



2020-2021 Fall Plan/Transition Plan

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Rationale: Belleville Township High School District #201 remains committed to providing high quality in-person educational and extracurricular programs for students. With this goal in mind, we feel that a gradual implementation of our plan will be most effective. We want you to know that we will be emphasizing: masks for all persons on campus, daily temperature checks, daily health assessments, social distancing at all times, and increased cleaning and sanitizing. The A/B format for blended remote learning greatly reduces the number of students on campus each day. In cooperation with the St. Clair County Health Department and the Regional Office of Education, District #201 will begin our 5 week transition plan back to in person instruction in the upcoming weeks. Our 2020-2021 Fall Plan has been modified to reflect any changes that may have occurred since the initial publication.

Transition Weekly Plan (for student scheduled for in person learning- A/B format):

Week #1: Freshman only in an A/B format for freshman orientation on Thursday (A) and Friday (B).*

Week #2: A/B format for blended remote students on Thursday (A) and Friday (B).**

Week #3: A/B format for blended remote students on Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday. Wednesday will be a remote attendance day for all students.

Week #4: A/B format for blended remote students on Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday. Wednesday will be a remote attendance day for all students.

Week #5: A/B format for all five days.

*Specific special education populations Thursday and Friday

**Specific special education populations Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

IMPORTANT: Students that elected to be fully remote for the semester will continue as planned. Students on the blended remote A/B format continue as such for the first four weeks of the transition plan; however, if you are not comfortable returning at this time you can reach out to your teacher to receive your assignments in an alternative format. Semester long placement changes will be considered during week #5 of the plan.

We have learned a great deal over the course of the last month or two. Since bringing our staff back, we have utilized the protocols outlined in this plan. **We learned that wearing your mask properly at all times while in the building, social distancing, washing hands frequently, and a sanitizing regimen are keys to a healthy learning environment.** We feel that these lessons learned will help ensure success when students return.

Once school resumes, a decision to return to remote learning for all or part of the school district will be determined based on school specific details and risk factors of the situation, in collaboration with the St. Clair County Health Department.

Nursing/Health Personnel: Our district is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy environment for students and staff. Our health professionals are available to meet student needs and provide much needed guidance. We have increased the number of individuals on campus to assist in this area. We are excited to announce that our athletic trainers are here to assist in our efforts.

Student Wellness/Counseling: We recognize that there are a multitude of factors impacting students at the current time. Our staff is at the ready to help ease student and parent concerns. We are committed to assisting all students make the transition back to school.

Before Arriving at School: All students and staff members will conduct daily health and well-being checklists. We worked with our student management software company to provide a link in the Student 360 app to complete the daily check. **Students exhibiting symptoms of sickness should not come to school.** We are asking parents to contact the school immediately upon recognizing symptoms. School health professionals will be available for consultation.

Upon Arrival at School: Each student entering the building will be temperature checked. The district will utilize infrared temperature scanning devices. We are asking that all students arrive as close to the start of their first class as possible, unless they have a structured, planned event to attend prior to the beginning of the school day. Students will not be permitted to congregate in groups prior to the beginning of school. Areas will be designated for those who must arrive early.

PPE/Masks: Guidelines mandate that students must wear a mask at all times while on campus. The school issued masks to all students. **Acceptable masks must be school issued or similar and of a solid color only. Masks must remain on, unless students are granted permission by staff, when outside and social distancing can be insured.** If your child has a specific health condition that does not allow for them to wear a mask, please reach out to the school nurse at BWnurse@bths201.org, (618) 222-7649 or BE nurse@bths201.org, (618) 222-3735. Our school nurses will follow up and explain the medical documentation that will be needed prior to your student attending school.

Communications/Disclosures: In the event that a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, school district administration and the County Health Department will work together to identify all individuals who would be considered potential close contacts of the positive case. IDPH defines “close contact” as having been within 6 ft of someone with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes. The school district and/or health department will disclose the potential for exposure with close contacts on an individual basis. The school district will not make mass communications regarding positive tests out of respect for the privacy of the affected individuals. District precautions and protocols for mitigating COVID spread will isolate positive cases at school.

