



# JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Spring Break 2021 FAQ

### **WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT SPRING BREAK THIS YEAR?**

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While our school buildings are closed, students and teachers will have the opportunity to practice self-care and to focus on wellbeing while engaging in social-emotional learning, a critical aspect of a well-rounded education.

### **HOW WILL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS PARTICIPATE?**

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The Social and Emotional Support (SoMo) team designed a series of choice cards highlighting the core themes of social-emotional learning. Students may choose among a variety of activities each day. The choice cards are designed with different grade levels in mind, and activities are age appropriate and always involve choices. Teachers will be invited to complete their own choice cards. Examples of activities include having a conversation with a friend, calling a grandparent on the phone, writing a note to a loved one, and taking a walk.

### **HOW DO STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THIS SPECIAL SPRING BREAK?**

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Teachers will share a brief overview of choice cards and other opportunities in class, whether in person or online, on Wednesday, March 31st, before spring break begins.

### **WILL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS NEED TO LOG ON TO ZOOM?**

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Students and teachers will not be meeting by Zoom or in person over spring break. Activities can be completed anywhere anytime and require little preparation or guidance to complete.

### **WILL THERE BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING?**

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Yes! Students and caregivers will be invited to participate in online presentations by special speakers, including artists and other guests. Programs will feature topics of interest to students of all ages and grades, including elementary as well as middle-level and high school.

### **DO STUDENTS NEED ANY SPECIAL MATERIALS?**

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No materials are required. The Social and Emotional Support (SoMo) team has put together a collection of items to send home with students that will enhance their social-emotional learning during spring break.

### **WILL LEARNING ACTIVITIES BE GRADED?**

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No, social-emotional learning activities will not be graded during spring break. Everyone deserves the opportunity to explore social-emotional learning at their own pace over spring break, using the choices and materials provided by the Social and Emotional Support team.

### **WILL THERE BE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO NEED EXTRA CARE?**

Yes. Jefferson County Schools is working with a number of different partners to make sure there are different options for students and families who may have specialized needs. Anyone who needs to discuss those options is urged to contact the Social and Emotional Support (SoMo) Department at 304-728-9256.

### **HOW DO WE LEARN MORE ABOUT SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING BEFORE SPRING BREAK?**

Please visit our Social and Emotional Support webpage at [www.jcswv.org](http://www.jcswv.org) to find information about social-emotional learning at home, school, and in our community. Always feel free to reach out to our Social and Emotional Support (SoMo) team at 304-728-9224.

### **HOW CAN WE FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

Please contact Dr. Lee Ebersole, Director of Social and Emotional Support, at [lebersol@k12.wv.us](mailto:lebersol@k12.wv.us) or 304-728-9256. Dr. Ebersole will be happy to help.