




**Jackson School District
Safe Return Plan
September 2021**

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This presentation of Jackson's Safe Return Plan is a requirement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP)

- The information in this presentation is a requirement of the ARP, which provides needed federal funds to assist school districts in safely reopening, sustaining the operations of the schools and addresses the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our students.
- This plan is an overview of our Safe Return Plan **as it stands today**
- If we receive new guidance from the NJ Department of Education or Executive Orders from the Governor this summer, **we may need to adjust this plan.**



We are **committed to keeping our families and staff informed** about any developments while we work to get ready for the coming school year.

GENERAL OVERVIEW of 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Unless executive orders or future state guidance require otherwise, the following will be in place for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **5-Day, Full-Day, In-Person Learning for All Students**
- Normal school schedules
- Masks will continue to be optional
- Lunch will be served
- Social distancing will be followed to the greatest extent possible
- Continued focus on student hygiene and cleanliness of classrooms/schools.



MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

We will act in accordance with executive orders, and guidance from NJ Department of Education (NJ DOE) New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) and Ocean County Health Department (OCHD).

The **physical and mental health** of our staff and students will be considered in all decisions.



MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

- If mandated by executive orders, we may need to require masks for students and staff.
- Proper wearing of masks has been taught and will continue to be taught if such a requirement is in place in September.
- We will continue to socially distance to the maximum extent possible, using guidance from the CDC, NJ DOE and NJ DOH.



MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Handwashing and cleanliness etiquette will be reinforced by teachers throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be provided for all classrooms and cleanliness routines followed in all areas of the school.
- IF we are required to do so, the Jackson School District (in coordination with the NJ DOH, CDC and OCHD) will continue with daily screening procedures.
- If this is not a *daily* requirement, we will ask ALL students and staff to certify that they understand the importance of following self-screening, self-reporting and quarantine requirements.



MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Vaccination opportunities were made available for staff and students. Additional information has been disseminated to the Jackson community and additional opportunities this summer will be shared for staff, students and community members.
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities, in regards to their health and safety will be made in accordance with their IEP and 504 Plans.



ENSURING CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

- Credit Recovery Courses for High School and Middle School Students
- Summer Enrichment Courses
- Middle School Math Courses to help accelerate learners
- Before and After School programs during the school year focusing on STEM
- Professional development for teachers to assist with transitioning all students back to school
- Continuing to provide Chromebooks for every student



SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

- Social Emotional Learning Programs on all levels in classrooms
- Parent workshops providing academic and transitioning support
- Expanded programs at schools to increase students connections to their schools
- High School common lunch period to provide students opportunities for social and academic growth



MOVING FORWARD

We want to **commend** all of our teachers, staff, students, administration and families for their efforts for the last year and a half.

We have **embraced the positives** and **hold value in what we have learned.**

We will we continue to work hard to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year.

We are committed to providing a **positive transition to the upcoming school year** with a continued focus on **students' physical, academic, and mental health.**



We will provide updates throughout the summer on our progress.

THANK YOU for your support and commitment to our students.