

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL 2020-21 DRAFT



This is a draft document, last updated on July 17, 2020 and is subject to change. The Bexley Back to School Learning Plans will not be final until after a Board of Education vote on August 4. We acknowledge that there is some risk when students and staff occupy school facilities.

Back to school transition August 24–September 4*

*Moving the start of school allows for additional professional development and training for staff. Small groups of students will attend for relationship building, safety protocols, and assessment.

The return to school plan for the first 9 weeks (all in, hybrid or distance) will be announced THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3 based on the Franklin County health alert level and local conditions.

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BEXLEY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING PLANS

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<p>All In Plan All students in school Monday–Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 feet social distance in classrooms and cafeteria.• Follow all risk mitigating protocols.	<p>All In Plan All students in school Monday–Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 feet social distance in classrooms and cafeteria.• Follow all risk mitigating protocols.	<p>Hybrid Plan Hybrid Plan K-12: A Group/B Group, 2 days in-person instruction, 3 days distance learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 feet social distance in classrooms and cafeteria.	<p>Distance Learning All students learn from home Monday–Friday.</p>

- **YELLOW/ORANGE:** All In Plan—In person with 3 feet of social distancing and the health and safety guidelines outlined in this document.
- ***RED:** Hybrid Plan—2 days of in-person instruction for K-12 students attending in A Group and B Group, 3 days of distanced instruction provided during the time learning from home.
- ***PURPLE:** Distance Learning—All Remote.

*A shift to purple means distance learning begins next school day. Any shift to a lower level will take place at the beginning of the following 9 weeks to allow the district and teachers to make adjustments to the new learning plan, per the recommendations of the Bexley Education Association.

HYBRID LEARNING PLAN

If it is required by local conditions and/or the county health alert system Bexley City Schools will move to a hybrid learning plan. Families will be placed into a group based on last name and attend on the schedule below.*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group A in person (A-La)* Group B Distance Learning (Le-Z).*	Group A in person (A-La)* Group B Distance Learning (Le-Z).*	Distance Learning for both Group A and Group B	Group B in person (Le-Z)* Group A Distance Learning (A-La).*	Group B in person (Le-Z)* Group A Distance Learning (A-La).*

*The district will ensure all students in a household are in the same group, even when there are multiple last names. Building principals will make final assignments and notify families.

WHEN WILL THE LEARNING PLAN CHANGE?

PLEASE NOTE: A VARIETY OF OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY FACTORS COULD IMPACT A CLASSROOM, BUILDING OR DISTRICT CAPABILITY TO OPERATE AND MAY NECESSITATE THE NEED TO TRANSITION BETWEEN LEARNING SCENARIOS. FAMILIES SHOULD PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CASE PLANS CHANGE WITH LITTLE NOTICE LIKE THEY DID ON MARCH 11, 2020.

- In consultation with Franklin County Public Health, Bexley City Schools will respond immediately to a heightened severity of local conditions or an increase in the county health alert level that requires more distancing or remote learning to contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- Any shift to a lower level will be considered and determined at the start of each 9 weeks.
- Bexley City Schools understands this unique approach to learning requires flexibility of our students, families and staff in order to provide the safest learning environment to students and staff while the coronavirus is spreading.

PARENT/GUARDIAN OPTIONS

- 1 In person learning plan based on the state health alert system and local conditions.
- 2 Bexley E-Learning Academy. This option requires a semester long commitment and will include content delivered through an online platform, which will be monitored a Bexley staff member. Students in the e-learning academy remain enrolled in Bexley City Schools. A registration link will be emailed and must be completed by August 11 to enroll in the Bexley E-Learning Academy.

HEALTH & SAFETY

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS APPLY TO EVERY OPTION WHERE STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ON CAMPUS IN ANY CAPACITY.

Safe and Clean Learning Environment

- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout all buildings.
- Cleaning protocol based on CDC guidelines.
- New equipment purchased to expedite the disinfection process.
- Regular and daily disinfecting of all work areas, counters, restrooms, door knobs, and stair railings.
- Daily cleaning of hallways, common areas, and the outside of lockers.

Student and Staff Health

COVID-19 Positive Protocol

If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19, they should follow the directions and guidance from their medical provider and report positive test results to the school nurse and/or supervisor.

- Individuals must be fever free for at least 72 hours, with no symptoms, and be cleared by their medical provider for return.
- If a staff member or student has been in close contact or has been exposed to a person with COVID-19, they should contact their medical provider and should be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days.
- All confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be reported by school nurse to Franklin County Public Health Department for potential contact tracing if indicated.
- Individuals exposed to a case of COVID-19 will be immediately informed of the exposure by the school nurse.

