

***SCSD School Readiness Plan
for a
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
and Continuity of Services Plan
2021-2022 School Year***



**Stone County School District
August 17, 2021**

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Please note:

The Stone County School District will regularly communicate with parents and families as the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) guidelines concerning school operations are updated. In addition to guidance from MDE, the *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan* also reflects guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and federal government. As always, we appreciate your support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for our students, parents, staff and community.

***This plan is subject to change based upon considerations of new guidance from the CDC and mandates from state and federal government.**



Recommendation of Superintendent of Education **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services** **Plan**

With the guidance of the Mississippi Department of Education's *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, the Stone County School District has developed a School Readiness Plan to address key components that are essential to safely and successfully return to school for in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

For the 2021-2022 school year, students of the SCSD will follow a traditional schedule where students will be physically present in school in an environment as close to normal as possible while considering guidance from the CDC and following mandates from the state and federal government.

Masks will be optional unless mandated by the state or federal entities. All masks must meet dress code.

Students will follow the board approved school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Students will begin school on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

STONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2021 - 2022 School Calendar

Stone Co. School Board

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- Student First Day of School/Return to School
- Staff Development (No school for Students)
- Progress Reports/Report Cards
- School Closed/Holidays
- 60% Day
- Nine Weeks Tests

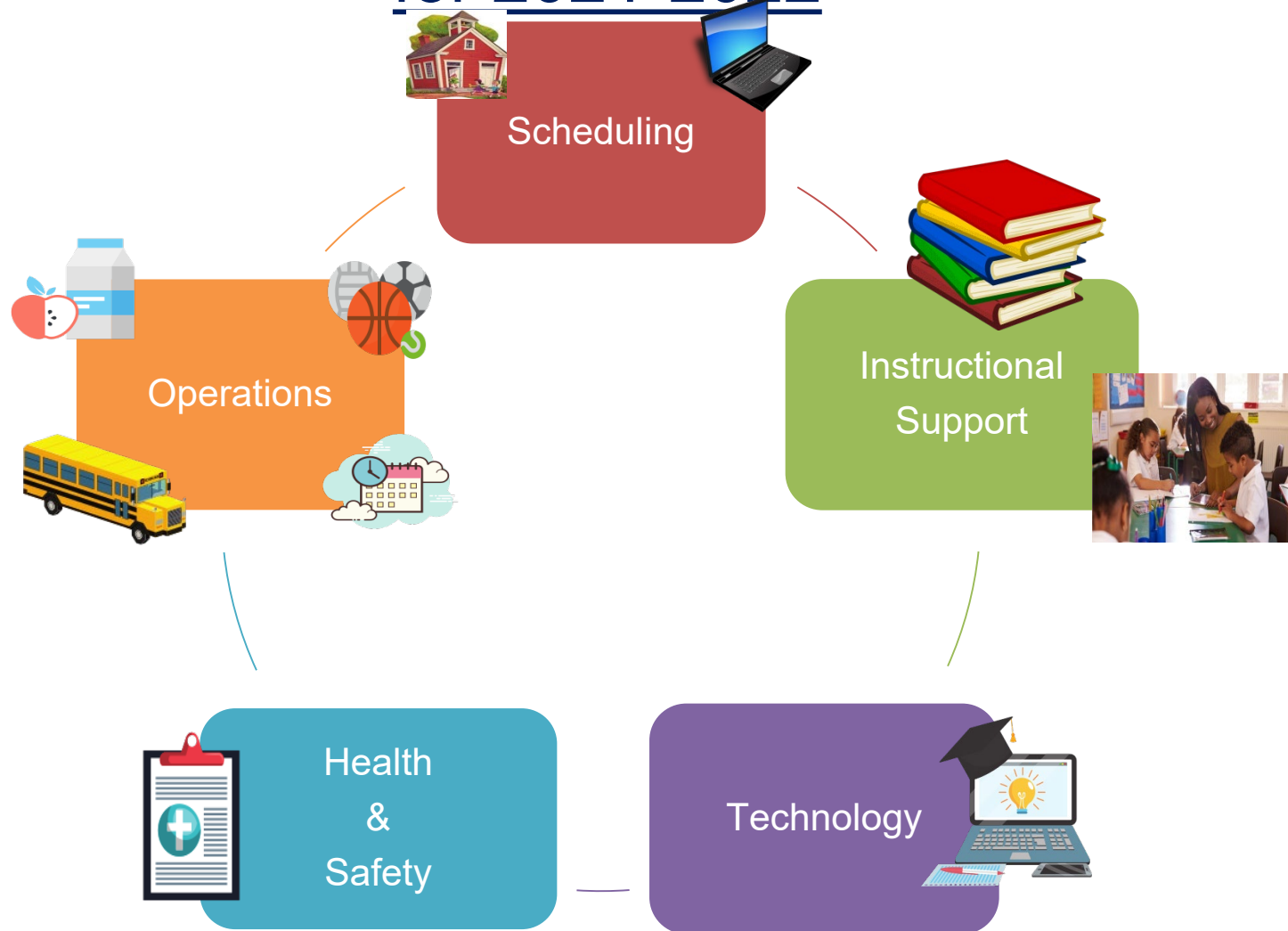
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JULY

