

# **Buckeye Local Schools 2021-2022 School Year In Person Learning Plan**



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## Plan Overview

Dear Buckeye Families,

We would first like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the 2020/2021 school year. We look forward to welcoming our students back for the 2021/2022 school year. BLSD will continue with in person instruction for the 2021/2022 school year. However, if a parent or guardian chooses not to send their child for in person instruction, BLSD will still provide an online learning platform for all students k-12. Details of our online learning platform are described later in this document.

First and foremost, our plan is grounded in the public health science and data provided by the state Department of Health, the Governor and Ohio Department of Education. The Ashtabula County Health Department, CDC, and collaboration with other Ashtabula County School Districts through the Ashtabula County ESC provides us with expertise and the opportunity to vet our plans with others. Throughout the school year we will communicate any changing requirements for operating our schools with our constituents.

The district will continue to follow CDC and ACHD guidelines as far as **facial coverings, physical distancing, cleaning and maintaining the facilities, and contact tracing**. More detailed information on these topics for specific areas of the buildings are described within the plan.

When it comes to **diagnostic and screening tests**, the district will provide Abbott BinaxNOW at-home rapid antigen test kits for Covid-19 for students/staff and families that exhibit symptoms.

In partnership with the ACHD, the district will assist in providing any staff/students with opportunities to become vaccinated.

We have in our plan processes to meet the needs of our students with disabilities. Implementing student IEP plans, maintaining special services, holding IEP meetings and supporting the needs of students

The district will provide additional support for academics throughout the summer and during the school year. There will also be tutoring services provided through the Kingsville public library.

## **General Requirements and Procedures for In Person Learning**

### **Parents/Caregivers**

- Conduct a student wellness check including temperature prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F must be kept home.
- If you have multiple students in school and anyone in your household has COVID-19 Symptoms you must keep all your children at home.
- There will be no parent / grandparent lunch visits this year.
- Parents whose children purchase lunch or breakfast must set up their payment account online. There will be no cash payments this year.
- Parents will only be permitted in the building for an emergency situation.
- Parents must conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building. Do not come to the school if you are running a fever higher than 100°F or showing other symptoms. Required in-person school office visits will follow appropriate physical distancing protocols. and require a mask for the entire visit.
- Ensure your contact information is up to date in the event the nurse / administrator needs to contact parent / caregiver during the school day.
- Ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.
- Parents dropping off or picking up students must remain in or at their car. There will be no congregating at or around the school doors or in the parking lot.

### **Students**

- Maintain appropriate physical distances as posted or instructed while in school.
- Follow directional signs and social distancing prompts when in the halls of the school
- Report immediately to your classroom, upon arrival at school.

### **Employees**

- Must conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building. Do not come to the school if you are running a fever higher than 100°F or showing other symptoms

## Facial Coverings

We will encourage students/staff to wear masks anytime if it makes them feel safe.

However, we will follow the recommendations/mandates of the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, Governor's Office, Federal Coronavirus Task Force, Medical Groups and the ACHD on the use of facial coverings.

Correct wearing of masks

- Completely cover the nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of the face and not have any gaps
- Be handled only by the ear loops, cords, or head straps (not by the surface of the mask)



## Hand Washing

Hand Washing / Sanitizing: Frequent hand washing is a key strategy to the prevention of the spread and becoming infected with Covid 19. There will be hand sanitizing stations throughout each building. Frequent hand sanitizing will be a part of every staff member and student's day. Students are permitted to carry their own hand sanitizer if they wish for use before, during or after school.



## **Transportation**

Parents are encouraged when possible to transport their own children.

We will not be offering bus passes to different locations (friend's house, grandparents, babysitter, every other week, etc...) This is due to the pre arranged number of students and assigned seating that we will need to put in place due to COVID regulations.

Seating will be assigned.

Riders from the same family will be seated together.

Upon arrival at school students will be immediately dismissed to their classroom. If upon arrival another bus is unloading the bus driver will wait to dismiss students until the first bus is empty and students have entered the building.

Students will be picked up and dropped off at their house.

Buses will be disinfected and cleaned between rides and after the last ride of the day.

