



**BOAZ CITY
SCHOOLS
Path to
Reopening**

2021-2022

MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT



Boaz City Schools is committed to providing high quality instruction, a safe/clean learning environment, and learning supports for all students and staff. We are looking forward to the start of the 2021-2022 school year and are working diligently to create a plan that supports our reopening safely. We know that we cannot anticipate every obstacle or challenge but be assured that we are making every effort to address a safe start for our school district. We thank you for your continued support as we all work together to make this a safe and successful school year!

Go Pirates!

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PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- School start date
- Traditional Learning or Virtual Learning options for Parents/Guardians
- Traditional School Day
- Transportation Guidelines
- School officials in partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health will monitor health conditions and determine if one or all of our campuses transition to a blended learning model if necessary.

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

- All communications related to BCSS will be communications to parents/guardians through the following methods.
 - BCSS Website: www.boazkl2.org
 - Email
 - Social Media- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
 - Voice messaging system
 - Traditional media outlets





TRADITIONAL FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION START DATE

- All new and returning students in grades K-12 will register onsite or online per their individual school. School registration dates will be posted on the schools' individual websites.
- In-District registration forms can be accessed at www.boazk12.org
- Students will return to school on **August 11th.**
- Parents may not enter the building. However, parents are encouraged to bring students to school and not ride the bus, if possible. Additional information regarding individual school returns will be available on school websites.

SUCCESS VIRTUAL
SCHOOL LEARNING
THROUGH OUR SUCCESS
CENTER

- Virtual learning has been an option for Boaz High School students for several years. Our plans are to return to 100% face-to-face instruction. However, we will take into consideration any individual case that could require a virtual setting in grades 9-12 only through an application process.



HOW WILL THE SUCCESS VIRTUAL SCHOOL WORK?

- Students participating will be counted in attendance as they participate daily and turn in assignments. Reliable internet service will be required to participate. Students who ARE SELECTED FOR the virtual option will be required to stay with this option for the school year.
- Students will use the learning management platform Edgenuity.



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Extracurricular Activities – Students must meet the same extracurricular activity eligibility requirements as students enrolled in the traditional day program, including, but not limited to, any applicable Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) requirements.
- All elective courses may not be offered to full-time virtual program students.
- SUCCESS students can be required to be on campus for certain events such as class meetings, state testing, or other activities designated by the school principal.

HOW CAN MY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT APPLY FOR
VIRTUAL LEARNING AT THE SUCCESS CENTER?

Please contact the Boaz High School administration
for a copy of the virtual school application.



BCSS PERSONS WITH COVID-19

Exclusion from School

- Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately. Persons will not be allowed to return to the school campus until they have completely recovered according to Alabama Department of Public Health guidelines.
- All Staff and Parents should be familiar with the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance:
 - A fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- **Staff and students who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay at home and monitor their health.**



DEALING WITH ILLNESS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Any person exhibiting signs of illness will be sent to the nurse immediately for evaluation.
- A separate room/area will be set up for any person who is exhibiting signs of COVID-19 to be cared for. The area will be disinfected frequently. Students/staff will be walked out of the building from the room/area to persons driving them home.
- We strongly encourage parents and staff to take the temperatures of their children or their own temperature before entering the building.

SIBLINGS OR OTHER STUDENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD WITH COVID-19 AND WHEN TO SELF QUARANTINE

Siblings or Other Students in the Household with COVID-19

- If a student is excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive COVID-19 test, his or her siblings or other students living in the same household will be questioned and if they exhibit symptoms, they will also be excluded from school. If they do not exhibit symptoms, they may still be excluded from school and asked to self-quarantine.

Self-Quarantine

- If a student or employee has recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosed with COVID-19 or has recently traveled from somewhere considered to be a “hot spot” by the CDC, the LEA may exclude the student or employee from the school building and recommend that they self-quarantine.

BCSS FACILITY CLEANING PROCEDURES

- As soon as BCSS becomes aware of a student or employee that may have COVID-19 or that has been excluded from school or recommended to self-quarantine, the custodial staff will be informed so that all desks, lockers, and workspaces of the person are thoroughly disinfected.
- If the school is not open when notification occurs, the custodial staff will wait 24 hours or as long as possible prior to disinfecting and instead will block off the area so that others do not have contact. However, if that is not possible or school is in session, the cleaning will occur immediately.



PARENT REQUIREMENTS

Home Screening

- Home is the first point of the Screening continuum.
- Parents should check child's temperature every morning. Students with temperature of 100.4 or higher should stay at home and consider COVID testing if there is no other explanation.
- Monitor for the following COVID symptoms every morning and keep student home if present: cough, congestion, shortness of breath, or gastrointestinal symptoms.
- Teach and reinforce proper handwashing; coughing into elbow/tissue; not sharing personal items/supplies; self-reporting any symptoms to teacher/nurse.

BCSS FACE COVERING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

- Recommendations regarding face mask/coverings differ based on the level of community spread and guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health.
- At this time wearing a mask will be required for all students and staff inside of school buildings.

Also, students riding a bus will be required to wear a face mask/covering at this time per the United States Department of Transportation.



BCSS ADDITIONAL HYGIENE, CLEANING, AND DISINFECTING MEASURES FOR THE BUILDING

- All persons are encouraged to wash hands frequently.
- Place hand sanitizer hygiene stations at the entrances of the building. **All persons entering the building should sanitize their hands.**
- Encourage students and employees to sanitize their backpacks and personal items at the beginning and end of the day and separate personal items into cubbies or baskets that are not shared with other students. Do not allow students to share lockers. Locker use should be minimized.
- Require all persons to wash hands after blowing noses, coughing or sneezing, or when in contact with bodily fluids.
- Discourage shaking hands, hugging, or giving high -fives, etc.,
- Disinfect door handles, light switches, stair railings, and other frequently touched surfaces every hour.
- Disinfect bathrooms and other common areas frequently with posted schedules where workers sign off the time when the work has been completed.
- Make sure that disinfectant and related supplies are available to all employees close to their workstations.
- Ensure that there are adequate sinks, soap and paper products for all classes, or other sanitizing stations.
- Effective hand sanitizer is made available to all persons working or learning in the building. **Parents should notify the school if their child is allergic to any form or common ingredients of hand sanitizer.**
- Remove items from the classroom or hallways that are frequently touched but are not easily cleaned such as fabric.
- Install physical barriers in reception areas and workspaces where the environment does not accommodate social distancing if feasible.

BCSS SIGNAGE

Providing Guidance on COVID-19

- Post signs in bathrooms with directions on how to effectively wash hands.
- Materials provided to employees and students should include information on how to recognize the signs of infection and directives not to come to school if sick.



ASSESSMENTS

Formative and State Required Assessments

- All students will participate in all formative and state assessments.
- This includes both traditional in-person and virtual students.
- Virtual students will be required to come on campus for state assessments.
- Grades K-3 will participate this fall in literacy assessments per state law.



VISITORS/ CHECK-IN AND OUT/ ABSENCES

Visitors to School Campus

- At this time, visitors may be limited in their access to the school buildings.

Excuses for Absences

- Parents are encouraged to upload documentation for excused absences and email to appropriate staff at each school
- Hand delivered excuses will be given to classroom teacher



TRANSPORTATION

Preparation and Cleaning:

- BCSS will inspect all buses and transport vehicles for cleanliness and safety daily.
- Buses will be disinfected more frequently and thoroughly than previous years. Products used will be based on CDC, local health department, and/or risk management professionals.

BCSS TRANSPORTATION MODIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Assign students to seats; seat students with members of same household
- Limit students to one route and prohibit practices such as being picked up and dropped off in different locations, using different routes.
- Prohibit eating or drinking (unless medically required) or chewing gum on the bus.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be installed inside buses or provide drivers and passengers with access to alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol on the bus. Students will sanitize hands when they enter the bus.



FUTURE INFORMATION



This document is considered a working document and may be updated based on additional information regarding COVID-19 when it is released. This document was developed around current policies, practices, and strategies that the BCSS district and schools must implement in order to ensure the healthiest and safest environment while mitigating risks throughout the 2021-2022 school year.