

**Anna-Jonesboro Community High School  
Back to School Frequently Asked Questions**

**The back to school plan for A-JCHS District 81 has not yet been finalized. It is subject to change as the Illinois State Board of Education changes its guidelines and requirements. Changes have occurred weekly if not daily.**

1. **When does school start?** Teachers will have institute days on August 13 and 14. On Monday, August 17, we will use one of our five allotted Remote Learning Planning days, so students won't be in attendance on that day either. The first day of class for students in Group 1 (last names A-K) on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and for students in Group 2 (last names L-Z) on Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. **When is registration?** Registration is August 3-6. August 3rd from 7:00-11:30 a.m., August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m., and August 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-11:30 a.m. and 5:00-6:30 p.m.
3. **At what time do I register?** In order to reduce the number of people at the in-person registration, families have been assigned a time frame according to their child's class and last name. During registration, you will be required to wear a mask. The registration schedule is included near the end of this document.
4. **What type of instruction will take place this year?** Parents will have a choice between 1.) a blend of in-person instruction and remote learning or 2.) remote learning only.
5. **What does the blended model look like?** During this modified period, A-JCHS will divide the students into two groups alphabetically according to their last name. Each group will report to school for in-person learning on one of two schedules: 1.) either Tuesdays and Thursdays and alternating Mondays or 2.) Wednesdays and Fridays and alternating Mondays. On days that students do not attend, they will still be expected to participate in remote learning. The student schedule template is included at the end of this document.
6. **If students from the same household have different last names, and as a result are scheduled for in-person instruction on different days, will administration consider a change to their grouping?** We realize the potential for this type of situation. Families with this type of conflict should contact the office and speak to administration, and we will make every effort to seek out a workable solution. Similarly, if you have children attending one of our feeder districts (Anna #37, Jonesboro #43, or Lick Creek #16), and the schedules conflict, we will also attempt to accommodate your needs. Any request to change a student's grouping should be made during registration.
7. **What will the in-person instruction look like?** Students are encouraged to arrive at school between 7:50 and 8:00 a.m. Students who are able to arrive at school at 7:50 or after will report directly to their classroom after they have gone to their locker. Students will have all seven of their classes in-person on their days of physical attendance. Each class will be 40 minutes in duration. Classes will be from 8:08 a.m. until 1:16 p.m., and students will be dismissed in a staggered manner to avoid hallway and exit congestion.

2:00-3:12 each day will be for teachers to communicate with students who have chosen the remote learning only option.

Students eating school lunch will pick up lunch-to-go immediately after dismissal from class. Those wishing to stay and eat lunch may do so in the cafeteria. Students will only be allowed to access their lockers at the beginning and end of the day and also between 4th and 5th period.

8. **How will remote learning work on days that my student is not at school for in-person instruction?** The Illinois State Board of Education requires 5 hours of daily instruction. Attendance will be taken daily. Students must check in by 9:00 a.m. every school day. Instructions on doing so will be given at a later time. All classroom teachers will use Google Classroom as the central hub for classroom instruction, and many will make use of additional technology platforms, such as ScreenCastify or Formative. Teachers will be checking email daily, and students are encouraged to contact them via this method if possible. Teachers will provide direction regarding remote learning on in-person attendance days.
9. **How will remote learning work for students who select the complete remote learning only option?** You will notice many changes from the remote learning that took place at the end of last school year, as we have worked to make it more rigorous and educational for students. Traditional grades will be taken on all activities whether completed through blended learning or remote learning. Much of the information from the answer to the previous question applies here as well. The difference is that there won't be any days of in-person instruction, so communication through emails and other methods will become even more important. The time period at the end of each day (2:00—3:12), as well as teachers' daily planning and conference period (time depends on teacher's schedule) will be used for this communication. More detailed guidance will be provided for families that select the remote learning only option.
10. **If a family selects complete remote learning but decides later that they wish to be educated through the in-person blended model, is that a possibility?** We realize that there may be some families that, due to COVID-19 related reasons, may feel that participating in full remote learning would be in their best interest. Any family that chooses the remote learning option will do so for the entire quarter (or approximately nine week period), unless they receive administration's approval to return to in-person learning before that time. They will need to have an internet capable device for their student to use and must confirm that an appropriate internet connection is available.
11. **Will buses still be available for students?** Buses will run as normal in the morning. The afternoon routes will be adjusted to accommodate the 1:16 dismissal. There will be a maximum of 50 students per bus. Students will be required to wear face masks on the bus. Students will be assigned seats and family members will sit by one another.
12. **Will students be required to wear masks?** In accordance with ISBE guidelines, all students and teachers will be required to wear masks while at school, unless medically contraindicated. If a child refuses to wear a mask, he/she will need to utilize the complete remote learning option.

