

# THE CREEK

INDIAN CREEK SCHOOLS

SAFE RE-OPENING TO  
2021-2022 CALENDAR YEAR  
UPDATED 01/11/2022

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Important new information regarding positive covid-19 results and quarantine requirements are located on slides 19 – 22. Please review these new protocols and contact Jill Lawalin with any questions.





# COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION:

To actively partner with students, staff, families, and community to ensure all students acquire and apply knowledge, attitudes, skills, and habits to be responsible citizens in American society, life-long learners, and successful participants in a global and technological society.



## 2021-2022 Nineveh - Hensley - Jackson United School Corporation District Calendar

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Nineveh - Hensley - Jackson  
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<b>July</b>	4	Independence Day
<b>August</b>	2 & 3	Teacher Work Days
	4	Central Nine Classes Begin
	11	First Student Day
	11	Early Release Wednesday Begins
<b>September</b>	1	Midterm (21 days)
	6	Labor Day (No School)
<b>October</b>	1	End First Nine Weeks (42 Days)
	11 - 15	Fall Break
<b>November</b>	10	Midterm (23 Days)
	24 - 26	Thanksgiving Break
<b>December</b>	13 - 17	Final Exams Window
	17	End Second Nine Weeks (47 Days)
	20 - Jan. 3	Christmas Break
<b>January</b>	3	Teacher Work Day
	4	First Student Day/Second Semester
	17	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
<b>February</b>	5	Midterm (23 Days)
	21	Presidents Day Holiday
<b>March</b>	11	End Third Nine Weeks (47 Days)
	21 - April 1	Spring Break
<b>April</b>	26	Midterm (22 days)
<b>May</b>	23 - 26	Final Exams Window
	26	End Fourth Nine Weeks (44 Days)
	27	Teacher Work Day
	30	Memorial Day
<b>June</b>	6	Summer School Begins




Approved by the Board of Trustees 10/6/2020

Day Counts (Students)	
First Nine Weeks	42
Second Nine Weeks	47
Third Nine Weeks	47
Fourth Nine Weeks	44
Total Instructional Days	180

Notes:

P/T Conf. & Report Card Information	
ICES	10/6 & 10/7
ICIS	10/6 & 10/7
ICMS	10/6 & 10/7
IGHS	10/6 & 10/7
Report Cards	Dates Available
	10/8, 1/7, 3/18, 6/3

 School Closed	 Midterm Grading Period
 Early Release	 Report Cards

 Teacher Work Day
 First & Last Day of School
 End of Grading Period

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## 2021-2022 School Calendar

APPROVED 11/12/20

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Student Day			
JUL	0	JAN	19
AUG	20	FEB	19
SEP	21	MAR	14
OCT	16	APR	20
NOV	19	MAY	19
DEC	13	JUN	0
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### CENTRAL NINE CAREER CENTER

<b>AUGUST</b>	
Aug 2-3	Teacher In-Service
Aug 4	First Day for Students
Aug 17	Meet the Teacher Night
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Sep 6	Labor Day
Sep 23	Advisory Board Banquet
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Oct 4-8	Required E-Learning for students not attending when in session
Oct 8	End of First Quarter
Oct 11-15	Fall Break
Oct 18	Classes Resume
Oct 21	College Day
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Dec 2	Open House Prospective Students #1
Dec 17	End of 2nd Quarter/Semester
	Last Day for Teachers/Students
Dec 20	Winter Break Begins - No School
<b>JANUARY</b>	
Jan 3	Teacher In-Service
Jan 4	Classes Resume
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Day - No School
Jan 27	Open House Prospective Students #2
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Feb 21	Presidents Day - No School
Feb 24	Career Day
<b>MARCH</b>	
Mar 4	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 14-18	Required E-Learning for students not attending when in session
Mar 21	Spring Break Begins - No School
<b>APRIL</b>	
Apr 4	Classes Resume
<b>MAY</b>	
May 5	Awards Day
May 26	End of 4th Quarter/Last Day for Students
May 27	1/2 Teacher Records Day

 No School

 Important Dates

 E-Learning for Students  
Not in Session (Required)

