for a period of time.

Scholars in grades 3-12 should wear masks on the bus.

JNPSD will provide cloth face masks for every scholar and staff member. Disposable masks will be offered as needed.

#### **Social / Physical Distancing**

Scholars, staff, and visitors will observe social / physical distancing in as feasible a manner as possible. The 6-foot and 12-foot distancing recommendations will be implemented as much as possible. During class

changes and other transition times, scholars will be expected to wear face coverings. Classrooms, cafeterias, and other spaces will be rearranged to the extent practical to account for spacing recommendations.

### **Scholar, Staff, and Visitor Screening**

Temperature screenings will be performed on staff, scholars, and visitors each day. Scholar screenings will be performed as logistics allow. ADH has recommended that parents screen their children before leaving home. Visitors will be limited to essential business only as approved by the administrator. The JNP screening tool will be used with the standard ADH questions.

### **Bus Transportation**

Scholars in grades 3-12 should wear masks on the bus. PreK-2 is recommended if feasible. Temperature checks will take place on the bus as feasible and practical. Bus drivers will wear masks as well.

### **Breakfast and Lunch Service**

Cafeterias will operate at 50% - 66% capacity (unless changed by ADH) as feasible to account for physical distancing during meal times. If lunch shifts cannot be staggered to accommodate the entire population using the cafeteria, then breakfast and lunch in the classroom or another location may be an option. The groups could rotate every other day to the cafeteria.

### **Daily Schedule for Scholars**

The school day will operate as normal as possible with all classes implementing ADH and ADE guidance. All core subject classes and elective classes are planned to be offered. Elementary scholars will participate in activity classes and recess time. Secondary scholars will have access to activities and athletics. We are awaiting more ADH and ADE guidance concerning band and choir.

### **Alternative School Schedule**

An alternative school schedule has been developed in case the Governor, ADH, and ADE calls for modified attendance days due to health conditions. This schedule will have scholars on campus on alternating days with virtual classes on other days. This schedule will be used only if the state declares that this type of schedule is necessary as health conditions change in the state.

**Special Needs Scholars**

JNPSD will be prepared to accommodate scholars with special needs through a variety of means. The Special Education teachers and staff will use additional precautions when working with scholars. Therapy options will be offered for those who qualify. If parents have concerns for their children who may be high-risk, then the virtual learning option could be explored as a viable alternative.

**Scholar, Staff, or Visitor Testing Positive for the Virus**

JNPSD will follow the protocol developed by ADH, and staff will be in direct contact with ADH. ADH will advise if a brief school closure is needed based on the information available. Brief closures could happen, and this will allow for additional cleaning and sanitizing of the school.

**Campus Cleaning Protocols**

The JNPSD Maintenance Department will follow all recommended practices given by ADH. The appropriate cleaning agents and other sanitizers will be used including hospital-grade disinfectants.

**Arrival and Dismissal Times**

The plan is to keep these times as normal as possible. Changes could occur based on how many families choose to use bus transportation services during this time. Times could vary in the future based on future ADH and ADE guidance and directives.

**Scholar Becomes Sick at School**

Designated school staff will screen each scholar and perform temperature checks using the ADH protocol. Scholars will be sent home if the temperature is above the allowed limit in ADH guidance. A designated area will be used to isolate any scholar who becomes sick. The scholar will need to be fever-free for 48 hours prior to returning to school. The school staff will perform an additional screening at that time.