



West Bolivar Consolidated School District  
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**West Bolivar Consolidated School District Plan for Continued Success for the 2021-2022 School Year.**

It is important to understand that the plan set forth by the West Bolivar Consolidated School District for 2021-2022 could change if new decisions are made or pandemic numbers were to return to levels considered a concern as established by the Mississippi Department of Education, or Health Officials. The District will use guidance from the Mississippi Department of Health, the CDC, and local health officials to determine the safest protocol for students and staff.

The goal of this plan is to continue to build on the success of the reopening plan that was developed and approved previously. While we strive to return to normal operations, many successes and safeguards implemented during the pandemic will remain in place. This plan will address how schools will operate beginning in August of 2021.

Please understand that decisions are made for the benefit of ALL students. While decisions and guidelines may not be perfect for everyone, we want to provide an engaging learning environment while creating a safe setting for robust instruction and student growth. Our goal is to safely make up the educational ground we have lost due to the effects of the pandemic. Stakeholders at all levels were consulted in developing this plan.

The West Bolivar Consolidated School District Plan will be:

- Classes on all campuses will begin as scheduled on August 5, 2021.
- Virtual classes will not be an option for students except for those with documented medical limitations, or when school administrators determine that virtual instruction is the best option for the student at the time.
- The schedule is as follows for students:
  - McEvans School (K-12) 7:50 – 3:26
  - West Bolivar Elementary School (K-6) 7:50 – 3:26
  - West Bolivar High School (7-12) 7:50 – 3:26

- Schools will continue to focus on social distancing and limit transition periods throughout the day.
- Disinfecting will continue to be focus for the 2021-2022 school year. Schools and buses will be sprayed at the end of each day. Buses used in multiple routes will be disinfected at the end of each route.
- Students will have access to hand sanitizer all day in multiple locations throughout the buildings.
- Parent/Teacher meetings may be held via video conference or telephone unless the campus administrator or the parent deems a face-to-face conference is needed.

### **Sanitation/Virus Guidelines**

#### Temperature Checks:

- Temperature checks will still be required of students, employees, and visitors.
- Employees/Students who are not feeling well should contact their administrator/teacher immediately.
- All temperatures 100 or higher will be checked a second time for confirmation.
- Employees/Students who maintain a temperature of 100 or higher will be sent home.

#### Mask/Face Coverings

- For the 2021-2022 school year, we will continue wearing masks or face coverings but will continue to seek guidance from the Mississippi Department of Health, the CDC, and local health officials as conditions change.
- The district will continue to provide masks for those who need one.
- The appropriateness of all custom masks will be determined by the building administrator.

#### Personal Hygiene

- Employees are expected to wash/sanitize their hands multiple times a day.
- The school district will provide hand sanitizer throughout the facility for students and employees to use frequently.

#### Sanitizing

- Teachers and assistant teachers will help sanitize surfaces throughout the year.
- Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Buses will be sanitized at the conclusion of each route.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building and on buses.
- Custodians will continue to sanitize and disinfect classrooms at the end of each day.

- Windows and doors will be opened slightly when possible to create an environment with as much ventilation as possible.
- Custodians will regularly sanitize the building throughout the day.

#### Classroom/Office Distancing

- Classrooms will be arranged to achieve the maximum level of distancing for students. Social distancing will also be considered in small group instruction.
- Teachers are encouraged to create as much social distancing as possible.
- Students will have hand sanitizer available to frequently clean hands.
- Each classroom will have spray bottles available for cleaning surfaces.

#### Check In/Out

- Each school will set up a procedure for students to check in and out safely.

#### Hallway Procedures

- School personnel will be on duty in the hallway during class change to monitor transition procedures and encourage social distancing.

#### Nutrition

- Employees will follow cafeteria guidelines during breakfast and lunch.
- Breakfast/Lunch protocols may differ from school to school based upon school population, cafeteria size, and cafeteria usability.

#### Water Bottles (No Glass Bottles Allowed)

- Employees/students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to use during the day.
- Elementary teachers will assist students with refilling water bottles as needed.
- Water fountains, with the exception of the bottle fillers, will still be disabled.

#### Technology

- Computer labs and classroom computers will be sanitized frequently.
- Employees should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before using community devices or machines.

#### Playgrounds

- After outside activity, hand sanitizer will be available.

#### Student/Parent Communication

- The WBCSD will continue to use various methods for parent/ student communication. (SchoolStatus, Phone Calls, District website, Social Media)
- Parent-teacher conferences will be conducted through multiple online platforms to minimize the need for in-person contact. Some face-to-face meetings may be required or requested.

#### Attendance Policy: Traditional Schedule

- Current attendance policies will be in place.
- Any student who is required to be isolated at home will be given an opportunity to participate through distance learning during the isolation period.

#### Attendance Policy: Virtual Schedule (only students who meet criteria)

- Students who are allowed to participate in virtual learning will have an established instructional schedule.
- Procedures will be in place to check virtual attendance.

#### Transportation

- When possible, windows will be open on buses to create an environment with as much ventilation as possible.
- Students will be separated on the bus where feasible. Siblings or children living in the same household will be seated together if possible.
- Buses will be sanitized at the conclusion of each route.
- Parents are encouraged to bring children to school and pick them up if possible.
- Bus notes for back to back changes of transportation will **NOT** be allowed. This is for health and safety reasons. Parents will have to commit to one bus arrangement. Principals will have the final authority on this decision.

#### General Information

- Visitors will continue to be limited on each campus. Please contact the office before arriving at the school.
- Field Trips will be allowed during 2021-2022 (if allowed by Health Guidance) with district established restrictions in place.
- Assemblies are permitted with social distancing in mind and in accordance with Health Guidelines.
- All Athletic and activity events will follow the policies of the MHSAA.
- Refusal by students, parents, or staff to comply with any of the safety procedures will result in removal from campus.

This guidance may be adjusted throughout the year. We will communicate any changes as quickly as possible.

The district will continue to focus on providing a safe environment, while placing an emphasis on providing a strenuous academic program.