



BRSD

The Road Back

Proposed Plan for Reopening Our
Schools Safely



COLLABORATIVE PLANNING PROCESS

This proposed plan was created in accordance with guidelines from the following agencies:

- Centers for Disease Control
- Atlantic County Department of Health
- New Jersey Department of Health
- BRSD School Physician
- New Jersey Department of Education

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING PROCESS

BUENA REOPENING COMMITTEE

Teachers

School Nurses

CST/Behavior Analyst

School Counselors

Classroom Assistants

Buildings and Grounds Staff

Secretaries

Food Services

Youth and Teen Center

Board of Education Members

District and School Administration

BRSD Plan for the Reopening of Schools

- Hybrid Option: Cohort A and Cohort B + Complete Virtual Day for students
 - Five Day Week: AA-C-BB
 - Full Instructional Days
 - Certain populations present on A and B days
- Full Remote Option
 - Policy 2413-Remote Learning
 - Addresses procedures, expectations, communication, and reporting
- District Calendar Revised
 - Front Loaded staff inservice days
 - First day for students is September 8th
- Cohort Calendar created to cover September-December

Health & Safety

Face Coverings:

- All adults will wear face coverings at all times, unless medically contraindicated.
- The school district will provide one cloth face covering for staff, or they may choose to wear their own.
- Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear face coverings at all times unless medically contraindicated or specified otherwise in a student's IEP; PK-2 students are encouraged to wear masks at all times and will be required to wear face coverings in hallways and all common areas when social distancing is not possible.
- Elementary school students will be socially distanced in classrooms to the maximum extent possible;
- Physical barriers will be provided when social distancing in the classroom is not possible; if physical barriers are not available, students will wear face coverings;
- Social Distancing will occur in common areas; however, use of common areas will be limited by having students remain in classrooms whenever possible via rotating hallway schedules, and by reducing the total student population each day.

Health & Safety

Handwashing and Hand Sanitizing:

- Hand sanitizing stations located throughout buildings;
- Signage throughout buildings;
- Before/After breakfast, lunch, snack
- After using the lavatory;
- When returning in from outdoors;
- After sneezing, coughing, and wiping/blowing nose

Health & Safety

Screening:

- Health screenings will be conducted safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations;
- Results will be documented by nurse when signs/symptoms of COVID-19 are observed;
- Students, staff, and permitted visitors must enter through designated entrances;
- Designated staff will monitor student, staff, and permitted visitor entry into schools and buildings. Staff will be trained in the temperature scanning device
- Temperature-taking for students and staff;
 - Elevated temps require further screening from nurse;
 - Isolation space created for overflow of students and staff;
- A permitted visitor's temperature is elevated, he/she must leave immediately;
- Completion of health questionnaire by parents and staff;
- Staff to receive symptom form/list developed by school physician;
- Staff will visually inspect for student symptoms throughout day;
- Student and Staff entrances/exits restricted;

Health & Safety

Symptomatic Students and Staff:

- If required to go home, may not return until fever/symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication

Timeframe for Self-Isolation/Quarantine based on Testing Results

- Adhere to guidelines published by the NJ CDS (will be posted on web);
- Students/Staff never tested, but a household contact or close contact of someone testing positive, will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days from last known exposure to COVID-19+ person

Technology

- Students, parents, and staff will receive assistance and training relative to instructional resources to better use technology and digital platforms for learning.
- The district will continue to make accommodations for students with special needs according to their IEPs.
- All students will receive a device, if needed, and when needed, reliable connectivity.
- The district will distribute devices prior to the reopening of school.

Transportation

- Students will be **required** to wear face coverings on school buses;
- Identification/accommodations for students who are unable to wear a face covering due to an underlying medical condition(s) will be made;
- Students who are unable to wear a mask, as identified by the School Physician and with proper documentation should sit at the front of the bus;
- Seating charts/assigned seats will be created and will include families/siblings seated together whenever possible;
- Parents may provide their own transportation to reduce potential spread;
- Students must wear face coverings at communal bus stops.
- Contracted bus company will provide the district with documentation of its cleaning and disinfecting practices.

Facilities and Cleaning Practices

- Increased, routine cleaning and disinfection is included in policy 1648.
- The custodial staff will use all cleaning products that are EPA approved for use against the virus. Staff will follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, etc.)
- In addition to normal nightly cleaning, all areas will be sprayed down with an electrostatic sprayer.
- Water fountains will be closed. Students will be instructed to bring their own water bottles.
- All high touch points will be disinfected prior to the start of the day and once again mid day to the maximum extent possible.
- Daily cleaning checklists will be used for high touch areas within the building;
- Buildings and Grounds staff will provide teachers and staff with EPA-registered disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces can be wiped down regularly
- Bathrooms will be monitored by teachers in HS/MS, and sign in sheets will be used to monitor contact tracing in all buildings;
- Number of students in bathrooms at the same time will be reduced;
- Bathrooms will be cleaned daily, or between use as much as possible, using protocols outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

MEALS

- Schools will be providing meal service during in-person instruction, as well as remote learning;
- Students receiving breakfast will do so in their classrooms at the BRMS and elementary schools; Students in the high school will receive breakfast in the cafeteria and other designated areas;
- Lunch will be provided within the cafeteria;
- Lunches will be pre-portioned and packaged;
- Additional lunch periods will be added as needed and applicable to account for social distancing;
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing will occur between each meal service;
- A procedure will be in place to ensure that students learning remotely will have access to meals

ATHLETICS

- Currently proceeding with HS Fall sports in accordance with NJSIAA phased guidelines; no MS Fall sports;
- Phase 1 began on July 27th for football and will begin August 3rd for all other sports;
- The BOE approved all athletic teams to only participate in activities consistent with Phase 1 of the NJSIAA guidelines through the Summer Recess period;
- Summer Recess workouts end on August 28th;
- Further decisions regarding Fall sports may take place at the August 18th BOE meeting;
- Official start date for the Fall season is September 14th.

Next Steps

- ★ Board Approval
- ★ Submission to Atlantic County Office of Education
- ★ Communicate with parents
- ★ Obtain parental requests for full remote by August 7, 2020
- ★ Set Student Cohort Schedules
- ★ Continued implementation planning