

Parent FAQ's

Q. Will masks or face coverings for students be required?

A. All students, no matter their age, must wear masks or face coverings on school buses, per the State Department of Education. At school, students in Grade 3 and up will need to wear masks or face coverings while moving around the building, or in situations where social distancing is not possible. Students will not have to wear masks at their desks in classrooms.

Q. What if I accidentally sign my child(ren) up for virtual learning? Can I change my mind?

A. If you completed the virtual registration form by mistake or change your mind, you can contact us at bsd1virtual@bamberg1.com by 12:00 p.m. on August 7 to let us know.

Q. What if we start virtual learning and it isn't working for us. Can my child(ren) come back to school?

A. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade can ask to come by at the end of the first nine weeks and/or at the end of first semester. High School students can request to make a change at the end of First Semester. A return to the school buildings will be allowed if there is space available and based on local conditions related to COVID 19. We will make every effort to work with families who want to make a change. Parents are encouraged to reach out to their child(ren)'s principal(s) to discuss any issues they are having with the virtual program.

Q. How will full-time virtual learning work?

A. All students in Bamberg One will be provided a device (ex. Chromebook), whether they are attending face-to-face or virtual. Virtual students will access their lessons and communicate with their assigned teachers through Google Classroom. Teachers will provide students and parents with a schedule and learning plans, and other rules such as attendance and participation in live online learning.

Q. What if school has to close again? Will students who are not in the virtual learning program be getting the paper learning packets like we did last Spring?

A. No. Since all students will be provided a device, they will be expected to take the device home with them each day. This way, if the district has to close due to COVID 19, weather conditions, or any other reasons, learning will be able to continue with no interruptions.

Q. What if a family moves into the district after school starts? Will they be able to choose the virtual option?

A. Yes, new students will have the option to select virtual learning. Those students will be provided with the same opportunity to switch to face-to-face at the designated times.

Q. How will you take attendance in the virtual program?

A. Students and parents will be provided attendance policies and all district and state requirements regarding attendance will be followed. Specific details are available in each school's Reopening Plan.

Q. What if my child is in the virtual learning program and wants to participate in team sports or other extracurricular activities?

A. Virtual students will be allowed to participate in team sports and other extracurricular activities, as long as they meet participation requirements. Transportation to the school for practices and other activities will be a parent responsibility.

Q. Will virtual learning child(ren) receive Guidance or other services?

A. Virtual learning students will have regular communication with guidance counselors through virtual meetings. Parents who feel their child needs to see the guidance counselor in person can contact the school to arrange for services.

Q. What about tests for virtual students?

A. Classroom quizzes and tests will be administered virtually, and teachers will provide parents and students with the procedures to follow for tests. District benchmark assessments and required state tests will be done at the assigned school, and each child's school will work with parents to schedule these assessments. All health and safety requirements will be taken into consideration for these testing requirements.

Q. Will you be doing daily health screenings or taking temperatures for face-to-face school?

A. The state has provided us with daily health screening questions to ask students and staff, including substitute teachers. Each school is developing their own procedure. We will not be taking temperatures, unless a student reports to the school nurse. See your student's School Reopening Plan for specific details.

Q. Can I come observe or volunteer in my child's classroom or school?

A. Due to COVID 19, visitors and volunteers to classrooms and school buildings are not allowed this year. Schools will provide parents with information on how parent/teacher conferences or other meetings will be held. See your student's School Reopening Plan for specific details.

Do you have a question we haven't answered about Virtual or Face-to-Face learning during 2020-2021? Please send it to: bsd1virtual@bamberg1.com.