

2021 -2022

# JPS 2021/2022 Return to School Information



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Good afternoon Vikings!

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I am so very excited for your students to return to school next week! Our Hunt Elementary students and staff have been off to a great start! I know that many of you are feeling the rising concerns of COVID-19 and the Delta Variant and have been waiting for information from JPS regarding COVID-19 Protocols for the start of school. On Friday, all Superintendents in Jackson County met with the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD). At this time the JCHD is strongly recommending that staff and students wear masks regardless of your vaccination status. However, at this time they are not prepared to issue a mask mandate for Jackson County School Districts.

To that end, JPS will remain a mask-optional district except as required by the CDC on school buses, where all students and staff are required to wear masks. All Jackson County School Districts are adopting the same mask-optional protocol as well. Like the JCHD, we strongly recommend that all staff and students wear masks to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As mentioned in my previous communication we will continue our COVID-19 Protocols of regular disinfection of surfaces and frequent hand washing. Our staff and students are encouraged to practice Social Distancing Protocols (3-6 feet) whenever possible.

All JPS students will be returning to a five day in-person school week. A virtual option through our [South Central Michigan Virtual \(SCMV\) Campus](#) is available to your student(s). SCMV provides a robust curriculum for students Kindergarten through twelfth grade. SCMV staff are a team of certified and highly qualified JPS teachers and academic counselors. Your principal will work with you and the SCMV staff to connect your student to virtual learning. At this time, there is no Seat Time Waiver through the State Pupil Accounting System for attendance. This means that the Virtual Learning Experience that was offered last school year is not an option. However, I am confident that SCMV will meet your student’s needs both academically and socially.

We want to remind everyone that keeping COVID-19 out of our buildings is impossible. Please be reminded that sick staff and students should stay home when not feeling well. I encourage mask wearing for all individuals who wish to wear them. We are all in this together, and the COVID-19 Vaccine for 12 and older remains the best defense against contracting and spreading the virus.

If we see any signs of outbreaks we will quarantine as needed whether by classroom or by building. This is a balancing act of keeping our students in school where they learn best and keeping them and our staff as healthy as possible. Positive staff and students (regardless of vaccination status), and non-vaccinated close contacts of a positive case will need to quarantine for at least ten days or until they are symptom free.

And I reiterate, COVID-19 guidelines for the school are set both by Jackson County Health Department (JCHD), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and are ever changing as we approach the start of the school year. JPS continues to be in contact with each of these entities on a daily basis and will pivot any protocols as required.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Beal - JPS Superintendent

## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

***\*\*All JPS students will return to school five days a week in person.\*\****

### **First Day of School:**

Hunt Elementary - Wednesday Aug 4, 2021 ½ day students

All other JPS Schools - Wednesday Aug 25, 2021 ½ day students

### **JPS Virtual Option:**

All JPS students will be returning to a five day, in-person school week. A virtual option through our [South Central Michigan Virtual \(SCMV\) Campus](#) is available to your student. SCMV provides a robust curriculum for students Kindergarten through 12th grade. SCMV staff are a team of certified and highly qualified JPS teachers and academic counselors. Your principal will work with you and the SCMV staff to connect your student to virtual learning. At this time, there is no Seat Time Waiver through the State Pupil Accounting System for attendance. This means that the Virtual Learning Experience that was offered last school year is not an option.

### **Technology:**

All JPS students will be issued one-to-one technology to enhance their in classroom learning. Y5 - 2nd grade students will receive an Ipad and 3rd - 12th grade students will receive a Chromebook.

### **Current COVID-19 Protocols:**

COVID-19 guidelines for the school are set by the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and are ever changing as we approach the start of the school year.

**COVID-19 Positive Students and Staff:** At this time per the CDC, all positive students and staff will be required to quarantine for at least ten days or until symptom free regardless of vaccination status. Non-vaccinated close contacts of positive cases will also be required to quarantine for at least ten days or until symptom free.

**Face Masks:** JPS will follow CDC, JCHD and MDHHS guidelines which strongly recommends but does not require, universal masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to our facilities regardless of vaccination status. At JPS face masks are optional and you or your students' personal choice. Staff will have extra disposable face masks available for students who request one at no charge.

**Social distancing:** All staff and students are encouraged to practice social distancing (3-6 feet) whenever possible.

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**Hygiene:** Frequent Hand Washing will be practiced throughout the school day. Informational signage is placed throughout the buildings.

**Cleaning:** JPS Staff will disinfect and clean all frequently touched surfaces according to COVID-19 guidelines. PPE and cleaning supplies will be provided in each classroom.

**Food Service:** All meals will be served in the cafeteria unless otherwise specified by building.

**Transportation:** CDC’s order REQUIRES all students and staff wear masks while riding public transportation INCLUDING school buses. JPS bus drivers will have extra disposable face masks on hand for any student who forgets their mask at no charge.

**Volunteers/Visitors/Field Trips etc.:** Visitors will require prior permission from their building principal before entering the building. Field trips requests will be reviewed.

### Open House Schedule:

<b>Cascades</b>	Tuesday, August 24	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>Dibble</b>	Tuesday, August 24	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>Hunt</b>	Tuesday, August 3	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>JPS Montessori</b>	Monday, August 23	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>John R. Lewis</b>	Tuesday, August 24	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>Northeast</b>	Wednesday, August 25	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>Sharp Park</b>	Monday, August 23	5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>Parkside</b>		6-00-8:00 pm
6 grade	Tuesday, August 31	6:00-6:25 pm
7 grade	Tuesday, August 31	6:30-6:55 pm
8 grade	Tuesday, August 31	7:00-7:30 pm
<b>4th St Learning Center</b>	Monday, August 23	4:30 – 6:00 pm
<b>Jackson High School / Jackson Pathways</b> Schedule pickup – JHS Cafeteria		
Class of 2022	Monday, August 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Class of 2023	Monday, August 16	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Class of 2024	Tuesday, August 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Class of 2025	Tuesday, August 17	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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