5,6 Independence Holidays

AUGUST2,3,4 Staff Development/No Students
5 First Day for Students**SEPTEMBER**6 Labor Day/No School
8 Progress Reports**OCTOBER**6,7 Nine Weeks Tests
11 Fall Break/No School
(Bad weather day if needed)
14 Report Cards**NOVEMBER**9 Progress Reports
22-26 Thanksgiving Holidays/No School**DECEMBER**16,17 Nine Weeks Tests
17 60% Day
20-31 Christmas Holidays/No School**JANUARY**3 Staff Development/No Students
4 Students Return
6 Report Cards
17 Martin Luther King Day/No School**FEBRUARY**4 Progress Reports
28 Mardi Gras Holidays/No School**MARCH**1 Mardi Gras Holidays/No school
9,10 Nine Weeks Tests
17 Report Cards
21-25 Spring Break/No School**APRIL**15 Good Friday/No School
20 Progress Reports**MAY**20 GRADUATION
19,20 Nine Weeks Tests
20 60% Day/Last Day for Students
23, 24, 25 Staff Development/Bad weather days, if needed.**May Report Cards** - Schools will notify students of method of distribution.

Topics Considered for a Safe Return to Traditional Instruction and Continuity of Services for 2021-2022



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for 2021-2022

Traditional Schedule

- Requires students to be physically present in school. The SCSD will consider guidance from the CDC and follow mandates from the state and federal government.

K-1 Students

- While under the traditional schedule, K-1 students will have self-contained classrooms. Instruction will be delivered in small and whole group settings.

2-5 Students

- While under the traditional schedule, 2-5 students will also have self-contained and /or departmentalized classrooms. Students will transition from one classroom to another. Instruction will be delivered in small and whole group settings.

6-12 Students

- While under the traditional schedule, 6-12 students will follow a block schedule. Students will transition from one classroom to another. Instruction will be delivered in small and whole group settings.

****Per Mississippi SBE's decision on August 19, 2021, the Stone County School District will offer the HYBRID and VIRTUAL instructional option.**

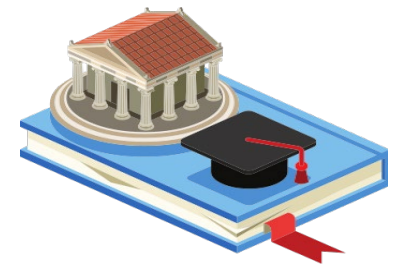
Hybrid Schedule

- A/B Days
- Student population is divided in half, with each half reporting to school on alternating days and participating in distance learning during days scheduled at home.
- A/B schedule will alternate reporting to school for in-person instruction on every other Friday.

Virtual Schedule

- Instruction is provided completely online through virtual delivery by SCSD staff. Synchronous instruction will be implemented where students will receive live instruction.

Instruction

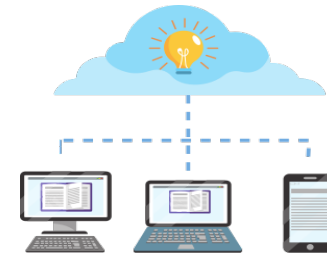


To ensure the continuity of policies/procedures, communication, special services and instruction is maintained, the SCSD will implement the following:

- Develop a master schedule that will balance class numbers.
- Provide an overflow schedule for classes that doesn't allow for social distancing.
- Physical distancing will be used where feasible per CDC guidelines.
- Incorporate bridge strategies to allow opportunities for spiral review of 2021-2022 last quarter standards. Teachers will utilize the curriculum maps to guide instruction.
- Modify pacing guides and scope and sequence to reflect more instruction for essential and foundational standards.
- Continue to provide early diagnostic screenings to determine student readiness for grade level instruction (adjusting plans to accommodate as needed).
- Utilize baseline data for reading and math to determine instructional gaps and plan accordingly for interventions utilizing the MTSS process. Make available digital resources that accompany text and support Tier I, Tier II and Tier III interventions.
- Continue to provide special education services through the IEP process due to the highly individualized nature of supports and accommodations. Continuous Learning Plans are in place if students are quarantined.
- Continue to provide professional development for teachers so they may become advanced users in utilizing the GOOGLE Classroom platform in their daily instructional practices.
- Continue to provide parents with professional development on the instructional tools (GOOGLE, instructional resources, Chromebooks, etc.) that will be used for instruction.
- Dedicate district website page for parents related to academics and resources from MDE.
- Required Carnegie Units for high school courses will remain the same as required by MDE.
- Graduation requirements will remain in place for 2021-2022.
- Follow current attendance and grading policies for SCSD.
- Follow current promotion and retention policies for SCSD.
- Follow MDE State accountability and testing requirements as set for the 2021-2022 school year.