13. **Will a wellness check be done?** All parents will need to certify that they will not send their child to school with symptoms of COVID-19. All students will have their temperature checked before entering school. If a temperature above 100.4 is measured, the student will report directly to the Health Center for evaluation.
14. **Will students be 6 feet apart at all times?** We will attempt to socially distance our students as much as possible. We will remove all unnecessary furniture from a classroom and have students desks placed as far apart from one another as possible.
15. **For the in-person/remote blended plan, when will remote learning take place?**  
On days when students are not at the school for in-person learning, they will need to sign in using TeacherEase by 9 a.m and then complete five clock hours of learning on those days.
16. **Will devices be available for families that don't have devices at home?** A-JCHS has purchased devices that can be distributed to families that need them. We prefer that you use your own device, but if one is needed for your family, they will be available to check out. If you need a device, please request one at registration.
17. **What if we don't have internet access due to financial difficulties, or due to lack of service availability?** If you do not have internet due to service availability (live in the country where the only internet available is wireless and it is not reliable), it will be possible to check out a mobile hotspot. If you need a mobile hotspot, please request one at registration. Public wi-fi hotspots are also available throughout the community.
18. **What if my child has an IEP?** All IEP accommodations will be met.
19. **If my family's choice is the complete remote learning option, will books, devices, and other items be made available to my family?** Yes, everything to support the educational endeavors of the student will be provided. It should be noted that some courses, particularly those that are performance-based, are inherently challenging to take via remote learning only. Students who select the remote learning only option may need to have their schedules altered for this reason.
20. **Where should a student go if he or she arrives at school prior to 7:50?** Students should make every effort to not arrive prior to 7:50 a.m. in the morning. Any student who arrives before that time should either proceed to the cafeteria if eating breakfast or the gymnasium, where social distancing measures will be employed. Students who arrive after 7:50 a.m. will report immediately to their first class period unless eating breakfast. Students will be allowed to access their lockers upon entering the building before proceeding to the designated areas. Teachers will be expected to be in their classrooms by 7:50 a.m. for supervision purposes.

## A-JCHS Registration

Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>

	Morning	Afternoon/Evening
Monday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Seniors A-M	7:00—8:30	
Seniors N-Z	8:30—10:00	
Any Seniors	10:00—11:30	
Tuesday August 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Juniors A-M	7:00—8:30	
Juniors N-Z	8:30—10:00	
Any Juniors	10:00—11:30	
Freshmen A-B		2:30—4:00
Freshmen C-G		4:00—5:30
Any Freshmen A-G		5:30—6:30
Wednesday August 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Sophomores A-M	7:00—8:30	
Sophomores N-Z	8:30—10:00	
Any Sophomores	10:00—11:30	
Freshmen H-K		2:30—4:00
Freshmen L-O		4:00—5:30
Any Freshmen H-O		5:30—6:30
Thursday August 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Freshmen P-S	7:00—8:30	
Freshmen T-Z	8:30—10:00	
Any Freshmen	10:00—11:30	
Any student who missed other registration times		5:00—6:30

**\*\*\*\*Face coverings will be required, and social distancing guidelines will be followed during registration. Please fill out paper work and bring with you to reduce the time needed for registration. If you have multiple students, you are encouraged to register them all on the same day.**

## **BLENDDED REMOTE SCHEDULE**

During this modified period, AJCHS will divide the students into 2 groups that will alternate days of attendance in order to reduce the number of students in the building. On days that students do not attend, they will still be expected to participate in remote learning.

### **Group 1 (Last names A – K)**

	<b>Tues/Thur Alternating Mondays</b>
8:08 – 8:48	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
8:51 – 9:31	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
9:34 – 10:14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
10:17 – 10:57	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
11:03 – 11:50	5 <sup>th</sup> Period (includes time for restroom break)
11:53 – 12:33	6 <sup>th</sup> Period
12:36 – 1:16	7 <sup>th</sup> Period
Staggered Dismissal Times	
1:16	Students who ride the bus and who are eating lunch
	Seniors
1:19	Juniors
1:22	Sophomores
1:25	Freshmen

### **Group 2 (Last names L – Z)**

	<b>Wed/Fri Alternating Mondays</b>
	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
	5 <sup>th</sup> Period (restroom break)
	6 <sup>th</sup> Period
	7 <sup>th</sup> Period
Staggered Dismissal Times	
	Students who ride the bus and who are eating lunch
	Seniors
	Juniors
	Sophomores
	Freshmen

Students eating school lunch will pick up lunch-to-go immediately after dismissal from class. Those wishing to stay and eat lunch may do so in the cafeteria. Students will only be allowed to access their lockers at the beginning and end of the day and also between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> period.

2:00 – 3:12 Remote Learning (Teachers will use this time to plan and contact students that have chosen the remote learning only option.)

Groups 1 and 2 will alternate in-person learning and remote learning on Mondays.

An alternate schedule will also be created to accommodate SEL curriculum and other activities that will be used on an as needed basis.

Should Illinois ever enter into Phase 5, we will return to our traditional schedule.

Should Illinois revert back to Phase 3 or 2, an alternate blended remote schedule may be implemented or there could be a full return to remote learning.