

Nettleton School District

Return to School Plan

2020-2021 School Year

Overview

Nettleton School District has taken steps this summer to prepare for the health, wellness, and safety for students and staff for the upcoming school year. **These guidelines will be updated with new information as it becomes available.** The information provided is a set of general guidelines and expectations. **Our decisions will be made in coordination with local and state guidelines as they are updated.**

On June 8, 2020, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) issued [Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools](#). In the MDE document, three learning options were outlined, a traditional school model, a hybrid school model, and a distance learning model.

The Nettleton School District plans to begin the school year with the traditional school model with precautions and protocols designed around the health and well-being of our students and staff. We feel that the traditional school model provides the greatest opportunity for student success. If a hybrid or distance model is used, challenges exist in meeting the standard that traditional instruction provides. Students that utilize a hybrid or distance model will be expected to meet the same academic requirements as traditional students. Parents should be prepared for all three models of instruction to be utilized during the school year depending on direction from the Governor's Office, the Mississippi State Department of Health, and the Mississippi Department of Education.

Before School

- Staff and students should not come to school if:
 - You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
 - You are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat.
 - You have had a fever of 100 or more in the 72 hours prior to the school day.
 - You have experienced new loss of taste or smell.
 - You have experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the 24 hours prior.

Transportation

- Students will be separated on the bus where feasible. Siblings or children living in the same household will be seated together.
- Drivers and any students who choose to utilize bus transportation will be encouraged to wear masks for the duration of the route to school.
- Buses will be appropriately disinfected after each use.
- Buses will have hand sanitizer dispensers installed
- Bus drivers will be properly trained in COVID safety measures.
- Social distancing on buses will be a challenge. Parents are encouraged to provide transportation to school if possible.

Arrival/Breakfast

- For everyone's safety, students do not need to be dropped off before 7:15.
- Students that are driving do not need to arrive on campus until 7:15.
- Staff members will have their temperature taken upon arrival. All students will have temperature checks upon arrival to school.
 - Any staff or student who has a temperature of 100 or above will be sent to the nurse for further evaluation.
- Any student arriving after the normal arrival time will check in at the office and have his/her temperature taken.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to use [My School Bucks](#) for cafeteria payment. This will reduce the need to exchange money and reduce the opportunity to spread germs.
- Specific breakfast plans are in place for each school that will encourage social distancing.
- Students will use hand sanitizer or hand washing upon arrival into classrooms
- Break areas will be restricted where feasible

Cafeteria-Lunch

- Parents are strongly encouraged to use [My School Bucks](#) for cafeteria payment. This will reduce the need to exchange money and reduce the opportunity to spread germs.
- Hand washing opportunities and hand sanitizer will be available before lunch
- Grades K - 3 students will utilize a combination of eating in the cafeteria and classrooms to encourage social distancing.
- Grades 4 - 12 students will utilize lunch delivery to classrooms or cafeteria pickup and return to classrooms to encourage social distancing.
- Cafeterias will be appropriately disinfected after each use.

Classrooms

- Multiple social distancing strategies will be implemented based on feasibility of the unique space and needs of each school
- Any excess furniture that can be removed will be removed to encourage as much social distancing as possible.
- Teachers will speak with students in regard to social distancing and appropriate hygiene.
- Students will keep and utilize their own supplies for use in the classroom. Shared supplies and manipulative materials will be discouraged.
- We encourage all students to bring their own water bottles to use during the day. Water fountains could possibly be limited to circumstances yet unknown.
- Hand washing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged multiple times a day.
- Items that might be used by multiple students (Chromebooks, etc.) will be disinfected appropriately after each individual use.
- NSD teachers/staff will clean/disinfect at appropriate times

Hallway Traffic

- Hallway traffic will be limited by schedule and students will be monitored while walking in hallways. Principals will speak with students in regard to directional traffic, etc.
- Scheduling considerations will include how to best accommodate social distancing, while at the same time providing students a high quality education.
- Movement throughout buildings will be limited or reduced
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available

Visitors/Vendors/Volunteers

- Nonessential visitors will be limited
- If a visit to a school is necessary, call your child's school and make an appointment
- Upon arrival for the appointment, the parent's temperature will be taken
- Vendors who have to service buildings will undergo a temperature screening
- No lunch guests will be allowed
- No lunch or snack delivery, these items must be brought to school with the student

Playgrounds

- Students will be monitored for social distancing while on playgrounds
- Hand washing/sanitizer will be available upon re-entry to building
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle. For students without water, plans will be utilized to safely provide water, should water fountains be unavailable.

