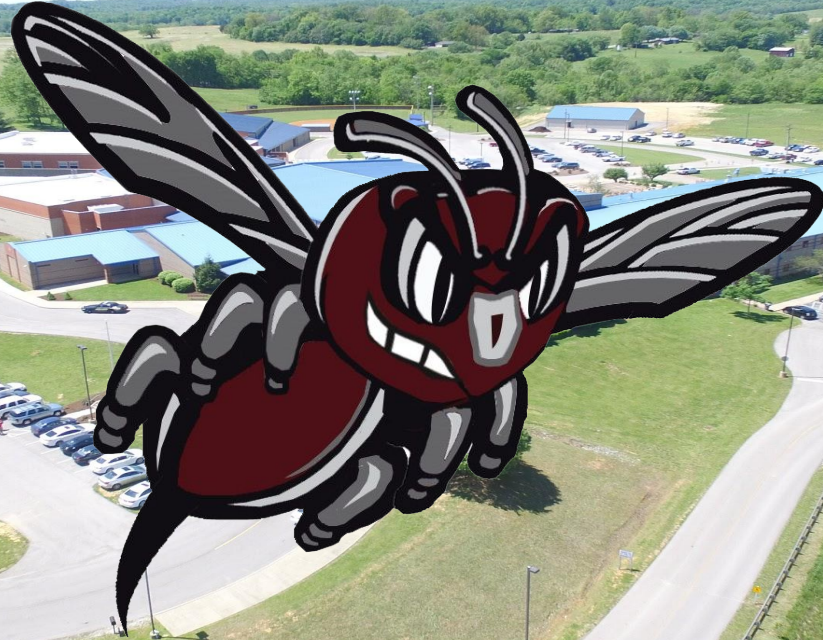


# **METCALFE COUNTY SCHOOLS**



**2021-2022 Safe Return plan**

# Welcome Back Hornets!

The teachers and staff of Metcalfe County Schools are excited for a refreshed, refocused, and rejuvenated start to the new school year. We look forward to seeing all of our students on Monday, August 30!

First, we want to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make 2020-2021 a successful school year. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we will be asking for it again in 2021-2022, as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our plan is to reopen schools with in-person classes, 5-days a week, while offering the MCS Virtual Learning Program as an option. Keep in mind, our plans could change at any time with new recommendations by the CDC, Kentucky Department of Education, or Governor Beshear's office. The health and safety of our students and staff is and will remain our top priority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call your child's school or the district office. Thank you for always supporting Metcalfe County Schools.

# TWO OPTIONS

**\*CLASSES START AUGUST 30, 2021\***

Metcalfe County Schools will offer two learning options for K-12 students:

## OPTION 1: IN-PERSON

\*Students will attend school in regular classroom settings Monday-Friday.

\*Due to state law, students will be required to wear masks in schools and on buses.

## OPTION 2: AT-HOME

\*Students interested in the *MCS Virtual Learning Program* should contact their school principal.

\*A virtual teacher will be assigned to all at-home students to facilitate and monitor progress.

- ★ Student learning and content mastery are expected of **ALL** students.
- ★ Both models will involve the use of Canvas (our online Learning Management System.)
- ★ Extracurricular activities are available to students under both models.
- ★ Food service will be provided to all students.
- ★ Students/parents should be prepared to transition to all “At Home” learning at any given time.



# MASKS

- ❖ Due to an [Executive Order](#) issued by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and an [Emergency Regulation](#) adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education, all students, staff, and visitors are expected to wear masks inside all school buildings and transportation vehicles including school buses.
- ❖ Masks are not required outside, but students should try to maintain a social distance of at least 3-feet.
- ❖ Masks will be provided to students who do not bring their own.
- ❖ Students who refuse to wear a mask at the appropriate times will have the choice to spend the day distanced from other students or to participate in the “At-Home” learning model.
- ❖ Masks must be appropriate and adhere to dress code.
- ❖ Cloth masks should:
  - Fit snugly but comfortable against the side of the face.
  - Be secured with ties or ear loops.
  - Allow for breathing without restriction.
  - Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
  - Cover both nose and mouth.



# GENERAL GUIDELINES

- When students enter the school and/or classroom, they will wash or sanitize their hands.
- Frequent handwashing and sanitation breaks will be incorporated into classroom routines and activities.
- Time between activities will be allowed for proper cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces.
- Students will sit at desks/tables at least 3-feet apart when possible.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed at reception desks and other similar areas.
- There will be limited nonessential visitors and activities involving external groups/organizations. All approved visitors will be required to wear a mask.
- Parents will not be allowed to escort students to class.
- Students and staff who feel sick or show signs of infectious illness will be encouraged to stay home and may be referred to a health care provider for more testing care.



# COCURRICULAR and EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Co-curricular and extracurricular activities will continue in some form and will follow social distancing and safety guidelines.
- Co-curricular and extracurricular activities are available to **ALL** students who meet eligibility requirements.
- The [Kentucky High School Athletic Association](#) (KHSAA) will provide guidance concerning athletic programs. The district will follow the guidelines recommended by KHSAA.



# NOTIFICATION and CONTACT TRACING

- ❑ The local health department will be notified of confirmed COVID-19 cases among students and staff.
- ❑ If a person with COVID-19 was in a school setting while infectious, the school administration will coordinate with local health officials to notify staff and families immediately while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with FERPA and other state and federal laws.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Metcalfe County Elementary School:</b>	<b>(270) 432-2051</b>
<b>Metcalfe County Middle School:</b>	<b>(270) 432-3359</b>
<b>Metcalfe County High School:</b>	<b>(270) 432-2481</b>
<b>Metcalfe County Board of Education:</b>	<b>(270) 432-3171</b>



# SCHOOL CALENDAR

Opening Day: Thursday, August 26

Teacher Work Day: Friday, August 27

★ First Day for Students: Monday, August 30

Labor Day: Monday, September 6 (no school)

Fall Break: October 4 - 8

Thanksgiving Break: November 24 - 26

Christmas Break: Students Last Day - December 17

Students Return - January 3

MLK, Jr. Day: Monday, January 17 (no school)

Presidents Day: February 21 (no school, possible makeup day)

Spring Break: April 4 - 8

★ Last Day for Students: May 25

Closing Day: May 26



# MOVING FORWARD

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue on this journey together. Remember, these plans are fluid and will be adjusted as necessary. This is a temporary solution for an unprecedented problem.

District administrators, teachers, and staff of Metcalfe County Schools will assess our plans during Fall Break (Oct. 4-8) to ensure we are meeting the educational and safety needs of our students. Leadership teams will routinely reevaluate our plan and make changes as needed.

We value your input, comments, and suggestions. Please call your child's school or email your child's principal with any questions or concerns.

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# HELPFUL LINKS and RESOURCES



The official Team Kentucky source for information concerning COVID-19

[Guidance for K-12 School Operations for In-Person Learning](#)

COVID-19 Updates and Information for P-12 Education

