

**DeSoto County Schools**  
**Back-To-School Information**  
**Spring 2023 Semester**

- For the spring 2023 semester, DeSoto County Schools will use the same arrival and dismissal times that were in place for the fall 2022 semester. Arrival and dismissal times can be found on the school websites and on the district website.
- Beginning in August 2022, school assemblies, field trips, campus visitors, etc. returned to pre-2020 procedures. The same procedures will be followed for the spring 2023 semester. Principals will set the parameters for those events.
- Beginning in August 2022, DeSoto County Schools returned to the regular pre-2020 exemption policy. The same exemption policy will be used for the spring 2023 semester. The exemption requirements can be found in the Board of Education department section of the district website. The Board Policy is IHA Grading System. In addition, descriptions of excused absences can be found in Board Policy JBD Attendance, Tardies, and Excuses.
- The number of positive COVID cases on each campus will be posted every Monday on the district website in the COVID-19 Updates section.
- If a student has a positive COVID case or must quarantine due to a situation outside of school, the parent will contact the school nurse for instructions regarding a return date.
- If a parent needs to contact the school nurse regarding any situation, the school nurse's email link can be found on the school website in the Staff/Teacher Website section.
- Students were able to receive meals at no cost during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year due to waivers established by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The waivers expired before the start of the 2022-2023 school year. In order to help with the transition back to regular meal prices and allow more time for families to apply for meal benefits, meals continued to be free for DeSoto County Schools students until October 11, 2022. Regular student meal prices went back into effect for DeSoto County Schools on October 11, 2022. Parents were also sent multiple reminders from district officials about the importance of completing meal applications.