Failure to adhere to protocols above will result in loss of ridership privileges.

## **Arrival/Dismissal**

When dropping off students in the morning, parents will pull up to the designated door or drop off area, allow their student(s) out of their vehicle and instruct them to enter the building and report to their room / first period. If a student is tardy, parents are to call the office and the secretary will meet the student at the door. Secretaries will log the child as signed in without having the parents physically sign the form. If a student must be picked up during the school day. Parents will call to notify the office and students will be called down to the office and then escorted to the door for parents to pick up. Secretaries will log the child as signed out without having the parents physically sign the form. Other than students that are sick and waiting to go home in the nurse's clinic or isolation room, there will be no students waiting in the office to be picked up.

Students who are picked up at the end of school will be called to the parking lot to meet their parents / caregivers to allow for proper distancing in the halls and at the exits.

Car riders will be dismissed from their classrooms.

## Visitors, Meetings and Conferences

There will be no lunch visits this year.

All required meetings will take place via teleconference / phone when possible.

When in person meetings are necessary, participants will follow appropriate CDC and ACHD protocols that are set in place at that time.

When possible schedule meetings in larger spaces i.e. the library, cafeteria, large classroom, music room, etc.

The custodial staff must be given notice when a meeting has taken place so the area can be properly disinfected.

## Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to students at no cost

Students will be in cohorts during lunch and have assigned seats. This allows for optimal contact tracing.

Breakfast will be served in bags

There is no sharing of food items between students.

The district will provide meals throughout the summer months.





## **Restrooms**

Drinking Fountains will not be available for use.

There will be multiple bottle fillers in each building.

Parents may provide a bottle of water for their child in the book bag or lunch container.

Limit of two students in the restroom at a time.

Frequent disinfecting of restrooms will be scheduled.

## **Classroom/ Instructional Areas**

Students will have a chromebook assigned to them. There will be no sharing of chromebooks.

Chromebooks need to be charged nightly.

Student seating 3ft apart in classrooms

A cleaning schedule based on room use i.e. scheduled lunch, recess (elementary) prep period, etc., will be created for the custodian to wipe desktops, door hardware, and countertops daily.

Minimize materials / equipment not being used in the open. Placing them in cupboards or on top of shelves reduces the number of surfaces that are subject to being touched or getting in the way because of distancing seating.

To the extent possible minimize materials and supplies stored on the teacher desk.

Only the classroom teacher uses the phone in the classroom.

Eliminate shared materials.

Keep classroom doors open to maintain airflow and reduce the number of touches to door

handles.

Use child-safe fans to increase the effectiveness of open windows. Safely secure fans in a window to blow potentially contaminated air out and pull new air in through other open windows and doors.

### **BLSD Online Learning Platform Edgenuity & Ace Digital**

Enrollment in this option is required. If enrolling your child in our online program, contact Michael Notar at 997-5301. Students will be provided a school district Chromebook to use to access classes. Internet Access at home is needed.

**BLSD online program** will allow students to continue their education at home using a curriculum that can be accessed online. THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED PLATFORM. Students using this option remain a Buckeye student. In addition to the curriculum, which can be accessed anytime, students and parents will receive support from Buckeye teachers.

- ***K-2 students who opt-out*** of any in-person learning for the 2020-21 SY will be placed on ***Edgenuity***, which is a digital learning academy. The teachers of these students will serve as the teachers of record.
- ***Students in grades 3-12 who opt-out*** of any in-person learning for the 2020-21 SY will be placed on ***Ace Digital***, which is a digital learning academy. The teachers of these students will serve as the teachers of record.

#### **What can parents do to make the best of this option?**

- Establish a daily routine and daily expectations for your child.
- Help your child plan the week's activities and work.
- Check-in with your child regarding their work and engage them in a discussion of their work.
- Help your child create an environment that is conducive to learning and free of distractions.
- Support opportunities for your child to exercise or be outdoors or be involved in the arts.

- Establish guidelines for your child's screen time.
- Reach out to your child's teacher, advisor or guidance counselor with concerns, questions, and for support.
- Be a supportive partner with your child's teacher(s)

