

Johnston City CUSD #1 Families and Staff,

We have been working on our Return to School Plan for the 2020-21 school year over the past few months. During this time the district prepared educational plans and operational protocols, based on guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH), Centers for Disease Control(CDC) and the state’s five-phase reopening plan, Restore Illinois. In addition, over the summer the district administered a survey to all parents in the district, in which they could provide feedback about the reopening of school.

Below you will find the summary of our Return to School Plan. Please keep in mind that we are expecting additional guidance from ISBE and IDPH and therefore we may need to amend these plans slightly. I am hopeful that we will receive that guidance next week. Once we receive the guidance and review it I will release a much more detailed plan.

- The first day of student attendance is August 17th with a blended A/B schedule for two weeks (August 17-August 28).

Students on the A schedule will attend school in person on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students on the B schedule will attend in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays students will attend virtually. During these two weeks families will be assigned the same schedule for continuity across schools. This two week schedule will allow students to become acclimated to the new procedures being implemented in each building.

K-4	In-person instruction Monday-Thursday A/B schedule All students remote instruction every Friday	8:30-12:30	Latchkey for K-2 & 3-4 available until 5:30 pm
5-8	In-person instruction Monday-Thursday A/B schedule All students remote instruction every Friday	8:25-12:55	Latchkey for 5-8 available until 5:30 pm
9-12	In-person instruction Monday-Thursday A/B schedule All students remote instruction every Friday	8:30-1:00	

- Beginning August 31st students will attend in person Monday through Thursday with shortened hours of attendance and utilize distance learning on Fridays.

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- Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings when in the building - we are planning for several breaks during the school day(K-4) in order to go outside with classmates and remove masks (with social distancing).

- At the beginning of the 20-21 school year every student will be issued a Chromebook with a carrying case. A Chromebook and web access will be required for both in person and all distance learning options.
- If a family does not have the ability to access the internet, Verizon and T-Mobile wi-fi hotspots will be available for check-out. School issued Chromebooks will utilize the district's internet filtering programs.
- Families should indicate if they would like to opt out of in person learning and choose to remain home for all distance learning by August 5th. Any family that chooses to enroll in the all distance learning option will do so until the end of the first nine weeks.
- Back to school nights will be scheduled in the next few weeks. They will be done virtually or in small groups.
- Following guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Johnston City CUSD #1 has developed health protocols to allow for a return to in-person learning. A strong emphasis will be placed on practicing good hygiene among students, staff, and visitors, which includes frequent hand washing and sanitization of buildings.
- Please make sure that your email address and phone number are up to date in Teacherease.