

BLOOMSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SAFE REOPENING PLAN 2022/2023

LEA Name: Bloomsbury Elementary School

Date: 08/05/2020

Date Revised: 05/12/2022

Board Policy 1648 addresses A-H below.

1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

A. No Universal masking mandate in place. We will continue to monitor our COVID activity level and maintain communication with the NJDOH. We will make adjustments as needed.

B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

- The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.
- The Board's Plan may establish the process and location for student and staff health screenings.
- The school in the district may provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to help ensure that staff and students remain at least six feet apart in lines and at other times.

1. Location of Student and Staff Screening

- Temperatures/visual symptom checks may be taken of staff and students privately when necessary.
- Screening may occur in the nurse's office when necessary.
- The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.

2. Social Distancing in Entrances, Exits, and Common Areas

- The district may indicate 6 foot distancing markings in designated areas inside the building and outside of the building for arrival and dismissal. This may be utilized during specific times such as the morning arrival time or dismissal, and when groups of students must be transported to other areas in the school.
- Grade levels may be staggered during dismissal and will be released by announcement.

C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

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Procedures for Hand Sanitizing/Washing

- The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.
- The district may provide sanitation stations throughout the building.
- The district may provide cleaner/disinfectant in classrooms, as well as provide gloves for cleaning in the classrooms.
- The district may permit one student to the bathroom at a time to avoid contact.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

- The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.
- High touch surfaces may be cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency.
- Sanitation stations may be placed in all classrooms and the hallways.
- Bathrooms may be cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency.
- Electrostatic sprayer may be utilized when disinfecting high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Desks and table tops may be wiped down between classes in shared classrooms when necessary.
- The school may supply an approved disinfectant product in a clearly labeled container for teachers and staff for use as needed. Staff may be trained on proper use and storage of disinfectant.
- Bloomsbury School District is a walking district; therefore cleaning of transportation vehicles does not apply to our district.
- Water fountains remain on for filling of water bottles only. Students may be required to provide their own clear water bottles.

E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

- The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.
- Students in school who become COVID-19 symptomatic may be immediately required to isolate within a designated area within the building.
- A parent may be notified to immediately pick up the student. Parents are required to have a contingency plan for immediate pick-up of an isolated child.
- Parents/guardians must provide an updated emergency contact list prior to the first day of school to ensure prompt pick up of sick children.
- It may be strongly suggested to the parent to seek medical attention upon pick-up.
- Administration may begin to contact the Department of Health to begin contact tracing.
- Parents and faculty/staff and the Department of Health may be required to notify the district of positive COVID-19 results.
- Staff presenting symptoms of COVID-19 may be sent home immediately to seek medical attention.

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- Administration will follow local health department guidance on quarantining of the exposed students or staff.

F. Diagnostic and screening testing

1. Screening Procedures for Students and Staff

- The CDC does not currently recommend that universal symptom screenings be conducted by schools. According to the CDC, universal symptom screenings may fail to identify some students who have COVID-19 infection. Symptom screenings may identify only that a person may have an illness, not that the illness is COVID-19.
- Parents/caregivers may be required to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.
- Staff may be required to monitor themselves for signs of infectious illness every day.
- Students and staff who are sick must remain home.
- Daily health screenings may be initiated if guidance from the CDC changes.
- Any family/students or faculty/staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 but fail to quarantine for the required, administration is required and may take the following necessary steps:
 - a) Contact the parents/guardians of the student(s) for immediate pick-up and may strongly encourage the required quarantine time.
 - b) If quarantine or pick-up is refused the Department of Health and other necessary officials may be contacted.

2. Protocols for Symptomatic Students and Staff

- Students suspected of being ill, or who become ill at school, may be sent to the health office for evaluation by the school nurse. Students may be isolated in the health office. Parents will be contacted and advised to pick up as soon as possible for an encouraged medical evaluation.
- Any parents who cannot be reached, emergency contacts may be notified.
- All parents are required to have updated emergency contacts in OnCourse prior to the beginning of the school year.
- Prompt pick-up of isolated students is essential. Emergency contacts must live within a 30 minute driving distance of school.
- A doctor's note may be required to return to school.
- Staff suspected of being ill, or who become ill at school, may be sent to the health office for evaluation by the school nurse. The staff member may be encouraged to leave for a medical evaluation. A doctor's note will be required to return to school.

