



July 24, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Family Member:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Carrithers Middle School. Our staff is eagerly preparing for the first day of school with our students. We are currently developing our plans for NTI 2.0 and beyond. Rest assured, we will return to our school building when it is safe. Soon, we will be back together with our 7th and 8th graders and we will have the opportunity to meet and bond with our new 6th graders. Listed below is information regarding NTI 2.0. Please read carefully to begin preparation for the upcoming school year.

The Jefferson County Board of Education approved Dr. Pollio's recommendation to start the first six weeks of the 2020-2021 school year on [Non-Traditional Instruction \(NTI 2.0\)](#).

- Click [here](#) to watch the July 21st JCPS Board meeting.
- Click [here](#) to read our full "Onward, Together" back to school plan.

Students will begin virtual instruction on Tuesday, August 25.

How will NTI 2.0 look different from NTI in the spring?

NTI 2.0 will include more live and recorded instruction from teachers, more communication between schools and families, and increased district communication to parents.

We will release more detailed information on NTI 2.0 very soon.

How can I request a Chromebook or a WiFi hotspot?

JCPS will be providing more information about how to request a Chromebook and a WiFi hotspot to use during NTI 2.0 in the next two weeks. Devices will be available to families who need access.

We currently have around 11,000 hotspots that we'll be providing to families to make connectivity possible. In the spring, we distributed 20,000 Chromebooks to our students, and we've ordered 30,000 more Chromebooks.

What does the revised 2020-2021 calendar look like?

Several key dates have changed. That includes additional instructional days on:

- October 6, 2020
- November 2, 2020
- January 4, 2020
- March 26, 2020

Click [here](#) to access the full school calendar.

Our VILS iPad Rollout/Distribution is postponed until October 2020. Stay tuned for more information.

6th Grade Orientation will be held, virtually, on August 11, 2020 at 10am. Be on the look-out for more details. We can't wait to meet our new Cobras! 😊

Registration Packets will be mailed home, with a stamped return envelope. Please complete all paperwork and send it back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We will get through this together!

If you have any questions, call us at 485-8224.

Denise Franklin-Williams, Principal

The Carrithers Pledge

I am Carrithers!

I am talented, smart and capable of success.

I have dreams for my future.

I take responsibility for myself and the choices I make.

I believe in myself and my ability to learn.

I will graduate ready to be a contributing member of society.

I am unique, strong and beautiful!

I am part of a family that supports and believes in me.

I am Carrithers!

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Encourage. Support. Empower.