

Bacon County Middle School

Re-Entry Plan 2021-2022

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Calendar

[2021-2022 Bacon County School District Calendar](#)

Supply Lists

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

Communication

Our goal is to communicate thoroughly as possible during these times. Back to school communication will be shared through Facebook, Parent Connect, and our school's website.

Please make sure your child's school has your updated email, phone numbers, and mailing addresses.

Sanitation & Hygiene at BCMS

Keeping our students and staff healthy will be our top priority; therefore, increased sanitation practices will be in place at BCMS. Our district has provided additional supplies and custodial support for our school which will assist in the implementation of our cleaning protocols. Listed below are many of the ways we are improving our school for your child.

- Classrooms and high traffic areas will be cleaned and sanitized twice each day by custodial staff. See our district plan for more detailed information.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and multiple locations throughout our school.
- Staff will review proper handwashing with students. Please review proper handwashing with your child. Visit the following link for information.

[Handwashing Tips](#)

- Staff will review how to sneeze or cough to lessen the spread of germs. Visit the following link for information. [Cover Your Cough](#)
- Students will sanitize and wash their hands multiple times throughout the day.
- Restrooms will be sprayed frequently with disinfectant.

- Areas used by anyone sick or with a temperature will be closed until the area has been cleaned and sanitized by custodial staff.

Monitoring of Symptoms

- Monitoring of symptoms will be ongoing by teachers and staff for incidents such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If a student develops symptoms throughout the day, we ask that they notify an adult immediately.
- Students or Staff members who have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, is COVID-19 positive, or has been exposed to someone confirmed to have COVID-19 within the previous 10 days will not be allowed to be in school.
- Fully vaccinated individuals DO NOT need to quarantine, but should still follow basic prevention measures.
- All students who are out sick with a fever will be required to be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine before being allowed to return to school.
- Once school starts, there may be situations where a student or staff member tests positive for COVID19. Each case will be evaluated individually. Due to HIPAA and FERPA requirements, school personnel will not be identifying individuals with COVID-19, and we ask that others not speculate about such instances.

Procedures to Keep BCMS Safe and Healthy

- Parents are asked to pre-screen students before sending them to school or bus stops when they feel sick. Any student with a measured temperature of 100.4 or higher should not be sent to school.
- All classrooms will be supplied with ample hand sanitizer and disinfectant to protect our students.
- For the 21-22 SY, **masks will be optional**. Face masks are permitted in all facilities and on buses, but are **NOT** required, in accordance with Governor Kemp's May 28, 2021 Executive Order. Our school district will be considered **"Mask Optional"**. Please note that masks should not include text, writings, or signs other than a Raider mascot or the letters "BC".
- Masks will be provided to any student that expresses a need or desire to have one.
- Hand sanitizer stations are readily available for our students.
- Students may choose to bring a clear bottle of water each day. Water fountains are off for now.
- Traffic in hallways will be one way.
- Breakfast will take place in the classroom.
- Lunches will be staggered between the lunchroom, classroom, and outside to allow for social distancing during meals.

Visitors

Any items dropped off for students will need to be done so at the front office. If you are planning to check your child out of school, please call our office when you arrive in our parking lot. This will give us a few minutes to call your child to the office.

Transportation

- Parents should check their child’s temperature if a child feels sick and not send students to a bus stop if he/she has a measured temperature of 100.4 or higher.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses.
- Masks are optional for school bus riders.
- Field trips will be allowed only if safety precautions can be implemented.
- Children who become sick during the day may not ride the bus home.
- Each school bus will be professionally cleaned and sanitized fully prior to school reopening

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will be at no charge to students.

Breakfast

Grab & Go Breakfasts will be available on all hallways for students to pick up as they head to their first period class. Students will eat in their first period classrooms.

Lunch

Lunches will be staggered between the lunchroom, classroom, and outside to allow for social distancing during meals. When in the lunchroom, students will be seated so they are socially distanced. *Example: Monday - ½ of 8th grade eats in the lunchroom and ½ of 8th grade eats in the classroom*

Extracurricular/Athletics

Athletics will follow GHSA recommendations. Extracurricular/Academic clubs will follow CDC, DPH, and GaDOE guidelines.

School Nurse

Our school nurse will oversee the monitoring of symptoms throughout the school day while performing her normal daily routine of supporting the health and well-being of our students. If anyone develops symptoms during the day, he/she will be escorted to an isolation room. The school nurse will evaluate the student/staff member, assess the health risk, and contact the parent or family member.

Attendance

Incentives to attend school such as perfect attendance awards, school monthly

attendance awards, and all other attendance incentives will be **reinstated** for the 21-22 school.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Bacon County School District **will return to normal attendance procedures**. It is our expectation that all enrolled students adhere to the attendance guidelines set forth by our district.

The following attendance protocol will be followed for the 21-22 SY. [Please click here for the 21-22 attendance protocol for the Bacon County School District.](#)

Instructional Day

Virtual Online Instruction

As we plan for next school year, we want to let parents know that we are enrolling ALL students in face-to-face instruction beginning **August 2nd**. **For FY22, all students will begin school face-to-face, with NO adjustments to schedules.**

Our current virtual program will NOT be an option for next school year, but virtual options are available by visiting Georgia's Online Clearinghouse or by [clicking here](#). Please contact your child's school if you are planning to enroll in a virtual school.

Traditional (face to face)

Our instructional day will begin at 7:55 am each day. Students may begin entering our building at 7:30 am each morning.

We will begin car rider dismissal at 3:00 each afternoon. We will be using a digital system this school year and parents will be required to have a number displayed in your car. Bus dismissal will begin at 3:00 and will be staggered to minimize the number of students in the hallways and lining up to board the bus.

Open House

To decrease crowding, only parent(s)/guardian(s) and the BCMS students should attend.

BCMS OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, July 27
6TH GRADE
4 PM - 6PM

Wednesday, July 28
7TH & 8TH GRADE
4 PM - 6PM

WHILE YOU ARE HERE ...

- Activity Fee: \$10.00
- Sign - up for Parent/Student Portal access
- The nurse will be available to answer questions and take student medications