



A NEW WAY FORWARD

Next Steps

Virtual Academy
Jefferson County Board of Education
May 11, 2021

- Learned from Pandemic
- Ideas from JCHS staff
- Ideas from district experts in digital learning
- First choice option for families
- Extending boundaries for what is possible in education

Virtual School
Grades 6-12

- Students will have a rigorous curriculum and be held to the same high academic standards as their on-campus peers.
- New students will fill out a transfer form for virtual school for Fall of 2021.
- Current full time JCHS and e-School students and staff will automatically transition to become students and staff of the new school.

Virtual School Grades 6-12:

Students and
Enrollment

- Students will have asynchronous learning with daily opportunities for synchronous support.
- Students will have supports to help teach organizational, time management, and digital citizenship skills including introductory sessions designed to teach the habits and skills needed to be a successful virtual learner.

Virtual School Grades 6-12:

The Student
Experience

- Clear pacing established to maintain grade-level performance. Falling below this minimum pacing will activate an intervention protocol for support.
- Weekly individualized coaching sessions will be provided for all students to monitor progress and ensure success.

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- AP courses will be available. In addition, all high school students will have access to the AP courses offered at the virtual school.
- Electives will be offered, however, courses like Art, Music, Dance, and Physical Education but they may be facilitated differently from a typical classroom setting.
- Career and Technical Education Pathways will be offered and may lead to industry certifications.
- Students will be required to report to a site location to participate in district, state, and federal assessments. Currently, there is no option to administer those assessments remotely.
- Students will be able to receive Special Education and English Second Language (ESL) services.

Virtual School Grades 6-12

- Staff will work to meet each student's needs academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally.
- Extracurricular virtual clubs/activities will be available.
- Virtual school students will not participate in clubs/activities/athletics at their previous school.
- Devices will be provided to students who need them.

Virtual School Grades 6-12

- Looked at several options on a new name to capture the excitement and direction of a 6th-12th grade opportunity.
- Stakeholders provided input on the new name.
- Ideas were incorporated and then changes made.
- Recommendation:
Pathfinder School of Innovation

Virtual School Grades 6-12: A New Name

VISIONING A **BOLD** & EQUITABLE FUTURE:

- **ENGAGING, CHALLENGING, & CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM** to increase student learning.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT** to address cultural competence, racial trauma, and implicit bias for teachers and staff.
- **ROBUST STUDENT SUPPORTS & SERVICES:** to address academic, social-emotional, and family needs
- **STUDENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:** to build a school culture of shared learning, inclusion, and community

**Virtual School
Grades 6-12**

Ensuring Racial Equity

- Bring proposal to Board to approve school, May 11
- Open registration for Virtual 6-12 school after approval (students will fill out a transfer form for the Fall of 2021)
- Staffing needs determined by June
- Work with union partners on staffing

Virtual School
Grades 6-12:
Timeline

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS