

JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

What an absolutely great start to the school year! With so many uncertainties and unknowns as we started this school year, I could not be more proud of the efforts, commitment, and patience exhibited by our students, staff, and you as parents and family members. Thank you. As we start the school year, it is our intention to continue to provide you with frequent updates on our status as a school district in regards to COVID and any changes in our Return to Learn Plan. Each Friday, we will provide a district-wide summary similar to this to all households. You will be provided with summary data on the number of current positive cases, positive exposures, as well as countywide 14-day positive rates for both Buchanan and Black Hawk County. In the event of a positive case or exposure, those who are directly impacted will be contacted immediately. In the event of developing conditions that would cause a change in our Return to Learn Plan due to higher counts or absenteeism, we would also communicate that information right away.

As of today, we currently have 10 individuals who are in quarantine. Four of these individuals have tested positive and 10 of these individuals have had positive exposures. Fortunately all but one of these have been on quarantine prior to school starting and the other is a positive exposure related to a non-school contact. Those individuals with positive cases quarantine and learn or teach remotely for 10 days. Those individuals with a positive exposure quarantine and learn or teach remotely for 14 days. All of these decisions are made in consultation with Public Health.

The county 14-day positivity rates are currently 5.3% for Buchanan County and 9.8% for Black Hawk County. This data changes frequently and can be found at <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/>. We continue to monitor this data closely and we work hand in hand with Public Health as we address any positive cases or exposures. We have been very fortunate as we started the school year. As we move forward, the continued use

of face masks and social distancing in and out of school will only help us in continuing to be able to offer on-site school and activities. We appreciate your support in helping to make this happen. If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's building principal. Stay J-Hawk Safe and J-Hawk Strong!

Thanks and take care,

Nathan

2020-21 Pre-Service Schedule

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| Monday, August 17th 7:45-3:30 | <u>New Teacher Workday</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District and Building Orientations | All teachers new to the district report to the PK-8 media center |
| Tuesday, August 18th 7:30-3:30 | <u>New Teacher Workday</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District and Building Orientations | All teachers new to the district report to building principals |
| Wednesday, August 19th 7:30-3:30 | <u>New Teacher/2nd Year Teacher/Mentor Workday</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 a.m.- Specialist Teachers meet with New Teachers 8:00 a.m.- Connector and Mentor Teacher meeting with Admin 10:00 a.m.- Connector and Specialist Teachers meeting with Admin 10:00 a.m.- Mentor and Mentee Teacher Collaborative Time | All teachers new to the district, teachers in their 2 nd year of teaching, and mentor teachers report to PK-8 Media Center |
| Thursday, August 20th 7:30-approx. 11:30 (all staff) 12:30-3:30 (Teachers Only) | <u>District Welcome Back</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees report at 7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast provided Welcome and District Update (rotated through separate meeting areas) New Faculty/Staff Introductions Mandatory Trainings (online only) Departmental/Building Meetings (Teachers only, all other staff are dismissed after their departmental meetings and mandatory trainings) | All faculty and staff report to the following: Elem/Rural- ELC Cafeteria MS- South Gym HS- Main Cafeteria Bus Drivers- Bus Maintenance Building Custodians, Food Service, Other- PK-8 Media Center |
| Friday, August 21st 7:45-3:30 | <u>Professional Development (Teachers Only)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Specific Professional Development | Teachers report to the Cafeteria to start the day |

*Note- If any staff wish to take the mandatory online trainings through the Iowa AEA Online Professional Development site prior to August 20th, those certificates will be accepted. All staff will be provided time and computer access on August 20th, however if teaching staff would like to utilize this option you will be dismissed at this time to work to prepare your classrooms at that time. This is entirely optional for all teaching staff.