 Teacher In-Service Dates

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# UPDATED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Schools will start on time and keep their presently approved school calendars for 2021 – 2022.
- Masks and facial coverings will be optional for students and staff in buildings.
- The Johnson County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Health state that we must comply with the CDC/USDOT mandate for masks to be worn on school buses. Students and bus drivers will be reminded of this expectation and will be provided masks if they do not have one. No student will be denied transportation due to not having a mask.
- Report positive COVID-19 results. Please **DO NOT** send sick students to school. If someone in your family has tested positive, please keep your student(s) home and contact Jill Lawalin at 317-878-2108.
- Per the Indiana Department of Health requirement, close contact tracing protocols will continue to be conducted along with specific quarantine protocols, as explained further in this document.
- Positive student and/or staff cases will require a **quarantine as directed by Director of Health and Wellness, Jill Lawalin. Please see slides 19-22 for further explanation.**
- Each school building will have the option for remote learning, however, specific criteria must be met to qualify. Please see the criteria listed on our website or reach out to the building-specific principal.
- Classrooms will be in a normal configuration with a variety of different instructional strategies encouraged. Social distancing of classroom desks will be at least 3 feet apart.
- Custodial staff will continue with increased cleaning protocols.



# AREAS OF EMPHASIS

## ALL PLAN COMPONENTS WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT



**Transportation Model**  
How to safely transport students



**Traditional Learning Model**  
In-person student instruction



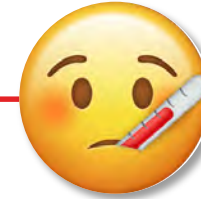
**Remote Learning Model**  
Combination remote/  
e-Learning instruction



**ECA/ Co-Curricular**  
Clubs, band, choir/  
athletic teams



**School Day Operations**  
Daily student/staff  
procedures



**School Health Model**  
Student illness policy



**Food Services Model**  
Procedures for students  
breakfast/lunch



# TRANSPORTATION

# TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- The Johnson County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Health state that we must comply with the CDC/USDOT mandate for masks to be worn on school buses. Students and bus drivers will be reminded of this expectation and will be provided masks if they do not have one. No student will be denied transportation due to not having a mask.
- Students will be assigned seats for each route. Seating charts will be kept in order to provide a record in the event that contact tracing is required by the health department.
- Parents who are uncomfortable with busing procedures are encouraged to drive/pick up their students.
- Extra cleaning of buses will occur before and after every route.
- Students should keep their hands to themselves while on the school bus.
- If bus capacity size needs reduced, the transportation department will contact out-of-district families and request that they provide their own transportation.



# TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- Consistency in daily riding of the same bus is required for safety reasons, for not overcrowding buses, and to ensure the possible need for contact tracing. For example, students need to consistently ride the same bus for their morning and afternoon routes.
- There will be no switching/moving to other buses. There will be no guest/friend riders allowed to ride buses home.
- If after school care is needed, please contact our contracted provider--*Country Kids' Daycare and After School Program*. Click on the following link for assistance: [country kids](#)



# STUDENT INSTRUCTION (IN-PERSON AND REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES)

# STUDENT INSTRUCTION PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- Traditional in-person instruction will continue for K – 12 students five days per week.
- All students (K - 12) will possess and take home their own school-issued device on a daily basis.
- Social distancing in the classroom will be conducted with classroom desks at least 3 feet apart. Large areas for instruction may be used on an as needed basis.
- There will be assigned seating in all classrooms across all school buildings.
- The district will CONTINUE a strong communication plan with families to discuss the delivery method of instruction for students with disabilities and ensure that their needs are adequately met.
- Parents of students with pre-existing health conditions or other serious health considerations should contact their building level administrator to discuss remote learning opportunities. There are significant changes to this year's remote learning options. Qualifications for remote learning are to be discussed with the respective building principal.
- If a student continues with remote learning then he/she will not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities.



# SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURES & OPERATIONS

# SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, masks are OPTIONAL for all students and staff.
- No daytime visitors are allowed in the buildings.
- Lunch time visitors will not be allowed due to social distancing in the cafeterias.
- Water fountains will remain converted to water dispensing stations. Students will be allowed/encouraged to bring their own water bottle for use.
- Library materials will operate IN A NORMAL MANNER.
- All students will take their school issued devices home daily.
- Lunchroom schedules
  - \*expansion of dining areas for socially distancing (of at least 3 feet apart) students during this time.
- We will CONTINUE TO ALLOW more frequent opportunities to wash and/or sanitize hands throughout the day.





# EXTRA-CURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

# ECA AND CO-CURRICULAR PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- NHJ will allow all extra-curricular activities and co-curricular activities to proceed under normal conditions.
- Masks will be required on buses to and from ECA events.



# SCHOOL HEALTH & WELLNESS CARE

# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN:

- Students and staff ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY HOME if they have a fever of 100 °F or higher.
- Parents shall monitor on a daily basis children and signs of possible infection. Staff will monitor themselves for possible infection as well. These include the following symptoms:
  - \*fever or chills
  - \*cough
  - \*shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - \*fatigue
  - \*muscle or body aches
  - \*headache
  - \*new loss of taste or smell
  - \*sore throat
  - \*congestion or runny nose
  - \*nausea or vomiting
  - \*diarrhea
- Report positive COVID-19 results to Jill Lawalin, Director of Health and Wellness. Please **DO NOT** send sick students to school. If someone in your family has tested positive for Covid-19, please keep your student(s) home until you have communicated with Jill Lawalin.

# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN:

## Parent Daily Screening Tool

### COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:

<input type="checkbox"/>	 FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or school board policy if threshold is lower</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 SORE THROAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	 COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	 HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

\*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
  - 2 Was your child in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
  - 3 If the answer is YES to any of the questions, DO NOT send your student to school. Instead, get your child tested for COVID-19 and isolate them until their test result is received.
  - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria to return to school.
- ➔ If your child has trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face. **CALL 911!**



- Screening to occur daily prior to sending student on bus or dropping off at parent drop off
- When in doubt, do not send to school and seek testing or medical opinion





# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN:

- The Indiana State Department of Health requires the continuation of quarantining for positive Covid-19 cases and close contacts. **These recommendations were recently updated and Indian Creek Schools will adhere to the following guidelines as set for schools without a mask requirement by the Indiana State Department of Health. If a student tests positive:**

## K-12 **Isolation** Guidance: No Mask Requirement

### **If student tests positive:**

- Stay home for 5 days
- Return to school on Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and must mask for Days 6-10 in classroom
  - Fever-free for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms improving
- Can resume extracurricular activities on Day 6 only if able to wear a mask properly at all times for Days 6-10, above conditions are met and cleared by physician (<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-interim-guidance-return-to-sports/>)

# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- If a student is exposed to Covid-19 and is fully vaccinated:

## **K-12 Quarantine Guidance: No Mask Requirement**

If student is **exposed** to someone with COVID-19 in or outside the classroom, including home contacts:

- If **fully vaccinated** (have received all doses of vaccines, including booster, if eligible)
  - May remain in school as long as continue to be asymptomatic
  - Wear a mask at all times in classroom for at least 10 days (quarantine ends 10 days after the last day of exposure to the positive case), test on Day 5 if possible
  - May continue extracurricular activities; mask at all times while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity
  - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- If a student is exposed to Covid-19 and is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated:

## K-12 Quarantine Guidance: No Mask Requirement

If student is **exposed** to someone with COVID-19 in or outside the classroom, including home contacts, continued:

- If **unvaccinated or partially vaccinated**:
  - Stay home for 5 days after the last day of exposure to the positive case; test on Day 5 if possible
  - Return to class on Day 6 if asymptomatic, wear a mask at all times in classroom for at least 5 days (quarantine ends 10 days after the last day of exposure to the positive case)
  - No extracurricular activities for 5 days of home quarantine. May resume Day 6 only if able to wear a mask at all times (including while actively performing or playing during your sporting activity) for Days 6-10.
  - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN:

## ENHANCED PRECAUTIONS WHEN RETURNING PRIOR TO FULL 10-DAY QUARANTINE

- Masked at all times on bus and during school day, no exceptions.
- Maintain distance of at least 3 feet from others at all times during the educational school day. The only time lesser distance of close contact is 3 feet is during the educational portion of the day when everyone is in the classroom and wearing a mask.
- Lunch to be eaten separately from others as mask will be off when eating. Remain 6 feet from others, no exceptions.
- Hand hygiene should be a priority.
- Symptom monitoring daily by parents, as needed by school staff, during the school day.
- If ANY signs or symptoms are identified while at home, student/teacher/staff should NOT come to school and should seek a confirmatory PCR test.
- If symptoms develop during the school day, individual should be sent home as soon as possible to get a confirmatory PCR test.

**IF PARENTS AND STUDENTS DO NOT WISH TO COMPLY WITH THE PROTOCOLS FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL ON DAY 6, THEY MAY ELECT TO KEEP THEIR STUDENT HOME FOR A FULL 10-DAY QUARANTINE.**

# SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE PLAN:

- Communication of positive Covid-19 cases will be done by individual buildings. No longer will automated phone/email notifications be sent to all NHJ families.
- Immunization requirements have not changed. All immunizations will be based on the required state guidelines. Immunization requirements may be viewed at the following link: [immunization 2021 -2022](#)
- An isolation area will be established for students exhibiting symptoms in order to provide a safe area for individuals to be quarantined while awaiting parent pick up.
- Medical inquiries: federal law typically limits the type of medical inquiries that can be made, but given the nature of the pandemic more leeway has been given to schools in this circumstance to make additional medical inquiries of staff and students than would otherwise be allowed.
  - \* If the parent tells the school that the student is ill, the school may ask the parent whether the student is exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19.
  - \* If an employee calls in sick or appears ill, the school can inquire as to whether the employee is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms.
  - \* If a person is obviously ill, the school may make additional inquiries and may exclude the person from school property.





# FOOD SERVICES

# FOOD SERVICE MODEL PLAN COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- Staff wearing of masks will be optional.
- Gloves will continue to be worn during food preparation and serving.
- Meals will be served to students, or students may pick up pre-packaged meals themselves.
- There should be no sharing of food between students.
- Sneeze guards/protective barriers will remain at cashier stands and serving areas as necessary and appropriate.
- Families are encouraged to use their online payment portal through *Infinite Campus* to deposit money. The use of cash and checks is strongly discouraged. Cash transactions that are brought to school should be placed in the cafeteria drop boxes located in each school's main office.



“Student learning and safety have always been our top priority at Indian Creek. We will strive to conduct the 2021-22 school year in as normal of a manner as possible and as permitted, because our students deserve this opportunity. We will continue to work closely with local, state and federal health officials.”

- Dr. Tim Edsell  
Superintendent



# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Masks and facial coverings will be optional for students and staff in buildings.
- Students and staff must comply with the CDC/USDOT mandate for masks to be worn on school buses. Students and bus drivers will be reminded of this expectation and will be provided masks if they do not have one. No student will be denied transportation due to not having a mask.
- Per the Indiana Department of Health requirement, close contact tracing protocols will continue to be conducted along with specific quarantine protocols. Positive student and/or staff cases will require a 10-day quarantine.
- Consistency in daily riding of the same bus is required for safety reasons, for not overcrowding buses, and to ensure the possible need for contact tracing. For example, students need to consistently ride the same bus for their morning and afternoon routes. There will be no switching/moving to other buses. There will be no guest/friend riders allowed to ride buses home.
- Communication of positive Covid-19 cases will be done by individual buildings. No longer will automated phone/email notifications be sent to all NHJ families.
- Changes may become necessary based on increased or decreased spread of Covid-19 in our community and will be based on new requirements/mandates from the Johnson County Health Department and/or Indiana Department of Health and will be communicated in a timely manner.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

[www.indiancreekschools.com/back-to-school](http://www.indiancreekschools.com/back-to-school)

Indian Creek Elementary School questions: [elong@nhj.k12.in.us](mailto:elong@nhj.k12.in.us)

Indian Creek Intermediate School questions: [kdavis@nhj.k12.in.us](mailto:kdavis@nhj.k12.in.us)

Indian Creek Middle School questions:

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Indian Creek High School questions:

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