

BESSEMER CITY SCHOOLS

RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN

2021 - 2022

Academics

- Instructional Delivery Options: Families have two options for student learning during the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Option#1: In-Person instruction for students K-12th grade, 5 days a week, face-to-face instruction.


Option #2 Virtual Third-Party Learning through Edgenuity: Only available for students in grades 9-12. Enrollment is determined by an application process through the local school counselor. Grades K-8 will be on a case-by-case basis.

- Schoology: Utilized to provide instruction for all students throughout the school year and during remote learning days. All platforms will be tied to Schoology and single sign-on.
- Instructional Technology Devices: Be available from the school for students and can be used on remote learning days. Parents/Guardians and students will sign a technology agreement to check out devices. Please use the Help Desk for troubleshooting devices (205) 432-3098.
- Remote Learning: Through consultation with the ADPH, the Superintendent may transition the district, a school or sections of a school, from in-person to remote learning to assist in flattening the curve of a virus spike.

Health and Safety Protocol

Precautions will be implemented including, but not limited to:

- Parents are requested to complete temperature checks prior to sending children to the school building. Students with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher should not report to school. Students and staff should remain home if they are sick.
- Hand-sanitizing and hand-washing stations will be available throughout each school.
- Intensive cleaning will be completed throughout all buildings.
- Thoughtful group sizes that are feasible and practical in a school setting will be established.
- Signage will be posted in all buildings encouraging frequent hand washing and social distancing.



Temperature checks will be conducted if a student demonstrates potential fever or other COVID-19 related symptoms. Students exhibiting symptoms will be evaluated by the school nurse.

Visitors to Schools

During the 2021-2022 school year, visitors will be allowed on the campuses of the Bessemer City School District. Visitors will be required to follow the current health and safety guidelines while on campus. Contracted workers/itinerant employees will have to follow guidelines regarding signing in and signing out at each facility. This will require them to list time arrived, destination and time of departure on a log to be kept in each facility's main office.

Check In/Check Out

Updated Check-In/Check-Out procedures will be communicated by each school with back to school information. Parents may be required to notify the school and provide advanced notice unless in the event of an emergency. Please understand due to current conditions these procedures will be more restrictive than before.

Physical Education

Physical education will resume in its pre-COVID format. If Jefferson County experiences Level III or IV conditions, PE will revert to the Back to School 2020 recommendations.

Restrooms

The number of students allowed into restrooms may be limited to reduce the number of student interactions.

Quarantine Area

Every school in the Bessemer City School System will be **required** to have a designated quarantine area for students who become sick. This area will be supervised and under the direction of the school nurse. Parents will be required to immediately report to the school to check their child out of school. Students **cannot** return to school unless they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. If the student has been exposed or has

contracted COVID-19 they cannot return to school for 10 calendar days. The exposed student will work with teachers to obtain instruction and assignments.

Transportation

BCS will provide student transport to and from school.

Child Nutrition

School cafeterias will resume normal operations.

Field Trips

Traditional field trips will be allowed.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Each activity will be conducted in accordance with state and local health orders/guidance. If travel is required, each situation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Athletic Guidelines provided by the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and ADPH will be followed and updated as necessary.

Special Programs (Special Education, 504, ELL and Tiered Intervention)

Students following the traditional path for learning will be provided services according to their 2021-2022 IEP, 504 plan, or ELL plan. Safeguards have been put in place to protect not only special needs students but general education students as well.

Masks & Social Distancing Guidelines

Masks for Bessemer City School employees, students, and visitors will be ***mandatory until September 3, 2021***, Masks will be ***strongly recommended*** after September 7, 2021. Bessemer City Schools will continue to follow all social distancing recommendations. Bessemer City Schools will continue to encourage employees and students of appropriate age to be vaccinated.