



## School Opening Plan 2021-2022

Our district mission is to prepare students for successful post-secondary lives through both academic and social maturity. This e-learning plan is designed to continue to fulfill this mission.

## District Health & Safety Protocols

- Training for employees and students that promote behaviors that reduce the spread of the virus.
- Promotion of mitigation practices such as staying home when sick.
- Practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (including hand washing with soap and water regularly).
- Face masks are required.
- Posted signs throughout buildings promoting safe practices.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting throughout the building.
- Proper ventilation and increased air circulation.
- Rearranging seating in classrooms to allow for social distancing to the extent possible. Students will have assigned seats.
- Food consumption in smaller, controlled settings to avoid large groups.
- Outdoor physical education when possible.
- Limiting of non-essential visitors and volunteers.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom, and everyone will be encouraged to sanitize when entering or exiting the classroom.
- Limiting large group gatherings.

## In-person Instruction

“Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.”

Elementary students will return to school following an extremely similar schedule as they have always operated under.

- All elementary buildings, except Murrayville-Woodson
  - 7:35 am - School doors open for students. Students should not be dropped off early. Students will report directly to their classrooms. Breakfast, if desired, will be provided in the classroom.
  - 8:00 am - 2:30 pm - Instructional Day for students
    - Classes will transition to Art, Music, Library, and PE as needed throughout the day.
  - 2:30 pm - Students will be dismissed for the day (Dismissal procedures will vary based on school building needs.)
- Murrayville-Woodson Elementary
  - 7:15 am - School doors open for students. Students should not be dropped off early. Students will report directly to their classrooms. Breakfast, if desired, will be provided in the classroom.
  - 7:50 am - 2:15 pm - Instructional Day for students

- Classes will transition to Art, Music, Library, and PE as needed throughout the day.
- 2:15 pm - Students will be dismissed for the day

JMS students will return to school with a traditional setting.

- 7:55 am - School doors open for students. Students should not be dropped off early. Students will report directly to their first hour classrooms. Breakfast, if desired, will be provided and eaten in the classroom.
- 8:15 am - 2:55 pm - Students will attend classes as previous to COVID shortened day.
- The times listed above are subject to slight changes based upon transportation.

JHS students will return to school with a traditional setting.

- 7:45 am - School doors open for students. Students should not be dropped off early. Students will report directly to their first hour classrooms. Breakfast, if desired, will be provided and eaten in the classroom.
- 8:05 am - 3:11 pm - Students will attend classes as previous to COVID shortened day.
- Early Bird is available for those students wishing to attend.
- The times listed above are subject to slight changes based upon transportation.

## **Remote Instruction**

JSD117 will provide remote learning as required by the Illinois State Board of Education to those students who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine or are not eligible to receive the vaccine, and are under quarantine or isolation. This remote learning will not be virtual. Prior to COVID, we encountered students that required extended absences. Our remote learning will be similar to that instructional model.

## **Home School Instruction**

Parents have the right to home school their students. However, the district provides no recommendations, materials, or supports for this option. If you wish to homeschool your child, please contact the Regional Office of Education (217) 243-1804.

## **PPE**

Per guidance from ISBE, face coverings are NOT optional in the school building or on school buses.

- Masks are always to be worn in our buildings or on our buses
- Face protection is required even when you can maintain social distance

Masks need to be appropriate for the school environment. Halloween masks and masks with inappropriate images and/or language will not be permitted.

## **Transportation**

Masks are required on all school buses or vans. Students will have assigned seats on all buses.

## **Special Services**

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All meetings will occur as scheduled by the case managers and administrators. Meetings will be held in person, as much as possible. However, there will be a virtual option for parents that request it.

All IEP meetings will continue to be held in accordance with special education timelines. All appointments and meetings with school staff will be scheduled in advance.

Students who have chronic medical conditions will have their individual situation assessed by the school nurse. Health Care Plans, Individual Education Plans, 504 Plans, and any other relevant documentation will be reviewed. Schools will contact the student’s parents/guardians as well as the student’s physician, if needed.

All students will be required to wear a face mask in accordance with the ISBE-IDPH guidelines. Should parents/guardians provide documentation from their child’s physician stating that wearing a face mask would pose a significant health risk to the student, the IEP and/or 504 team will meet to consider the recommendation. Adjustments will be made to the student’s plan as determined appropriate by the IEP and/or the 504 team.

## **Visitors & Field Trips**

Outside visitors will have extremely limited access to District 117 property. Visitors will be required to self-certify their health, wear a mask, show proof of a negative test within the past week or proof of vaccination, and are highly encouraged to make an appointment before entering any building.

Until further notice, students will not be engaging in field trips due to health concerns.

## **Water Fountains**

Water fountains will be out-of-service, so students are encouraged to bring reusable, clear water bottles to school. Water bottles may be filled periodically throughout the day from bottle-filling stations.

## Food Service

### Breakfast

- Elementary - Will be available for students to eat in their classrooms when they arrive.
- JMS & JHS - Will be “grab and go” style. Students will eat in their first period of the day classroom

### Lunch

- Elementary - Will be served and eaten in their classrooms or cafeteria if space allows. They may bring lunch from home if they prefer. Students will have assigned seating if eating in the cafeteria.
- JMS & JHS - Students will have assigned seating in the cafeteria.

## Mitigation Strategies

JSD117 will continue to:

- Use seating charts in every class and lunch period to assist with contact tracing.
- Implement hand washing routines in all classrooms.
- Require the wearing of masks in school buildings and buses.
- 3-ft between students when possible
- Nightly disinfection of surfaces