

In-Person Learning FAQ Sheet

Bridgeport Public Schools

How will the school ensure that my child is safe?

We are so excited to welcome your children back to school! Their physical and emotional well-being is our number one priority. All routines, procedures and safety protocols will be taught and modeled for students to ensure that students feel safe and welcomed at school. Our district has made all necessary changes in order to meet all of the established health and safety guidelines. We will implement every necessary measure to protect our students, staff, and families as we begin to return to school.

Will my child have to wear a mask?

Per State Guidelines, **ALL** students and adults will be required to wear masks at **ALL** times at school. Students will also be required to wear masks while riding the school bus. Students will be given mask breaks throughout the day (scheduled and as needed). Parents should provide masks for their child and the school will have masks for children as well. Students with medical exemptions must provide the required documentation that our nurse must approve.

Will students be screened for temperature upon entering school?

CDC considers it to be more effective for daily individual screening at home. Students or staff who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must remain at home and notify the school as soon as possible.

How will students arrive to school?

Upon arrival, students will sanitize their hands and report directly to homeroom. All students will be given staggered entry to minimize hallway traffic. Students will bring personal items into the classroom and store in their personal area that will be sanitized.

BE PREPARED for delays due to staggered entry – PLEASE BE PATIENT!

Assigned staff will assist with staggering entry, sanitizing, and mask checks at drop off, bus, entrances.

Grab and Go breakfast will be provided each child upon entry to the school that can be eaten in the classroom.

Can I bring my child into school the first day?

To ensure the safety of all our students and staff **no visitors** will be allowed in the building. There will be information forthcoming from your child's school for meeting the teacher, either outside to allow for social distancing, or virtually.

What will a school day look like for my child?

Students in Pre-K-6 may receive instruction for all subjects in Homeroom. Breakfast and lunch may be held in the classroom. Recess and mask breaks will be built into their schedule.

Middle School students (7/8) may remain in homeroom for all classes until routines and protocols for social distancing and safety have been mastered.

Art, Computer, Library, Music and PE teachers will report to the classrooms to provide instruction in most schools.

Grades 7 and 8 may have lunch in the cafeteria and will have specific assigned seats that cannot be changed.

Some specialist classes MAY be held outside (weather permitting)

High School will be operating under a hybrid schedule but the day to day will look closer to "normal" with exception that there maybe staggered schedules to allow proper spacing while students transition throughout the building.

Lunch is provided by the school for ALL students. Students may bring their own lunch but will not be able to share.

***We are a NUT FREE district. Please refrain from sending in any nut products. If a child brings such items in, they will be asked to put it away for the safety of others.

What do the classrooms look like?

Classrooms have been designed to ensure that students feel welcomed and safe. Classrooms can only fit between 14 and 18 students (depending upon the room). Appropriate social distancing will be maintained in the classroom setting at all times. Therefore, desks will be distanced from each other and any tables in use will have plastic barriers. All shareable resources have also been removed from the rooms. Students will need to have their own personal supplies. For a supply list contact your child's school

When will my child have access to restrooms and water fountains?

No water fountains will be utilized in the building. It is highly recommended to send your child with a plastic water bottle to school each day. Please **DO NOT** send in glass bottles or juices or iced teas - **WATER ONLY!** Restrooms will have a class schedule and teachers will ensure that students are social distancing and using hand sanitizer upon entrance and exit from the restroom. Students will be allowed to use restroom in case of emergency.

Middle school students only will be using the restrooms independently taking all health and safety precautions.

What happens if my child is not feeling well?

Students not feeling well will have access to the nurse. In addition, students exhibiting signs of COVID-19 will be screened by the school nurse, isolated (within the school), and parent contacted for pickup if deemed necessary. Teachers will receive continuing education on recognizing signs of COVID-19.

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Will my child have recess?

Students will have at least one recess a day with staff supervision to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times. Recess will be held outside weather permitting. Masks do not need to be worn outside. There will be no shareable objects used (balls, jump ropes, etc.) Playground use to be determined.

What will dismissal look like?

Dismissal plans are being planned at each school taking into consideration the physical make-up of the building and campus. Discussed and more information will follow.

Student can ONLY take busses they are assigned to and NO SWITCHING will be permitted. Parents should call their school if a bus route needs to be changed due to change of address.

Will students be sharing materials?

Sharing of materials will not occur unless absolutely necessary. Materials that are shared will be sanitized between each use.

How will the school keep our school clean?

Custodial staff will ensure that all high-touch areas are cleaned frequently throughout the school day (handrails, door handles, counters, etc.) Each classroom will have ample wipes and sanitizer to ensure that everyone has access to antibacterial supplies at any time.

How can I change my student from in-person learning to remote?

Please contact your child's school to make a change. The change takes 24-48 hours to go into effect. A device will be given when the change is made.

The first day of School is September 8, 2020.