

Jonesboro Public Schools Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan March 30 - April 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

The JPS Curriculum Team has analyzed various options for Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) during the required school closures due to Covid-19. With much consideration, the department has decided on the following plan for AMI:

Grades K-6: Beginning March 30th, students in grades K-6, will utilize the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Instructional materials developed by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Arkansas PBS will alter its regular television programming to provide age-appropriate educational content for three specific grade bands (PK-2, 3-5, 6-8). This option will replace the previous AMI packets sent home by your child's teacher(s).

How to Watch: Tune in to Arkansas PBS to watch Arkansas Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) over the air or through your cable or satellite provider. You can find out how to watch at:

myarkansaspbs.org/channelinformation https://www.myarkansaspbs.org/onair/channelinformation **Daytime Broadcast: Monday-Friday** Location: Channel 2 or 12 Schedule: Grades K-2: 8:00 - 9:30am Grades 3-5: 9:30 - 11:00am Grade 6: 11:00am - 1:00pm

If you miss the live broadcast, the AMI instructional content and shows will be available online after 4:00 P.M of the same day of broadcast. Click here to connect to the website: https://www.myarkansaspbs.org/ArkansasAMI

*Your teacher will communicate with you the weekly assignments and options to submit the assignments through your preferred method. Some options will include text, email, Class Dojo, the Remind App, or Google Classroom.

Help Desk Support: Having trouble getting the shows on your TV? Technical staff are available to help.

- * Email: info@myarkansaspbs.org
- * Phone Number: 501-682-2386
- Need help with the lessons? Educators are available during the daytime broadcast.
- * Email: amihelp@myarkansaspbs.org
- * Phone Number: 501-682-0317

Grades 7-12:

Beginning March 30-April 17, students in grades 7-12 will receive instruction through Google Classroom or Edgenuity. Students should follow their teachers' directions regarding the submission of weekly assignments. In grades 7-8, students will only be completing core classwork. In grades 9-12, students will participate in all scheduled classes in order to meet credit requirements.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher(s).

Thank you, JPS Curriculum Department