

Change in Junction City School District Calendar COVID-19 Change of Policy

In a special meeting of the Junction City Board of Directors on September 29, 2020, these changes to the calendar were approved.

1. The Board approved a 2:15 release of students on each Wednesday beginning October 7 through the end of Governor Huteson's Emergency Declaration so that teachers can schedule Zoom conferences with virtual students or parents to address academic concerns that cannot be addressed during a regular school day. Teachers are also afforded this time for deeper research, planning, and implementation of virtual and blended learning. The campus will remain open until 3:15 to accommodate any child who needs to stay on campus for enriched learning, but buses will run at 2:15.
2. The board approved designating three days in the first semester for totally virtual days. October 15, November 12, and December 10 are now designated virtual days. The purpose of this change is to establish protocols, implement strategies, and practice virtual education districtwide. The afternoon before the virtual day, students will be issued Chromebooks and any other devices needed to carryout virtual education. On the virtual days students will practice the skills necessary to have meaningful instruction should there be a cessation of onsite instruction.

Teachers will report to school at their regular contract time and provide virtual instruction on the October 15 virtual day. On the November 12 virtual day, teachers will engage students from home and will not be on campus. On the December 10 day, teachers can optionally engage students either from home or from school. On these designated days, all district offices will be staffed and fully operational. For students who need the structure of school environment to go virtual, staff will be available to provide students access to learning. There will not be regular bus service these days, but meal delivery will occur. Buses will leave the cafeteria at 10:00 a.m. with a late breakfast and a sack lunch. Exact procedures will be communicated through building principals and building leadership teams as soon as protocols are developed.