



Brunswick School Department 2020-21
Frequently Asked Questions
August 24, 2020

- **Do any of the plans for reopening completely eliminate risk?**
 - Health and safety of students and staff were the primary factors used when developing plans. All plans have been designed to mitigate risk (health, social and emotional well being, academic progress) but none of the plans completely eliminate all health risks to students and staff.

- **What if my student refuses or is not able to wear a mask (or proper face covering)?**
 - Students who refuse or are not able to wear a mask will need to partake in distance learning. If there are extenuating circumstances, situations will be reviewed by medical personnel and administration on a case by case basis.
 - We realize that there will be a learning curve for students - programming will involve teaching how and why face coverings are necessary.
 - Outdoor mask breaks will be built into programming.

- **Is Brunswick a one-to-one device district?**
 - Brunswick is not presently a one-to-one device district, but we will be sure that all students who need a device have access to one.
 - Plans include moving to a one-to-one district and we are currently ordering additional devices and technology equipment to support distance learning. There is currently a delay on orders nationwide and delivery dates for equipment stretch beyond the opening of school.

- **How will students' learning be impacted?**
 - Each of the proposed models will provide students with high quality academic, social and emotional programming.
 - Some students struggled to engage with distance learning - this continues to be a concern and we have built in additional check ins and follow up for students who do not engage in learning opportunities.
 - Teachers have been engaged in and will continue to take part in professional development to support distance learning.
 - All students and staff will use consistent learning platforms. Grade levels PreK-2 will use Seesaw and grade levels 3-12 will use Google classroom.
 - All synchronous learning and virtual check ins will be done using Google Meets.

- **Seesaw has been selected as the PreK-2 learning platform and Google Classroom has been selected as the 3-12 learning platform. What does this mean and how will this help our student? What does it provide for me as the parent/guardian?**

- Click [HERE](#) to learn more about each platform.
- **Are families able to choose whether to pursue distance learning or potential in-building programming?**
 - Families will be permitted to choose if they want to send their student(s) for in-building instruction or pursue distance learning. Families that opt for distance learning need to commit to at least the December 2020 break, wherein options may be reevaluated.
- **How will the cohort/groups be developed?**
 - Cohort/groups will be developed at the building level by administration. Requests to be in a particular cohort will not be considered.
- **What about if I have more than one student and we plan to send them for In-building instruction - will they be put in the same cohort?**
 - Siblings will be placed in the same cohort whenever possible. If there are extenuating circumstances there will be a discussion with the family.
- **Why do we need to have multiple different possible scenarios for school?**
 - It is likely that COVID-19 cases will increase/decrease at different times of the year. By having different possibilities for school we will be able to adapt whenever necessary to ensure the safety of our students and staff while also limiting the educational impact on students.
- **If a student or staff member displays symptoms, what should they do?**
 - See Health Office COVID Procedures included in BSD Plan (on website).
- **What if a member of our family travels outside of the state or country? Will this impact our student's ability to attend school for In-building instruction?**
 - See Health Office COVID Procedures included in BSD Plan (on website).

Transportation Questions

- **If I opt-in for Transportation can I drive my student to school when needed?**
 - Yes
- **If I sign up for transportation, but later decide to opt-out of, what should I do?**
 - Please notify the Transportation department immediately.
- **Can I change my student's bus at any time?**
 - No, due to capacity challenges we cannot accommodate this request.
- **Last year my student could request a blue bus pass to ride a different bus to a different location - will it be possible to request a blue pass this year?**

- No, unfortunately bus changes are not possible this year.
- **Will there be a late bus this year?**
 - No. We currently do not have capacity to support this request.

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