

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - Parents
2020-2021 School Year

We understand that during this unique situation, many questions will arise and there may be aspects of the school experience that are not covered in this document. There are some questions that we simply do not have answers to yet, but we will continue to provide information as we receive additional guidance.

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Sending Your Child to School

- 1. The plan says that parents are to conduct a daily health assessment before sending their child to school. What should I consider when making a decision about sending my child to school?**

Students should stay at home when they register a fever of 100° F or higher or any of the symptoms related to COVID-19. Students should also stay home if any member of their household is registering a fever of 100° F or higher or any of the symptoms related to COVID-19. Any student that has the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and should see their primary care provider to be assessed for COVID-19:

- Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- OR
- Two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI Issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea)
- OR
- Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI Issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea) AND an epidemiological link to a case of COVID-19

- 2. If my child is diagnosed with having COVID-19, when can they return to school?**

If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:

- 3 days with no fever (without using fever reducing medication)
AND
- Other symptoms improved
AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Students that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that has COVID-19 may return to school after they are fever free for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medications.

Any other illnesses should be handled in the routine manner according to district policies.

**To return to school, the child must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse/LPN.*

3. What if a student becomes ill while at school?

Any student who develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be quarantined/isolated in an area other than the clinic until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up from school. During isolation the students will be evaluated by the school nurse/LPN. All exposed areas will be immediately cleaned and disinfected. Students may need to leave their classroom while cleaning occurs. BVLS will follow the Delaware General Health District communication guidelines.

4. Do I keep my child at home if they do not pass the Daily Health Assessment? How is attendance handled? Normally school sends me a letter if my child has missed too much school.

Currently, there is no pending legislation to lift the requirements for the 20-21 school year, but that may change. Even if there are no changes in the requirements for HB 410, we still strongly encourage parents to keep their children home if they do not pass the Daily Health Assessment outlined in Question 1. Student health and safety is our priority, so parents will need to keep children at home if they exhibit any signs of illness. We will work with any parent and student to work through the HB 410 requirements. Students will not be penalized for missing school and will have an opportunity to make up their work. BVLS is working on a policy to address absences during a quarantine.

5. How will students who are not sick but need medical attention in another way be treated? (e.g. medicine distribution, injury, cut, etc.)

Students who are sick or injured, not related to COVID-19, will be treated by the school nurse/LPN with the same standards of care that we've always practiced. Medication will still be administered by the school nurse/LPN, but the location may change due to exposure circumstances.

Safety

1. What cleaning protocols will be in place?

Cleaning protocols have been developed and are in compliance with current orders. In addition, we have a well stocked inventory of needed materials to clean and disinfect. Items such as additional hand sanitizer, hand sanitizing stations, and spray bottles have been

ordered. All staff will be trained on cleaning protocols. We will have disinfectant available in each classroom for use by teachers and others in between scheduled cleanings.

2. How will you reinforce proper handwashing and other safety guidelines so that students follow them?

Students will be taught proper handwashing procedures, mask procedures and many other safety procedures at the start of the school year. Signs reminding students and staff of good hygiene practices will be prominent. Physical barriers, tape lines, cones, or other methods will be used to guide and protect students and staff. Reminders on daily announcements and/or through classroom instruction will be used to remind students and staff of good hygiene practices or any changes to protocols.

3. How will classrooms be arranged?

Classrooms will be set up so that students can be spaced out as much as possible. Each building and/or classroom will examine their space and plan accordingly to socially distance to the extent possible.

4. The plan says that parents will assess a student's health daily before sending their student to school. Why isn't the school taking the temperature of each student before they enter the building each day?

We have found no way to take the temperature of each child and get everyone into the building without causing major backups at our doors and drop off areas. In order to prevent these large groups from forming each morning, we're requesting that parents do the daily health assessment at home. This will also prevent students with a fever from exposing other students on the bus.

5. Is the school going to provide my child with a mask?

Families will need to supply a mask for their children. However, disposable masks will be available on the bus and at the school buildings in case a student forgets their mask. Masks will be available for families who may need financial assistance.

