

Hello JC Schools Families,

We greatly appreciate those of you who took the time to share virtual learning and summer school feedback with us. The feedback has been shared with all of our individual schools so that buildings can make necessary adaptations to ensure we are meeting your needs and providing a quality educational experience.

Without knowing definitively what the next few weeks may hold as it relates to COVID-19, or when social distancing guidelines will loosen enough to allow us to hold school in the traditional format, JC Schools has decided not to hold summer school in buildings in June as originally planned. Our current model for providing virtual instruction is not a viable option for summer school, and we are not confident that summer school can be conducted in person while maintaining the strict social distancing that would be required.

As an alternative to in-seat summer school, JC Schools will be partnering with [Launch](#), a virtual school program, for our 2020 summer school. Launch was established eight years ago and has a rigorous curriculum that is aligned to the Missouri Learning Standards. The platform is currently used by 270 districts across the State of Missouri and is staffed by certified educators who live and work in partner districts. Our district has an obligation to protect the health and safety of our staff and our students, and we feel this plan is the best way for us to do that, while also providing a solution for learning to continue.

**TECHNOLOGY DEVICES:** Because Launch is a virtual platform, we will not be collecting JC schools devices from our students at this time. We hope you will use the devices to access summer school and continue working on other skills over the summer.

**MEALS:** JC Schools will continue our Mission Nutrition program throughout the month of June, including Grab 'N Go meals at eight schools and meal delivery to bus stops across the district.

**SUMMER CAMPS:** The registration information that has been shared is the current plan. We are awaiting further guidelines from health experts relating to summer camps and will keep all registrants updated on any changes should they occur.

**ENROLLMENT:** We are in the process of finalizing our course catalog for our virtual summer school, which will be available for all JC Schools students in grades 1-12 (students enroll in summer school based on the grade they will enter in for fall of 2020). If your student was previously enrolled for summer school with JC Schools they will still need to be enrolled separately in the Launch program. We recognize there will be many questions about the virtual summer school program, and we will be in touch with much more information before the end of this week, including how to enroll your student in Launch.

These circumstances can be challenging for both students and parents, and we want to continue to encourage you to make mental health and self-care a priority. We have provided a list of resources at the bottom of this message that we hope will be helpful to you.

Thank you,  
*Jefferson City School District*  
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COVID-19 Resources:

[What to Do When Kids Are Anxious About COVID-19](#)  
[Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

[Simple Activities for Children and Adolescents](#)

[Parent/Caregiver Guide to Coping with COVID-19](#)

[Find More Resources from the MO Department of Mental Health Here](#)

[JC Schools COVID-19 Website](#)