



LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Blueprint for Beginning the School Year 2021-2022

Updated January 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.

In the event that the district must close due to unforeseen circumstances, a virtual plan is in place utilizing synchronous instruction.



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

9wks Grading Periods	Report Card Dates
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



COVID-19 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 updated the following information.

1. Masks are not required for students or staff to attend school or work at this time. MSDH/CDC recommend masks for unvaccinated students and staff while 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 who are eligible.
3. Isolation, contact tracing, and quarantine procedures for individuals who test positive remain in place.

* Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should be excluded from the school setting and remain in **isolation** for 5 days. They may return to school on day 6 as long as they wear a mask through day 10 and they are fever free for a full 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

* Schools will notify parents if their child has been identified as a close contact in the school setting through a notification letter with quarantine instructions.

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.



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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