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Lafayette Parish School System Releases Updated Back-to-School Reopening Plan Details

The Lafayette Parish School System is releasing updated details regarding the Learn Lafayette reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year, following the initial release on July 16, 2020. This updated plan, released on August 17, 2020, can be found [here](#). We strongly encourage parents/guardians and caregivers to carefully review this newly updated plan, as significant changes have been made especially related to students in grades PreK-5 who will begin in the blended learning model and quickly transition to attending school in person five days a week. Changes have also been made to the school calendar and magnet academy transportation.

The updated district document details the phase-dependent strategic plan for providing a high-quality education to our 32,000+ students, while prioritizing staff and student safety. School-based plans will work under the umbrella of this district guidance. All plans will be fluid, adaptable, and routinely adjusted as needed, dependent upon the status of COVID-19 in our community and direction received from the Louisiana Department of Education, Louisiana Department of Health, and the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. We strongly recommend that families have contingency plans in place in the event that adjustments are necessary.

We recognize that there is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding this school year and that we are all having to make adjustments to our normal routines, including the ways in which we educate our students; however, we are confident that this year can still be one full of wonder, learning, and achievement for our students.

As we move forward, we thank parents/guardians and caregivers for their patience as we continue determining the best plans for ensuring that staff and students can return to a safe and engaging learning environment. If you have additional questions that are not directly addressed in the new school year plan, please visit <https://forms.gle/UVasDhjb3U3wXpE26> to submit your questions, and we will work diligently to address them in an FAQ document that will soon be posted to a newly created LPSS

Learn Lafayette website that will launch today. This website will serve as a district resource for all of the new information regarding a safe return to school.

Please also make sure that parent information is updated in the online LPSS Parent Portal at <https://jpams.lpssonline.com/progress>. LPSS will continue to communicate in the coming weeks regarding any new information as we work to implement our Learn Lafayette plan.

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