The School Day: Current guidance allows for in-person instruction and students will be assigned to alternating days on campus in alphabetical groupings by last name. On days in which students are scheduled to report to campus, they will follow a traditional school schedule from 8:30 a m-3:25 p m, unless specific scheduling accommodations are made. Social distancing will be observed whenever possible. Efforts have been made to limit opportunities where social distancing traditionally could not occur. Specific traffic patterns and hallway procedures will be in place to limit exposure. Additional classroom release protocols and extended passing periods may be implemented. Current guidance requires all students to wear face masks in class at all times. Students will be assigned lockers. Specific instructional and daily procedures will be outlined later in this document.

Visitors: As always, we want our school sites to be as welcoming as possible to family and friends of Belleville Township High Schools. As is typical of most public venues at this time, it is our goal to limit outside traffic at our schools as much as possible. Parents/Guardians and others who must be on campus should expect the following precautions on behalf of our schools:

- Parents/Guardians picking up students will be asked to phone the school office from the parking lot and school staff dismiss your student to meet you.
- All meetings with administration or faculty must be prearranged.

- All visitors will be required to certify that they are symptom-free and will have their temperature checked prior to entry.
- All visitors must wear a mask to enter the school building.
- Visitors should expect to report to designated visitor areas only upon arrival.

Cafeteria Procedures: Seating will be limited at each table and in each area to provide social distancing when students are eating in the cafeteria or designated area. We plan to eat in the cafeteria and gymnasium. **Lunches will be packaged for student pickup.** All students will be assigned a specific dining area where they will report and receive their lunch. Students will be required to remain in the designated area throughout the entirety of the lunch period. Students are permitted to bring a lunch from home.

Physical Education: Physical education classes will be conducted throughout the regular school day. Students will not have access to the locker room facilities, and will not be required to change clothes in order to participate. Athletic shoes will be required.

Extracurricular/Enrichment Activities: Providing student enrichment to the traditional school day is one of our district's strengths. We will make every attempt to maintain programming and provide musical, athletic, academic, artistic, dramatic, and enrichment clubs and activities this school year. Some of this may take some time to develop safety/health protocols in order to insure they are conducted in a healthy environment.

Athletics/Activities: The IHSA, State Board of Education, and Illinois Department of Public Health continue to review and plan for upcoming seasons. Our coaches, directors, sponsors, and teachers will comply with all guidance. We will continue workouts and readiness for play as it is allowed. We are hopeful that our athletic teams and extracurricular programs will have the opportunity to compete. Student participants should report for practices and team activities as scheduled regardless of whether they were on campus or learning remotely during the school day.

Technology: Our district has issued each student their own Google Chromebook in support of this blend of in-person and remote learning. We are currently awaiting our next shipment of Chromebooks. The Chromebook is to remain on their person at all times while at school and students will be responsible for their issued device while working off campus. Protective cases will accompany all devices. Personal hotspots will be provided to all students who do not have reliable internet in their home, to insure access away from school.

Transportation: The district will continue to provide student transportation. **Guidance states that all students must wear a face covering while on the bus**, and parents must insure the daily wellness check is complete prior to boarding. Route and pick-up/drop-off times may have to be adjusted in order to comply with guidance regarding the number of students allowed on the bus.

Belleville Township High School District #201 is committed to providing its students and their families with everything that they need to return to school. This includes school transportation for families who require it. However, if parents/guardians have an alternative means of getting their child to and from school, now is the time to exercise that option. Doing so will help our school staff to ensure that the safety measures that have been put in place to mitigate COVID spread can be properly executed. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide the safest possible education for our students this fall.

Building Cleaning/Sanitation: Our district will employ the best cleaning/sanitation protocol possible. We invested in electrostatic sterilization equipment which allows the building will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day. Each evening the entire building will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school. Plexiglass partitions have been installed in common areas and areas where social distancing may be difficult.

Implementation: Please understand that we are committed to providing all of our students with a high quality education. We are hopeful that this framework will help us accomplish this. Again, we are asking for your support, patience, and understanding as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times for our schools. We assure you that we will try our very best to meet your needs and provide your student with a positive high school experience. We will continue to review, revise, and adapt this framework throughout the semester to ensure we have best practices in place at all times for our students, faculty, and staff.