

Nettleton School District



Continuing School Plan

2021-2022

(updated Jan 3, 2022)

Mission

In a safe environment, in collaboration with parents and the community, the Nettleton School District will work to ensure that each student acquires the knowledge, skills, and core values needed to become responsible and productive members of the global community.

Vision

"Teaching Today What Matters Tomorrow"

Values and Beliefs

1. We believe in safe and positive learning environments.
2. We believe that all students can achieve high standards of learning
3. We believe in preparing students for success beyond high school.
4. We believe that community and family are integral parts of school and encourage involvement of both.
5. We believe in shared accountability for student success.

2021-2022

Traditional Schedule

- Students will attend school five days per week.
- Students will attend in-person classes.
- Students and employees will follow some of the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH).
- The school day will run from approximately 7:45 to 3:00 each day, Monday - Friday.
- Classroom arrangements, activities, and movement of students will follow some of the recommendations of the CDC and MSDH.
- School planning for student activity periods (music, art, recess, physical education, etc.) will follow recommendations from the CDC and MSDH.
- The Nettleton School District will not offer a virtual option at this time due to the Mississippi Department of Education's requirements of live 330 minutes of daily instruction, as well as significant learning loss during the pandemic. Students learn at a higher level when learning in person.
- If the need arises to quarantine students for any reason, appropriate arrangements for continued instruction will be made on a case by case basis.

On-Going Efforts to Combat COVID-19

- Continue cleaning and sanitizing procedures for high touch surfaces and high traffic areas including buildings and busses.
- Follow the governor's guidelines and executive orders as they relate to the wearing of masks.
- Masks, hand sanitizer, and additional cleaning supplies will be available as needed.
- Continue to communicate with families and caregivers in regard to ongoing efforts by the district to ensure the health and safety of every student.
- Continue efforts to support students' mental and emotional wellbeing.
- Continue efforts to provide appropriate instruction to students in regard to personal hygiene.
- Replacement of HVAC systems that are not up to current recommendations for clean air.
- Continue to monitor students and staff for symptoms of illness. Anyone with symptoms will be referred to the nurse and/or nurse practitioner for further evaluation of symptoms.

December 15, 2021 - CDC/MSDH Recommendations

1. With the Delta Variant of COVID-19 becoming more prevalent (along with the original COVID-19), we will follow the guidelines of the CDC and the MS Department of Health Services. Highlights of those guidelines are bulleted below:
 - Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
 - Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully reopen while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking.
 - Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
 - COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, including students, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels.
2. Masks are highly recommended to any staff member or student who is not vaccinated and should be worn (see above). However, that will remain an individual's choice unless a statewide mandate is put in place or the school district faces an outbreak district wide or in specific schools/grades.
3. Students who are vaccinated will not be required to quarantine at any time unless they are showing symptoms.
4. Children ages 5 and up are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Please see a physician as to which vaccine is available to which age group. The physician can also give you more information about vaccinations.

