



Bristol Township School District

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Dear Bristol Township School District Community,

We hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer! As we plan for the reopening of Bristol Township schools in the fall, we want our community to know our administration is working diligently on our Health and Safety Plan and Continuity of Education Plan. Once the Health and Safety Plan is complete we will be sharing it with the community prior to the District School Board approval.

As we develop these plans, we urgently need your input through the completion of the linked [parent survey](#) no later than July 17. Your input is valuable to us. Please complete the survey for each of your children based on whether they attend elementary, middle, or high school. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Our planning cannot be set in stone -- it must be adaptable and fluid based on updated directives from state and county health officials and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We anticipate more guidance from the state later this month and possibly later in August.

Similar to other districts, we are currently looking at various options for what school will look like in the fall. We are working with our administrators and other stakeholders to design a safe and effective return to school for our students. In August, the board will approve whatever option is safest and most closely supports the needs of our students and families. The following are a few of the options we are exploring.

Full Traditional In-School Education with added safety/cleaning elements.

Rationale: This plan prioritizes getting students back to school for the full in-school academic experience with safety protocols added. Social distancing is reduced simply because of the number of students.

- All students in school every day.
- Classrooms are arranged to provide maximum distance between desks. In most classrooms, this is approximately 3 feet between desks/seats.
- When furniture and space permits, desks/seats will face the same direction.
- Mask-wearing as mandated by the state.
- Possibly eating in the classroom, grab and go lunches, or other seating arrangements for lunches.
- One-way traffic. where possible.
- No Lockers/Locker Areas/Cubbies used.

Alternating Day Schedule

Rationale: This plan maximizes Social Distance by reducing the number of students in classrooms, hallways, and on buses. This option will only be implemented if physical distancing mandates it.

- Students rotate, one day in school, then one day with asynchronous work online at home or possibly through live streaming instruction.
- Classrooms are arranged to provide maximum distance between desks. In most classrooms, this is approximately 6 feet between desks/seats, when possible.
- When furniture and space permits, desks/seats will face the same direction.
- Mask-wearing as mandated by the state.
- Certain student populations with specific educational needs would attend every day.
- Possibly eating in the classroom, grab and go lunches, or other seating arrangements for lunches.
- One-way traffic, where possible.
- No Lockers/Locker Areas/Cubbies used.

Full Online Instruction for all students (New and improved from Spring 2020).

Rationale: This plan exists in the event schools are forced to close in September or at any other time during the school year.

- Bristol Township teachers will be delivering online instruction via SeeSaw, Canvas, and Google. All students will be able to borrow a device for their home to complete their work.
- No outside programs such as Odyssey, Spark, or Edgenuity will be used to deliver instruction.

Bristol Township's Cyber program (A full Cyber program with all the benefits (co-curricular, sports, clubs, field trips, graduation) of being a Bristol Township student.)

Rationale: For families who do not feel comfortable sending their child/children to school under the above plans, this offers a separate remote learning option.

- Asynchronous Online Courses of Reading/English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- The online courses are independent and separate from the above plans.
- If desired, students will be able to leave this remote learning program and return to whichever plan the district is offering at the time.
- Electives and Special Courses may not be available.

Since guidelines from the state and county may continue to change, we ask the patience of the community as we focus on planning for the safety of our District's students, staff, and faculty. School may not look "normal" in the fall, but our top priority is to provide a quality education for students and keep our community safe. These are at the forefront of every consideration.

Once again, we request that you complete this [survey link](#) on educational options no later than July 17.

Sincerely,



Dr. Melanie Gehrens
 Superintendent of Schools
 Bristol Township School District