

Berlin Brothersvalley School District

Educational Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year

School Options and Health & Safety Plan Considerations

- ✓ Face to Face Learning - Return to School with Heightened Safety Protocols and Cleaning
- ✓ Distance Learning - No Classes Held in Buildings. All Instruction Delivered Online by Teachers (This may begin at a moments notice)
- ✓ Hybrid Learning - A/B Schedule. Half the Students Attend Monday and the Other Half Tuesday. Wednesday is a Cleaning Day. Repeat A/B Schedule on Thursday and Friday
- ✓ Cyber School Through WaterFront Managed by the School District - For Students who do not want to Attend Face to Face Instruction.

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Parents assess their children's health prior to coming to school. If student is ill then the student should stay at home.
- ✓ Bus rides require masks to receive transportation to school. (Currently under a mask mandate)
- ✓ All Students Temperature Screened Upon Arrival at School [Temperature kiosks at High School Entrance (1), Middle School Entrance (2) and Elementary Entrance (1). Students exhibiting a temperature of 100.4 or above will be screened by the School Nurse and a decision will be made to stay in school or require pickup] Only students and staff are permitted in the buildings.

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Students who eat breakfast enter the cafeteria and follow social distancing guidelines established for this space which include distancing of 3 feet or greater. Students will be assigned by section/grade levels
- ✓ All other students report to their lockers and classrooms
- ✓ Students will be distanced as far as possible in each class. It is not possible to distance students to the extent the CDC recommends in the Face to Face Learning Option with the current teacher/student ratio
- ✓ All classrooms and offices will have the bare minimum in terms of furniture to facilitate the distancing of desks to the maximum extent

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Students will be arranged in rows so that they are not facing each other. Staggered seating may assist in maintaining maximum distance. New furniture may be ordered to provide more flexible seating options
- ✓ Students will not share materials and textbooks. Each student will have a computer/technology of their own to work in the classroom.
- ✓ Instructional strategies such as “think-pair-share”, group work and any physical/social interaction in the classroom are discouraged.

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Students will be provided with wipes to sanitize their desks prior to moving to the next class
- ✓ Hand sanitizers will be provided in each room for frequent use and hand washing with soap and water will be encouraged.
- ✓ Students will be dismissed from their classes and proceed immediately to their next class. Use of lockers will be discouraged and if used will stagger access to lockers to reduce physical contact. Each student will have technology which will reduce the amount of materials/books needed.
- ✓ Students will be directed to follow safe patterns in transition based on their class location and building level

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Bathrooms will be wiped down twice a day by the custodial staff while students are in class. (Additional cleaning will require either contracting a service or hiring additional custodial staff)
- ✓ Teachers will track and limit student time out of the classroom to various locations (bathroom, locker, etc.)
- ✓ Time in the hallways will be strictly limited and occur only if absolutely required
- ✓ Recess will be held outside or in the gymnasium and follow social distancing guidelines

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Students will eat in the cafeteria and will be assigned seats. They will be distanced to the maximum extent possible. Additional tables will be added and spaced throughout the cafeteria/gymnasium to provide social distancing
- ✓ Students will be issued lunch cards to use at cash registers to reduce physical contact
- ✓ Students will be directed by staff to return trays/trash/etc. to manage social distancing

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓SCTC students will be dismissed from the cafeteria to the buses for transport to SCTC. There will be up to two students per seat on each bus
- ✓Aides will escort students to next class from the cafeteria to reduce physical contact on the return to afternoon classes
- ✓PM classes will be conducted as AM classes in terms of classroom and hall passing guidelines
- ✓These are the procedures for a regular face to face learning day.

Face to Face Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓Elementary students dismissed for pickup will have standard locations assigned on the elementary sidewalk.
- ✓Secondary students will proceed to their lockers and buses at the designated dismissal time
- ✓Students in practices/clubs/etc. will proceed directly to their assigned area and coach/advisor for after school activities

Hybrid Learning - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ The student body would be divided so that approximately 365 students would attend school on a rotation to provide student numbers which are able to conform to CDC guidelines
- ✓ Group A will attend school on Monday and Thursday
- ✓ Group B will attend school on Tuesday and Friday
- ✓ Wednesday no students will be in the buildings. Teachers will plan as well as communicate with students during the day as needed. Additional cleaning will occur as needed
- ✓ Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from after school practices/clubs on days when their children are not in the buildings.
- ✓ SCTC transportation is still in discussion as is SCTC class schedules

Cyber Learning via WaterFront - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ Students may opt for learning at home via Waterfront Cyber which is managed by the Berlin Brothersvalley School District
- ✓ Students in this option are **not** taught by BBSD teachers and will complete a course of study via the WaterFront curriculum
- ✓ Students are still eligible to participate in extracurricular activities with this learning option
- ✓ This is a K-12 option for our students

Distance Learning via BBSD Technology and Schoology - Schedule and Protocols

- ✓ The district will utilize the 1:1 technology and Schoology program to provide instruction for students
- ✓ Distribution of computers for each student/parent will take place in August
- ✓ In conjunction with the distribution, teachers will provide guidance on the use of Schoology to engage in distance learning should it be necessary
- ✓ Teachers will work from their classrooms and maintain the timelines delineated in the master district schedule for classes
- ✓ Students will be graded and expected to participate in synchronous and asynchronous learning.

Issues to Address

- ✓ Masks are currently required by the State although there are exceptions which have yet to be fully explained. There are many opinions across the district regarding the wearing of masks. This issue needs resolved so that it does not create an issue with teachers/staff/students/parents/etc.
- ✓ Social distancing as recommended by the CDC cannot be accomplished using the Face to Face Learning option. This is not a requirement but a recommendation. We need to determine our tolerance as a district to this reality.
- ✓ Specific guidelines need to be developed to address how to handle a variety of scenarios if there is contraction and/or exposure to the virus for both students and staff.
- ✓ A determination of when to move to distance learning needs to be established if a critical number of teachers/students are out due to illness and distancing/learning cannot be maintained in Face to Face instruction.
- ✓ Internet access is at approximately 85-90% across the district however the quality of the access is problematic.
- ✓ Staff will have issues requiring resolution in terms of time off due to the COVID issue and how it will be handled.

Technology and Sanitization Purchases to Address COVID Issues

- ✓ Temperature Kiosks
- ✓ Masks
- ✓ Foggers
- ✓ Electrostatic Sprayers
- ✓ Water Fountains to Refill Bottles
- ✓ Hand Sanitizers

Unknowns

We do not have answers to all the questions at this time. We do know that we will need to work together to determine the best scenario for the district.

Questions for Staff

- ✓ Rocky Ritchey - School Nurse
- ✓ Tanner Prosser - Athletic Director
- ✓ Dawn Gindlesperger - Technology
- ✓ Don Stutzman - Building Maintenance
- ✓ Cathy Berkebile - Cafeteria Manager
- ✓ Brian Fochtman - School Resource Officer