Cleaning/ Hygiene

- Cleaning with approved products will target frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces.
- Our janitorial service (ABM) will follow appropriate guidelines to ensure proper cleaning and disinfection of our campuses.
- Students and families will be provided with best practices for hygiene during the school day.
- CDC posters will be visible throughout campuses to encourage social distancing and best practices in slowing the spread of COVID.

Health Services

- School nurse will provide COVID safety training/materials to faculty and staff
- Medication for students--please call and schedule a time with the school nurse to drop it off.
- Any student with asthma **MUST** have a current Asthma Action Plan on file with the school nurse. Your physician may fax this documentation to your child's school.
- Encourage staff self-screening
- Encourage parents to screen students at home prior to sending to school
- As a part of the 72 hour "fever free" period, the last 24 hours need to be fever free with no medication.
- Students or staff demonstrating COVID symptoms will be referred to their physician or the NSD Access Health Clinic ~ **Prior to returning to school, a student/staff member must be fever free for 72 hours.**
- Students/staff who are symptomatic will be issued a mask to wear until they are picked up by a parent or leave the building.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

- Use of personal masks will be encouraged for students for the safety of those around them.
- Use of personal masks will be encouraged for staff, but may be required in special situations
- Other PPE will be purchased and utilized as deemed necessary.

Dismissal

- We encourage parents to pick children up, if possible, to help lower the number of students who are riding buses.
- If a student pickup is necessary during the day, follow normal checkout procedures.
- Use of the car line for student pick-up only. No in-person parent pick-up to avoid parent gatherings in school lobby or in front of school

- If individual school dismissal plans change, you will be notified by the principal.

Athletics/Activities

- Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) guidelines will be followed.

Other General Items

- The role of children in the transmission of COVID19 is unclear at this time. Face coverings may be challenging for students, especially younger students, to wear in an "all-day" setting, such as school.
- These guidelines will be updated with new information as public health data, safety precautions, and appropriate guidance is received
- No field trips will be permitted.
- Only essential vendors will be allowed on campus.
- Cleaning/Disinfecting a classroom or area with a confirmed case:
 - Safely disinfect areas used by the person who is sick.
 - Schools will not necessarily need to close operations, if an area can be effectively disinfected.
 - All areas used by the person who is sick will be disinfected.
 - Once an area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection. This includes everyday practices that NSD normally utilizes to maintain a healthy environment.



Nettleton School District Distance Learning Agreement

If you wish for your child to participate in online/virtual instruction which will apply toward attendance, the following agreement must be signed and returned to the school office. Please note that this agreement is for selected nine weeks. **Exceptions to change during a nine weeks can only be made by the school administrator.**

Please indicate **with your initials** that you understand the following:

- I am requesting for my child to receive online/virtual classroom instruction.
- I understand that this is on a nine weeks basis.
- I am indicating that I have access to reliable Internet.
- I understand certain classes (e.g. - career technical courses, agriculture, drivers education, etc.) will require my child to physically be present.
- I understand that my child is responsible for completing all classroom assignments and returning completed work on time, or their grades will be negatively affected.
- I will assure the work and all assignments are completed and returned.
- I understand that my child may need to come to the school to complete some assessments (teacher and state), screeners, and for needed additional support.
- I understand that this agreement must be turned into my child's school by the following deadlines:
1st 9 weeks - **July 17**, 2nd 9 weeks - **Oct. 5**, 3rd 9 weeks - **Dec. 18**, 4th 9 weeks - **Mar. 1**

Nine Weeks Requested: **First** ____ **Second** ____ **Third** ____ **Fourth** ____

Parent Signature

Date

Child's Name

School

Grade Level