

BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL



EDUCATIONAL PLAN 2020-21

Preschool Educational Options

Beavercreek Preschool educational options for student learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

- **Traditional school (for both students on an IEP and Peers)**
 - This will include a staggered start period to help students learn safety procedures, become adjusted to school and be better prepared in the event virtual learning becomes necessary
 - Preschool is not state mandated, so parents are not required to send their children to preschool if they feel it is unsafe or not a good fit for their family.
- **Itinerant services (for students on an IEP only)**
 - This is an option for preschool students on an IEP and does require an amendment to the IEP document.
 - A Preschool Teacher will come to the family's home or the child's daycare to give 1 hour of services per week for all goals in the IEP.



Preschool Calendar

Beavercreek Preschool will have an adjusted schedule to begin the 2020-21 school year.

August 14 - Orientation (this will be a virtual platform)

August 17th - September 4th - Staggered Start

- **Students will attend preschool 2 days per week in person and 2 days per week will be virtual learning**

September 7th - In person

- **Students will attend school in person 4 days per week**
- **Barriers will be placed in classrooms with more than 9 students, which is required per Ohio Department of Job and Family Services**



Preschool Procedures

- Inherent Risks
- General Procedures
- School Day
- Daily Health Assessments
- Cleaning and Sanitizing
- Handwashing and Hygiene Practices
- Social Distancing
- Face Covering Policy
- Transportation



Traditional In-School Inherent Risks

- Greene County Schools Common Agreement - “some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities”.
- The items on the following slides are all aimed at reducing that risk.



General Procedures

- Staff PD
 - Staff will have additional professional development to ensure student safety
- Staggered Start
 - 3 week time period
 - ✓ to provide students with instruction on health and safety procedures
 - ✓ allow students time to adjust to a new environment and expectations
 - ✓ allow teachers to focus on social emotional needs of students in a small group
 - ✓ allow families to see how virtual learning may look this school year - at some point, we may have to follow this blended learning plan or go virtual for a period of time.
- Students will attend 2 days per week and will have access to 2 virtual lessons.
 - Each virtual lesson will include a video and activity



General Procedures Continued

- School hours
 - Preschool Center: AM 8:15-11:00 am PM 12:00-2:45 pm
 - Parkwood: AM 8:25-11:10 am PM 12:00-2:45 pm
- No changes to class sizes - Beginning September 7th, classrooms will have barriers in place to ensure there are no more than 9 students within one area of the classroom at a time. These guidelines were set forth for child care facilities, which we must follow at this time.
- Visitors limited to those that are deemed necessary. Virtual meetings will be encouraged when possible.



School Day

- Recess - there will be no more than 30 students on the playground at one time. Equipment will be cleaned between each class.
- Large group gatherings such as assemblies are discontinued.
- Limiting the amount of students using the same instructional materials and supplies when possible.
- Assigned seating at tables.
- Set groupings for students each day.



Health Considerations

- Staff and approved visitors will be required to conduct daily health assessment upon entering the building each day.
- Per Preschool guidelines, staff will also take the temperature of all students upon arrival.
- Parents/guardians will receive and be required to agree and acknowledge that they will follow daily health monitoring practices for their child(ren).
- Daily monitoring practices will include checking body temperature and other COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Parents/guardians will report any possible exposure of their child(ren) to COVID-19.
 - Parents will agree to follow health department guidelines.



Returning To School

After a Positive COVID Test Result

- Follow GCPH and ODJFS guidelines

After Other Illness

- Follow district procedures



Cleaning and Sanitizing

- High touch areas will be disinfected daily prior to school start, before snack, after snack, and before dismissal.
- Water fountains will be disconnected.
- Disinfection of classrooms will occur daily
- Classroom procedures will include disinfecting furniture and materials between AM and PM sessions.



Handwashing and Hygiene Practices

- Week 1 - There will be 2 virtual lessons available for students to access which will include handwashing and hygiene activities and videos.
- Regular washing of hands will be encouraged throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitizers and/or handwashing stations will be available in all classrooms and high traffic areas.
- Students and staff will be trained on COVID-19 specific hygiene practices.



Social Distancing

- Drop-off/Pick-up procedures will be reviewed by building teams to reduce exposure and limit contact.
- Student foot traffic flow will be analyzed to reduce contact.
- Common spaces will be maximized and marked to promote social distancing.
- Students and staff will be trained on COVID-19 specific social distancing practices.



Face Mask Policy - In the Classroom

- Face coverings (masks, shields, etc.) are required for all staff.
 - If a child receives speech, there may be times when a face covering inhibits part of the therapy and will need to be removed.
- Preschool students have the option to wear face covering in the classroom, but they are not required due to the developmental age and needs of the students.



Transportation

- Face coverings will be required for bus drivers
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged on the bus, but not required for students while on the bus due to the developmental age and needs of the students.
- Seat assignments on the bus will be strictly enforced.
- Every effort will be made to seat family members together.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on the bus.



Response to Fluctuation in COVID-19 Cases

- Our goal throughout this year is to maintain instruction in our school throughout the 2020-2021 while monitoring and responding to this pandemic to provide the safest environment possible for our students and staff.
- As the pandemic fluctuates in our district, community, and county, so must our district to continue instruction and increase necessary protocols for all.



In-School Risk Levels

- Level 1 - **Yellow**: In school delivery of instruction, all students, four-days per week
- Level 2 - **Orange**: In school delivery of instruction, all students, four-days per week
- Level 3 - **Red**: Blended Delivery Model (2-days in-school and 2 days remote), design will be determined soon.
 - Students will follow the same schedule as they did during the 3 week staggered start
- Level 4 - **Purple**: School closure, remote learning implemented.



Itinerant Services for students on IEPs

- This is an option **ONLY** for preschool students on an IEP and does require an amendment to the IEP document.
- This is a placement decision, determined by the IEP team.
- A Preschool Teacher will come to the family's home or the child's daycare to give 1 hour of services per week for all goals in the IEP.
- If you are interested in your child having itinerant services, please contact Alex Riggs at alexandra.riggs@beavercreek.k12.oh.us



Preschool Parent Commitment Form

- Families must decide by **July 31st** if their child(ren) will attend preschool in person this fall.
- A Google Form will be emailed to parents by **July 24th** for parents to fill out with their decision.



Next Steps

- The district will continue to follow guidance from ODE and ODH, GCPH and ODJFS.
- The Preschool Principal will be working with district leadership and building staff to plan building specific restart details for students attending in person.
- The district will provide ongoing communication to families.