All decisions regarding exposure, quarantine, and return to work or school will be made in joint discussion with Franklin County Public Health.

Self Screening for COVID-19

All employees and students should self-screen daily for the COVID-19 symptoms below. If you exhibit one or more of these symptoms, stay home. Students should contact the school nurse and employees should contact their supervisor. In addition, each employee and student will self-monitor for the following symptoms:

- A fever of 100.0°F or higher
- Respiratory symptoms, such as dry cough or shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Body aches and/or fatigue
- Chills
- Loss of taste or smell, gastrointestinal symptoms

All employees and students must review the Bexley Health Pledge stating that he/she will timely report any known or potential exposures to COVID-19 to your school nurse or supervisor.

*The potential symptoms of COVID-19 continue to be identified. Please contact your medical care provider with any questions on possible symptoms.

Other Illnesses

Staff members and parents should consult their health care provider regarding other illnesses they may be experiencing and contact their supervisor or school nurse for guidance on when to return to school.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Face Coverings

- All staff members and students will be required to wear a face mask when on campus or on a bus. Staff and students are permitted and encouraged to bring their own; face masks will be provided by the district. Make cloth face coverings from household items or common materials. Use multiple layers of a fabric that does not damage or lose shape when laundered or machine dried. Use a face covering that fits snugly but comfortably and allows for breathing without restriction. Wear horizontally, covering nose, mouth, and chin at all times.
- Staff members may wear face shields in certain classroom scenarios.
- Face masks are required during the school day when outside if adequate physical distancing is not possible.



Training

- Professional development will be provided at the start of the school year to staff on symptoms and screening measures.
- Parents/Guardians and students will also be offered virtual training on how to adhere to the district's updated health and safety measures.



Seating Plans

- Will be required on buses, in classrooms and in the cafeteria. Siblings will be seated together on buses.



Food Deliveries

- No outside food deliveries will be permitted for staff or students.



Social Distancing

- Social distancing of at least three feet will be maintained in classroom settings and the cafeteria during the level 1 and 2 all in learning plan.
- Social distancing of at least six feet will be maintained in classroom settings and the cafeteria during the level 3 hybrid learning plan.



Hand Washing

- Will occur frequently throughout the day by staff and students.
- Hand sanitizer will be available inside each classroom and students and staff are expected to sanitize when they enter and leave the classroom.
- Hand sanitizer stations will also be available throughout the buildings in high traffic areas such as building entrances and exits.



Water Bottles

- All students and staff are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle daily.
- Water fountains will be turned off. Water bottle filling stations will remain available. Additional water bottle filling stations will be installed throughout the district.



Additional Clinic Locations

- A quarantine room will be available in each building for any student with symptoms while they wait to be picked up by a family member.



Stay Home if You're Sick

- Families are expected to screen their children prior to the start of school each day. Students exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms above should stay home in compliance with the Bexley Health Pledge.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT BEXLEY SCHOOLS

THIS INFORMATION WILL CONTINUE TO CHANGE AS WE LEARN MORE INFORMATION AND DEVELOP PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR OUR UPDATES.

Back to School Events

- Events will primarily be held virtually; any events held in-person will require face coverings by all attendees.



Field Trips and Events

- Until further notice, no external field trips or public gatherings will be permitted in our buildings.



Classroom

- Changes will be made in order to create more personal space such as removing unnecessary furniture, spreading out work stations and rearranging desks and tables to face the same direction.
- All students will be required to immediately report to their classroom upon entering the buildings and will not be permitted to congregate in hallways or common areas.
- We will minimize the sharing of supplies in all classrooms.
- Teachers are encouraged to utilize outdoor learning when possible. Face coverings will be required outside when adequate social distance is not possible.



Visitors and Volunteers

- Once school is in session, no visitors or volunteers will be allowed in buildings until further notice.



Cafeteria/Lunch Adjustments

- Elementary students will eat in their classroom and are encouraged to bring their own lunch.
- Middle school students will eat in shifts.
- High school students will still have open lunch.
- Students eligible for Free and Reduced lunch will be offered meals while learning remotely during hybrid and distance learning.
- No salad bar will be available in the cafeteria.
- Sharing food is prohibited.
- More details about physical distancing plan in the cafeteria to come.



Arrival/Dismissal

- Students will have designated doors for arrival and dismissal and staggered entry and exit times.



Recess

- K-8 will have daily recess, weather permitting with updated procedures and protocols. More details will be available prior to the start of the year.
- Additional procedures for recess will be developed and shared prior to the start of the school year.
- Students will not be allowed to use the playground equipment and may not bring their own equipment.
- Wash hands before and after recess.



Before and After School Programming (Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

- Each activity and program will be assessed on an individual and on-going basis on the ability to adhere to state and local health and safety procedures.

