

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-22

District Statement:

Bridgeport Public Schools has been committed to a Reopening Plan that was practical and responsive to the needs of students, staff, and the community, while following the parameters spelled out in Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together. Following our plan allowed us to bring all PK-12 students back for full-time, in-person learning in April 2021.

We are in a great position for a safe return for the 2021-2022 school year. Currently, we are planning for a full return in September, while we continue to adhere to any ongoing local, state and federal requirements, as we did during the 2020-21 school year.

Mitigation Strategies:

Strategies follow current State of Connecticut guidance and may change as a result of updates.

Beginning in September 2021, Bridgeport Public Schools will implement the following mitigation measures:

- Mask usage for indoor and outdoor settings will follow Connecticut DPH/CDC guidelines
- Social distancing of 3 feet will be maintained whenever feasible
- Students will be in cohorts whenever possible
- Ventilation will be continuously monitored to ensure necessary air flow
- Schools will be cleaned and sanitized according to current procedures
- Contact tracing will be conducted if applicable, in cooperation with Bridgeport DPH
- Vaccination clinics will be publicized through school messaging platforms
- The District will maintain health and safety protocols and policies to support the individual needs of students and staff

Learning Model:

Beginning in September 2021, Bridgeport Public Schools will implement an in-person learning model.

Student learning will be supported with:

- Ongoing social emotional screening and counseling support
- Assessing student needs for grade level skills and acceleration of instruction, with additional tutoring support as needed
- Collaborative grade and department work to align instruction in support of student learning needs

Additional Resources:**Bridgeport Public Schools Reopening Plan**

This plan was originally created in July 2020, and submitted to the CT State Department of Education for approval. It outlines our safe return to school, in compliance with all necessary health and safety mitigation strategies. We have updated the plan to reflect the current health and safety information from the CDC, CDPH and BDPH. We will continue to review and update, if necessary, our plan every six months.

We ask that you provide comments to this plan <https://www.bridgeportedu.net/comment>

Thank you,

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Superintendent