



# Jefferson Davis County School District Office of Student Services

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## Division of Special Projects Parent FAQ



**NOTICE:** These items are subject to change. Please check back frequently for updates.

**1. When will we know when school starts?**

Teachers and staff will return on **August 3rd**. Students will start virtually on **August 6th**.

**2. Who decides when/how we start school?**

The Board of Trustees.

**3. When is my student's meet the teacher day?**

All meet the teacher events will be held virtually this year. Contact your school for specifics.

**4. Does my student have to wear a mask?**

**Yes.** Masks are part of the SY21 dress code and will be required at specific times during the school day. Please be advised that this may change based on revised guidance or Executive Orders from the Governor.

**5. Can my kids still ride the bus?**

Students can ride the bus but must wear a mask while being transported.

**6. How do I sign up for my student to ride the bus? How can I track them?**

All students will be allowed to ride the bus.

**7. What time can students begin arriving on campus?**

**Elementary** 7:20

**High School** 7:30

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**8. Am I allowed on campus?**

Visitors are not permitted on campus at this time.

**9. Do I have to send my kids to school once they hybrid model begins?**

**Yes**, students are required to attend school under the MS Compulsory Attendance Law. *Those who do not feel comfortable sending students in person, may attend the Virtual/Distance Learning.*

**10. How do I register for the Virtual Distance Learning?**

You can apply through your child's home school. The application is there.

**11. Do I have to have a physician's note to apply for the virtual distance learning?**

No, Please complete the application available at your child's school.

**12. Do I have to have internet access to apply for the Virtual Distance Learning ?**

Parents should still complete the virtual application. If you do not have access to the internet, note that on the application.

**13. Are the online lessons required?**

Students enrolled in the virtual distance learning are required to attend and submit assignments. The school day will be scheduled like a day at school, with classes beginning and ending at specific times, and attendance will be recorded.

**14. When will I know if my student is accepted into the virtual distance learning?**

All application for virtual distance learning will be approved once we receive them.

**15. How do I check my child's grades?**

Grades can be checked in PowerSchool.

**16. How are the schools being cleaned?**

Schools are being disinfected throughout the day by staff and our contracted janitorial services. In addition, there is a daily disinfecting protocol for all JDCSD facilities.

**17. When will schedules be released?**

Contact your student's school for schedule information.

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**18. Are we going to be able to feed children in the cafeteria?**

No, Students will be delivered their meals from the cafeteria using close lid trays. Meals will be eaten in the classrooms in order to decrease congested areas(cafeteria).

**19. Will the students/teachers have to wear masks?**

Teachers will be required to wear masks or face shields when social distancing is not possible. Students will have to wear masks during arrival, during any transition, dismissal as well as while on the bus.

**20. Are face shields acceptable?**

The CDC states that face shields are not an acceptable alternative to a mask. A teacher may use one for instruction but must maintain social distancing while in use.

**21. Will the classrooms have plexiglass between the desks?**

No.

**22. Will parents still be allowed to attend functions at the school, eat lunch, etc.?**

Visitors are not permitted at this time.

**23. What happens if a student is COVID 19 positive?**

A student who tests positive will have to remain quarantined at home for 14 days. The District Leadership Team will work with the school administration and teachers to conduct contact tracing and determine which/if other students will be affected. The district will provide detailed correspondence with the student's family. Any student who is quarantined will receive instruction from their home school.

**24. If I missed the returning registration window, when can I register my student?**

Returning registration is currently still open. Students may start school the following day of registration.

**25. How will we drop off our school supplies that are normally done during meet the teacher?**

You may deliver supplies to the school by scheduling a drop with the school administration.

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