***In the event students, a group or class and/or school closure are required due to quarantine, extended breaks, inclement weather and/or any other event requiring school closure, the SCSD will utilize the virtual platform GOOGLE Suite/Google Classrooms as the primary source of operations.

Technology



- The SCSD is a one-to-one device district.
- GOOGLE/Google Classroom – The SCSD will continue to provide GOOGLE for every teacher in the SCSD. GOOGLE is a very robust, 21st-century blended platform that provides flexible learning. This will be a one-stop shop with consistent student, parent and teacher access for all communication, instruction and feedback.
- Sound and Video Enhancement – The SCSD has purchased video enhancement to provide recorded lectures as well as live streaming of classes (Google Meet, Swivl, etc.).
- Tech Support Protocols – A system has been established to address questions/concerns from parents.
- WIFI - The SCSD has provided WIFI access to rural areas utilizing established infrastructure in community locations. **As of 8/20/21, the SCSD has doubled its bandwidth making it fast, robust and reliable for supporting quality online instruction and learning.**
- Technology - The SCSD has upgraded technology so every child has equitable access to online curriculum.

Health and Safety



- Professional development will be provided to all staff on health and safety routines related to COVID-19.
- The SCSD will continue to provide professional development in the area of social/emotional and mental health support.
- Procedures for social distancing, proper hygiene (hand washing, proper face mask wearing, if necessary, etc.) and classroom routines will be taught during the first two weeks of school.
- Ensure that each school has a designated medical professional.
- Continue to equip schools and buses with adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene.
- Traditional water fountains have been replaced with touchless fountains/bottle filling stations.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in accessible locations.
- Post signage in high traffic areas to communicate how to stop the spread of COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols.
- New AC units will be placed in all classroom and other areas with updated ventilation systems. Additionally, we will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.
- Monitor health of students when symptoms are suspected and notify parents that students must be kept home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine.
- Quarantine and contact tracing procedures will be continued.
- Staff will continue to self-monitor each day before reporting to work.
- In coordination with local health services, the SCSD will offer multiple on-site vaccinations to all employees and their spouses.

Operations - Nutrition



- Each school cafeteria will be open and fully functional. The SCSD will ensure facilities are safe and aligned to the CDC guidelines.
- Implement safety protocols in the area of food service:
 - Allow hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer dispensers before and after meals;
 - Regular schedules/seating for cafeteria use or a modified grab and go option as deemed necessary by administration;
 - Gloves are required to be worn by staff while preparing and serving food;
 - Sneeze guards are in place at each serving line;
 - Covered/individually wrapped food will be served if needed;
 - Food and Nutrition staff at the school and district level will work to ensure students with allergies or special needs related to meal service are identified and receive appropriate meals;
 - Food and Nutrition school site staff will clean and sanitize all serving areas and/or serving carts;
 - Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up by a parent or guardian of students in quarantine and students receiving virtual instruction.

Operations - Transportation



- Implement safety protocols in the area of transportation:
 - Continue to provide hand sanitizer for drivers and students.
 - Buses will continued to be sanitized and disinfected after each route.
 - Masks are optional and must follow dress code if worn.
 - Seats will be assigned.
 - Seating charts will be current and maintained for each bus.
 - Parents may provide transportation for students if they prefer.
 - To encourage the use of personal transportation when possible, schools will open and allow drop off beginning at 7:00 a.m. each morning.

Operations - Buildings



- Implement safety protocols in buildings.
 - The SCSD will continue to clean high-touch areas throughout each school before the opening of school and throughout the day.
 - Hand sanitizer dispensers are available at numerous points throughout the schools.
 - Upgraded nurses' stations for wellness and sick areas.
 - Daily sanitization procedures will continue.
 - Provide new AC units for each classroom in the SCSD in order to provide improved air quality and proper ventilation per MSDH and/or the CDC guidelines.
 - Continue to monitor air quality and change air filters monthly.
 - Continue using additional equipment purchased for disinfecting classrooms.
 - All visitors must check-in through the front office. (see the SCSD Student Handbook procedures)

Operations – Extracurricular Activities

The SCSD will continue to consider MHSAA guidelines for extracurricular activities, as we plan to return to athletics and activities as currently scheduled for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

As the SCSD continues to be proactive in the health and safety of our students and employees, we will consider guidelines as recommended by the CDC and follow mandates from the state and federal government.

