



# The Jones-Gordon School

---

Re-Opening Plan  
2020-2021



# Health/Wellness + Modified Plan = Re-Opening

Following the lead of our community, with guidance from our taskforce physicians and professionals, we have created a plan that reflects our innovative school with keen attention to health/wellness in a time of unprecedented uncertainty.

JGS reminds everyone that this is *the* year for flexibility, knowing that our children are unique and resilient and that they can adapt if given the necessary tools and support. We all learned last year that we *can* do hard things!

# Considerations for our Decision

- CDC & Arizona Health Department recommendations for schools
- American Association of Pediatricians & National Association of School Psychologists recommendations for schools
- Analysis of multiple surveys sent to JGS families (& being responsive!)
- Current (as of July 16th, 2020) numbers of COVID cases in Arizona
- Prioritizing the health & wellness of our entire community (students, families and staff)
- Our faculty's hopes & dreams for on-campus instruction
- Size of our campus & classrooms in comparison to class numbers
- Taskforce recommendations
- Conversations with *most* of the Arizona private schools
- Our unique ability to do things differently than other schools → Innovation!



# August Reopening

## August 17th: Back-to-School Day

- Pick-up materials & schedules (we will send your invitation/time slot)
- Meet teachers & classes

**August 18th - September 4th:** HYBRID Schedule (Blue/Gray Rotation), all grades, *with option to participate virtually only*

**September 8th, 2020:** On-campus resumes, regular schedule

- Unless other recommendations are made by the CDC, Health Department and/or Governor Ducey

# Hybrid Schedule @ JGS

Blue/Gray Schedule *Example*:

Monday (Blue Day):

- Blue Group: On-Campus
- Gray Group: Live-Stream from home

Tuesday (Gray Day):

- Gray Group: On-Campus
- Blue Group: Live-Stream from home

Your child will receive his/her hybrid schedule at Back-to-School Day (and we will email a copy to you!)

**Lower School** classes are completely self-contained for *at least* 1st Quarter!

# Why Hybrid?

- With Arizona's coronavirus numbers being where they are today, the physicians on our task force have recommended an alternative start to the school year.
- Our Hybrid model puts fewer than 8 children (most classes <6) in a classroom each day & the groupings allow for social and academic opportunities for our students (we created the groups to achieve *both*).
- The even smaller class sizes allow for even greater distancing measures.
- *We will only have 75-80 students on the campus at one time (in clearly delineated zones). In perspective, this campus was built for (& held for a long time) 340 students!*



# Hybrid Class Maximum Ratios by Division

Foundations: 5 students/per teacher

Lower School: 8 students/teacher

Middle School: 8 students/teacher

High School: 8 students/teacher

# The Hybrid Model -- it's the best way to start for our students...

*When looking at the makeup of our amazing student body, we have to remember that the majority of our students have a learning difference, attention disorder, executive dysfunction, or anxiety (or a combination of some or all!).*

- With the hybrid schedule, teachers can work with even *smaller* groups of students so that they quickly become experts in our new platforms.
- Remember we talked about flexibility? Our students must be prepared, no matter what is thrown their way, to join their classrooms, peers & complete assignments. *The hybrid schedule allows us to best prepare our students for any schedule changes that may happen during the year.*





If both parents work full-time, or you are a single parent, a medical professional, or otherwise cannot tolerate the 3-week hybrid schedule, please contact [Monica.Yaeger@jonesgordon.org](mailto:Monica.Yaeger@jonesgordon.org) for assistance.

# Campus Changes

1. Individual desks replace tables
2. Chairs replace couches
3. Every surface is easily cleaned
4. A/C System updated to include CDC-recommended filtration & ionization systems
5. New foundations classroom (3 rooms in total)
6. New high school classroom (now 7 rooms in total)
7. Handwashing stations in every classroom
8. Sanitizer dispensers around campus
9. Clear barriers in place for 1:1 or 1:2 instructional time
10. Clear barriers available for individual desks

# On-Campus Expectations

- *#MaskUpJGS - we are all wearing them! Yes, we will have mask breaks!*
- *Keep Our Community Safe & Healthy: Keep your child @ home & join virtually (they will be prepared to do so!) if anyone in your immediate family is ill and/or you have been in contact with someone who is ill.*
- *Read the [Coronavirus Response & Prevention Plan](#) & any addendums that are sent your way over the next few weeks, months, and year.*

# The Virtual Experience (Rotational or Full-Time)



## What to Expect for Rotational Virtual Days (As part of Blue/Gray Schedule)

- Students are expected to login to Morning Meeting and subsequent classes throughout the day at the regularly scheduled class times.
- Teachers will engage students in group activities first (with both in-person and virtual), then they may direct virtual students to complete activities independently.
- Teachers will direct students when to hop back on to the current class or remind them what time to join their next class.
- Utilizing Blackbaud, students will have access to activities and assignments, as well as links to Google Meets.
- \*Foundations students will work throughout their virtual days with Ms. Ashley and other assigned teachers.
- For LS/MS Specials, students will be expected to do 3 pre-recorded fitness classes/week and join at least 1 live art class/week.

## Not Comfortable Sending Your Child to School at All? We've Got You!

- Classes taught by the JGS teachers you know & LOVE in synchronous and asynchronous formats
- Daily live instruction and participation with in-person and remote students
- High-interest curriculum and project-based programming that closely matches in-person learning
- Support Team available for social/emotional support
- Daily opportunities for social interaction via interactive classes, online games and clubs!
- Engaging online format (no lecture/response format)
  - Nearpod (accessed via Blackbaud & Google Suite)
- Weekly hands-on activities (science labs, art projects, etc.) *(Must be picked up weekly)*
- Regular virtual "field trips" & related exploration and activities
- For LS/MS Specials, students will be expected to do 3 pre-recorded fitness classes/week and join at least 1 live art class/week.



# FLEX Hours

Wherever you are, our FLEX team will be there!

Whether you are on-campus or @ home, students with a FLEX class will have their daily FLEX block.

On-Campus, Hybrid, Virtual

**Speech & OT, too!**

# Technology Considerations

As schedules are likely to change throughout the year, technology is going to be pivotal to the learning experience.

Individual Chromebooks will be assigned to LS and MS students for on-campus use.

If you do NOT have a computer available for home use, we can arrange for loaner devices.

There is new technology to learn this year and we will be guiding our students through the learning process.

Will this plan change? (We really hope not!)

**Yes, of course this could change  
based on state regulations  
(i.e. shelter in place order)**



# Choose Your Plan by July 27th

We will be sending a formal commitment form for the 2020-2021 school year. You will have until **July 27th** to make your official choice.

- Blue/Gray Hybrid Model → **On-Campus 9/8/2020**
- Virtual Only (Quarter by Quarter Commitment)
- None - We Are Withdrawing :(





# Nope, We Are Staying Home This Year BUT, We Need Help!

Contact Kim Hogan, [kim.hogan@jonesgordon.org](mailto:kim.hogan@jonesgordon.org) and the On-Track Tutoring team will match you with tutors/teachers that can come to your home!

OR

Contact [dana.herzberg@jonesgordon.org](mailto:dana.herzberg@jonesgordon.org) and she will help you find alternative schools that might better meet your needs.