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- Any confirmed COVID-19 cases may be reported to the Department of Health to begin contact tracing.

c. Protocols for Face Coverings

- The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.
- Use of face coverings may be required for all staff and students within specific situations.
- Parents may be required to provide masks for students if required by the DOE and DOH throughout the day. (Please note, all markings on masks must follow the school dress code as delineated in the student handbook.)
- The district may provide face masks as needed for those who have arrived at school without them or whose masks are in violation of the dress code.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

District administration and school nurse will continue to disseminate information to all staff and students regarding vaccination sites.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

We require all in-district students to follow health and safety protocols and provide instruction as needed to ensure appropriate wearing of masks, hand washing, and respiratory etiquette. Our students with special needs are able to comply with existing health and safety protocols due to the instruction provided by teachers and support provided by parents.

The district will follow all mandates according to the DOE and DOH guidelines.

2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (1000 character limit)

- Students will sit at individual tables at a safe distance.
- Teachers may provide time and students will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating.

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- Maschio's may continue to be our meal provider. All food prep and service areas may be frequently sanitized. Students may purchase their meals in the cafeteria. Meals may be placed in stadium style cardboard trays for easy handling and holding of food.
- Students may also bring in a bagged lunch from home.
- Staff may monitor students with food allergies.

a. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and School Culture and Climate

SEL will be critical in re-engaging students, supporting adults, rebuilding relationships, and creating a foundation for academic learning.

Not Being Utilized

Being Developed by School Officials

Currently Being Utilized

- The Second Step SEL program is implemented in grades K-3.
- School-wide behavior incentive program may be revamped as the school year continues to adhere to COVID-19 specifications.
- Teachers may utilize classroom behavior plans as appropriate.
- Conscious Discipline techniques may be frequently used in the classroom.
- Use of daily Mindfulness Techniques may be used in the classrooms each morning to promote a positive and calm learning environment.

b. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

MTSS is a systematic approach to prevention, intervention, and enrichment in grades Pre-K through twelve for academics and behavior that offers educators and families a mechanism to identify individual students who need extra support.

Not Being Utilized

Being Developed by School Officials

Currently Being Utilized

- Intervention and Referral Services – Teachers and staff will continue to recognize needs and refer students to the committee, who meet and monitor student needs (both

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academic and behavioral), interventions, and student progress.

- Teachers will continue to observe a student with a specific need and refer the student to the School Social Worker. The School Social Worker will then observe the student and create plans and strategies as necessary.

c. Wraparound Supports

Wraparound services differ from traditional school-based services in their comprehensive approach to addressing the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs of students with interventions both inside and outside of the school environment.

Not Being Utilized

Being Developed by School Officials

Currently Being Utilized

- Essential district employees will continue to refer students to Tri-County CMO or other mental health services in the area when student need goes beyond that of the classroom.
- The School Social Worker will obtain consent and keep frequent contact with identified students who receive outside academic or behavioral services to ensure continuity of support.

3. Learning Protocols

- a. **SCHOOL DAY.** All students are required to report to school each day for a full day of in-person instruction. The remote instruction option for parents is no longer permitted in New Jersey.
- b. **REMOTE INSTRUCTION.** As stated previously, remote instruction is no longer an option for parents.

Remote instruction will **ONLY** be provided for those students excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or COVID-19 diagnosis.

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Remote instruction will be provided for all students should the district be required to shut down due to a declared state of emergency, a declared public health emergency, or health-related school closure.

Laptops and Internet service will be provided to those students in need. The district is a 1:1 district with devices available to each student. Devices may be taken home in the event the student doesn't have an adequate device for distance learning. A needs assessment may be conducted by the district, the results of which will be used to guide future support of at home connectivity needs.

Students will be provided with an electronic device that can be used in school and at home. All students will be asked to sign an acceptable use and responsibility policy. The families may also be asked to provide an insurance deposit per device.

- If quarantining of students is necessary, the district will utilize Zoom for Education as an online platform to provide synchronous instruction for a full day of 6.5 hours of instruction in order for students to interact on a live basis with their teachers and classmates. Both the online and in-person instruction time is equal for all students.
- Attendance for both virtual and in-person instruction will be taken daily and is mandatory.
- The school schedule may be adjusted according to the guidance from the local health department and Department of Education.
- Under emergency circumstances, the district reserves the right to call a “virtual learning day” due to increased illness or staffing shortages. Times may be adjusted for full 100% online virtual instruction if the district must close due to rise in cases or is advised to do so by the Department of Education/Department of Health.
- On these days, a voice blast will be sent out. Students will be expected to participate in remote learning for 4.5 hours a day.
- The educational program may be adjusted at any given time due to COVID-19 infection, rise, and local/state guidance.

4. Public Comment

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan. (1000 character limit)

The plan was presented at a June 14th, 2022 board meeting. Opportunity for comment was available at this time. The plan is also available on the district website.

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B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (1000 character limit)

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