



Bristol Township School District

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November 17, 2020

Dear Bristol Township School District Community,

On November 16, 2020, the Bristol Township Board of School Directors voted to approve the Hybrid Staggered Start Model. This decision is aligned with the most recent recommendation (November 11) from the Bucks County Department of Health, which states “there is no existing evidence, anywhere, indicating that in-person schooling contributes to spread in the community.”

How the Hybrid Model (Black/Gold Schedule) Will Work

Within the Black/Gold schedule, students will have two days in school, three days at home. Remote learning will continue with synchronous and asynchronous instruction. **Transportation will contact families directly.**

- **Black** schedule students will attend on Monday and Thursday. (Virtually on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)
- **Gold** schedule students will attend on Tuesday and Friday. (Virtually on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Parents/students should visit the iCampus portal to determine whether their child/ren will be on Black or Gold. It is located on the child’s home page, to the right of the child’s picture underneath the name and student ID number.

Elementary parents, please be aware that due to virtual parent conferences, elementary students will have half days on November 23, 24, 25, 30, and December 1. Students will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m.

All parents, please note that breakfast and lunch distribution will continue in current locations 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

BTSD Hybrid Staggered Start Model

Note: All dates/plans are tentative and dependent upon state and federal guidelines



**23
NOV**

GRADES: Pre-K, K, 3, 6, 9 RETURN
Students return using the Black/Gold schedule. These students attend weekly on their specific hybrid days throughout the additions below.

**30
NOV**

GRADES: 1, 2, 7, 10 RETURN
Students return using the Black/Gold schedule. These students attend weekly on their specific hybrid days throughout the additions below.

**7
DEC**

GRADES: 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 RETURN
Students return using the Black/Gold schedule. These students attend weekly on their specific hybrid days throughout the additions below.

**14
DEC**

ALL students continue attending the Black/Gold schedule.

What is the Black/Gold schedule?

BLACK: Students attend school Monday and Thursday, virtual all other days.

GOLD: Students attend school Tuesday and Friday, virtual all other days.

The Decision to Reopen

The School Board's decision to reopen schools using this Hybrid Staggered Start Model was based on a thorough review of protocols, processes, and data from each of the following:

- The Department of Health data regarding incident rates of Covid-19 in Bucks County and local data supporting the ability to operate schools in a safe manner.
- BTSD's Health and Safety Plan.
- The ability to have a virtual/remote choice for parents.

Important Information on Your Reopening Survey Data

- Thank you to all the families who completed the BTSD School Reopening Survey by indicating their choice for their child's instruction: the hybrid model or one of the remote models. **Your decision has been documented.**
- **Should you decide to change the choice you made in the survey, you MUST contact the school principal by Thursday, November 19.**
- **For families who did not complete the survey, your child(ren) will be placed in the hybrid model. If you would like this changed, please contact the school principal by Thursday, November 19.**
- Students who intend to continue learning through the fully remote model may switch to hybrid at the beginning of the next marking period with prior notice to their school principal. Please see the [district calendar](#).

What Could Change this Plan?

This plan is contingent upon changes in state and federal guidelines, and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control.

BTSD Health and Safety Information

To prepare for the staggered hybrid approach, please visit our [Health and Safety](#) section on our website for various resources including the [Daily Health Screener](#) to determine if students should be sent to school each day, how [BTSD will respond](#) to a positive case of COVID-19 or exposure, and more. This page will be regularly updated and we will continue to communicate with families as students transition to the hybrid model.

BTSD encourages our community to stay safe when leaving the home, including social distancing, wearing a mask, and frequent hand washing. Stay healthy and be well.

Sincerely,



Dr. Melanie Gehrens, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
Bristol Township School District