

The logo for Bloomington ISD is a large, light green watermark in the background. It features the words "BLOOMINGTON ISD" in a semi-circle at the top, a central shield with a stylized figure, and the word "Bopcats" in a cursive font at the bottom.

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**RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN
(RIPICS)**

2020-2023 ARP ESSER III FEDERAL GRANT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF

2021-22 BISD Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

Despite the many challenges facing school districts due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bloomington ISD is committed to providing the best education possible to our students. As COVID-19 guidelines, protocols, and recommendations continue to change, Bloomington ISD recognizes the need to be flexible in building a plan to address student learning loss due to the current pandemic while keeping students and staff healthy and safe. However, the district will follow all guidelines put forth by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to address the learning gaps that students have incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to accomplish this task, Bloomington ISD will continuously seek input from district staff, school board members, parents, students, community members, and other identified stakeholders.

The district's return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan will be reviewed and updated as necessary upon changes in guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and as student progress is measured and assessed to determine if the plan is effective in promoting student success. Bloomington ISD will utilize all available methods of communication to keep students, staff, parents, and the community informed of changes to the plan as they are deemed necessary.

STAKEHOLDER INPUT:

As of September 2021, stakeholders have had the opportunity to provide input to the district's plan to return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan by participating in:

- A survey in English and Spanish emailed to students, staff, school administrators and board members, posted on Social Media, and added to the District Website
- A Stakeholder presentation and Q&A session held in person and via Zoom
- An ongoing live document for questions to be asked of district personnel regarding the plan posted on the district website
- District board meetings

SCHOOL BOARD INPUT:

This plan was initially presented to the Bloomington ISD School Board at the July 22nd, 2021 regularly scheduled board meeting and will be presented every 3 to 6 months thereafter for reviews and updates after seeking further stakeholder input for progress.

SAFE START OF THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

Bloomington ISD has offered in-person face-to-face instruction at all campuses beginning August 23rd, 2021 with additional health protocols in place to meet local health department and CDC guidelines. The district plans to follow its school board adopted 2021-22 academic calendar. The district will follow its current and updated COVID-19 Protocol, which is posted on the district website.

Remote conferencing will be provided on an as-needed basis to those students who:

- provide a physician's note due to having a compromised immune system
- students who have symptoms of COVID-19
- students who test positive for COVID-19
- students who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Bloomington ISD Staff will be offered 20 days of COVID-19 Leave if they test positive for COVID-19 and use all of their personal days and still need additional days off of work.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bloomington ISD is offering regular school bus transportation to those students who decide to utilize it. Buses are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

CLASSROOMS:

Bloomington High School underwent some building renovations over Summer 2021 to allow for social distancing of students. Other adjustments will be made to classrooms and buildings as needed to accommodate the fluctuating enrollment due to COVID-19. Daily Cleaning of classrooms, restrooms, cafeterias, and other common areas will continue.

Deep cleaning will take place when an active employee or student is identified as positive for COVID-19 based on testing. Deep cleaning will be performed as soon as the confirmation of a positive test, as practical.

MEDICAL SERVICES:

Students with symptoms will be sent to the campus nurse. Bloomington ISD has partnered with Goodside Health to offer COVID-19, flu, and Strep testing in the nurse's clinic on each campus. This service is provided to staff and students after registering online.

Bloomington ISD Nursing staff hosted a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for the community in Spring of 2021. District nursing staff will conduct contact tracing when an individual has been on campus and has a lab confirmed positive COVID-19 test. The district nurse will report confirmed cases to the local health department

HANDWASHING AND SANITIZING:

- Each campus will have hand sanitizer in hallways, in entrances, and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Students & staff will utilize hand washing areas & sanitizer during the day.
- Students will be reminded to wash hands on a regular basis.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high touch surfaces and shared objects regularly.

RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Students and staff are encouraged to wear masks. Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be strongly encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash. Hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

ACADEMICS:

Bloomington ISD has partnered with BookNook and Zearn to provide high-impact tutoring services not only to those students who did not pass the STAAR; but to all students who require intervention due to learning loss after COVID-19. The district also works with Reading Plus and CAPIT to improve student reading comprehension.

Bloomington High School reopened the combined middle school/high school library with a full-time librarian and updated material for students in an effort to spark an interest in reading to motivate students.

Teachers at all campuses are submitting lesson plans and scheduling 6 week exams to determine students academic progress and need for intervention. Teachers will explicitly plan for instruction with formative assessments to check for student understanding and teacher analysis for re-teaching opportunities.

Teachers are:

- utilizing differentiated instructional strategies to meet the unique learning needs of students
- utilizing digital learning strategies for analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

Accelerated learning will be provided through:

- targeted interventions within the school day
- increased learning time through summer school
- increased learning time through extended day learning, such as after-school tutorials
- quality reading materials and instructional supplies

TECHNOLOGY

At the secondary level, each student is provided a Chromebook. Hotspots for WiFi are provided as necessary to students to work from home if necessary.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS:

- Social-Emotional Learning activities are embedded into instructional strategies to provide an inclusive learning environment for all students.
- Counselors are available for all students if they need additional support and counseling.
- Counselors coordinate available resources within the school system and from community agencies to provide referral information to families and students.

WATER

Bloomington ISD provides Culligan water for all students so water fountains don't have to be used during this time.