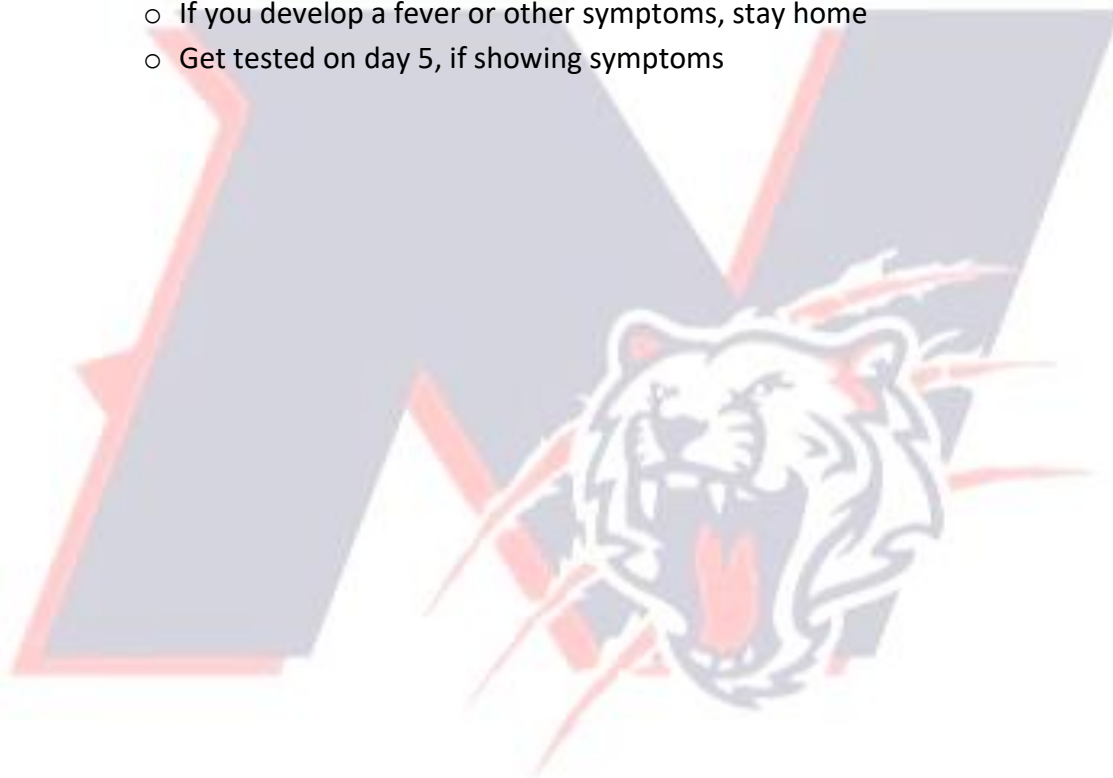
January 3, 2022 - Updated CDC/MSDH Recommendations

If you test positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

- **Everyone, regardless of vaccination status**
 - Stay home for 5 days
 - If you have symptoms and/or fever, stay home until no fever for 24 hours or until symptoms have resolved.
 - Upon return, wear a mask for 5 additional days

If you are exposed to COVID-19

- **Wear a mask for 10 days**
 - If you develop a fever or other symptoms, stay home
 - Get tested on day 5, if showing symptoms



Ongoing Communication to Parents and Community

- As information becomes available or changes, NSD will use all means of communication (mass calls, social media, SchoolStatus, etc.) to notify parents and community members.
- We encourage parents to keep schools updated on current contact information so this communication is seamless.

Learning Management System

- Nettleton School District will continue to utilize Canvas as our learning management system.
- We will continue to provide professional development for our teachers and instruction to our students on how to better navigate Canvas.

The Nettleton School District is committed to offering the best education possible to our students. At the same time, we will make every effort to ensure the health and safety of every student.

**Nettleton School District
2021-2022 School Calendar**

July 30 - Aug 4	Professional Development
August 5	First Day for students
September 6	Holiday - Labor Day - All school offices closed
September 8	<i>Progress Reports</i>
October 4-8	<i>Nine weeks common assessments</i>
October 8	End of 1 st Nine Weeks
October 11	Holiday – Columbus Day – All school offices closed
October 13	<i>Grades go out for first nine weeks</i>
November 10	<i>Progress Reports</i>
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Holidays - All school offices closed
December 13-17	<i>Nine weeks common assessments</i>
December 17	60% day for students (End of 2 nd Nine Weeks)
December 20-31	Christmas Holidays - All school offices closed
January 3	Professional Development
January 4	Second Semester begins for students
January 7	<i>Grades go out for second nine weeks</i>
January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - All school offices closed
February 9	<i>Progress Reports</i>
February 21	Professional Development - No students
March 3-9	<i>Nine weeks common assessments</i>
March 9	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
March 14-18	Spring Break - All school offices closed
March 22	<i>Grades go out for third nine weeks</i>
April 15	Good Friday Holiday - All school offices closed
April 19	<i>Progress Reports</i>
May 13-19	<i>Final Exams</i>
May 19	60% day for students - Last day for students
May 20	Professional Development
May 20	Nettleton High School Graduation - 7:00 p.m. (Jack Carlisle Field)

Weather Make-up days (in the event of school closing(s) due to inclement weather):

1. February 21, 2022 (Professional Development would move to the end of the semester)
2. April 15, 2022
3. May 20, 2022
4. May 23, 2022
5. Additional days needed will be determined at the district level.