Classroom Instruction

1. What will class sizes be?

Class sizes will be very similar to what they were in the 19-20 school year depending on the number of students that choose the Designated Online Option. We will utilize other spaces within the building to serve as classroom space, if needed. Students will be spaced out as much as possible.

2. Will you provide a device for each student if we are in a fully remote or hybrid status?

We are currently preparing Chromebooks to go home with every K-12 student. Additional information about distribution will be provided prior to the start of the school year.

3. Will you rotate staff and have students stay in a single room?

We are currently exploring options for some staff to rotate while students stay in the same room in buildings that can accommodate it.

4. Will students be sharing supplies in the classroom such as crayons or scissors?

We will not be using community supplies in classrooms.

4. Will you have recess, and if you do, what restrictions will be in place?

Recess will be conducted outside with homerooms staying together. Students will be instructed to maintain physical distancing outside to the extent practical. Students will be required to wash their hands when returning from recess. Equipment will be cleaned as often as practical.

5. Learning from home was really difficult last year. I'm worried my child will be behind when school starts. Will teachers start where they left off last year?

Teachers are experts at meeting the needs of various learners wherever they are in their learning and understanding. When school resumes in August, like we've always done, we'll complete assessments during the first quarter to determine where students are and begin from there. Assessments such as NWEA MAP in grades K-8 help us to make decisions about instruction.

6. Will special education services be the same in the Online Only and Remote Learning 20-21 options as they are when my child attends school?

Additional information about special education services can be found [here](#)

7. Will there still be an Open House or Back-to-School Night when my child can meet their teacher?

There will not be in person open house and back-to-school nights at our buildings. When a decision is made, it will be communicated.

8. Will you permit field trips?

We will not take any field trips for at least the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. This practice will be re-evaluated as COVID-19 conditions change .

9. Where can I find the most current information on the district's plan for reopening and the latest policies and procedures in place?

There is a COVID-19 dedicated page on our school website.

10. Are there still Specials/Electives (ex.-art, music, PE)?

We intend to offer specials/electives in the Barons are Back option and while these specials will look different than in the past, students will still be able to experience similar content.

11. What about College Credit Plus (CCP)?

Students taking College Credit Plus (CCP) courses will follow the calendar and schedule of the college. If you are taking a CCP course through a Buckeye Valley teacher, that teacher will contact you with that information. Because many colleges are shifting their semester dates, it is very likely that the calendar will not match up exactly with Buckeye Valley's calendar. Students taking CCP and BV classes will be responsible for tracking the different expectations.

Designated Online Option

1. What is different if you select the Designated Online Option from Barons are Back?

This is a difficult answer as the selection process has many facets. We need to know approximately how many families are interested as the pricing is contingent on the number of enrollments as well as if the local district is able to provide a teacher or staff member. Things that we can confidently share are:

- Designated Online Program classes will not be identical to classroom instruction for those participating in the Barons are Back option but will follow the same state standards and meet Ohio Graduation Requirements.
- The Online Option may or may not be manned by BV teachers. This is dependent on the number who select this option.
- The program selected will be rigorous.
- The program will offer a wide variety of courses.
- The two providers are [FVLS](#) for grades K-5 and [OOLP Edgenuity](#) for grades 6-12.
- The Online Option is only available for kindergarten through grade 12 students.
- Students who participate in the Designated Online Option may participate in extracurriculars and sports, but the family will need to provide transportation.
- The commitment is for the semester and can be opted-in for second semester.
- We anticipate the transition for a student at the end of a semester to return to the building would be relatively seamless. The same would hold true if a family opts for the Designated Online Program second semester for a student who was in the physical building.
- If a vaccine were to become available or conditions improve significantly, we would continue offering the Designated Online Program.
- A device will be provided by the district, but a family would need to provide their own high-speed internet connection. A phone or tablet will not suffice.
- Traditional grading will be in effect. The Pass/Incomplete system from the spring will not be utilized.
- Families who select the **Designated Online Option will remain in that option until the end of the semester.**
- **If the Ohio testing requirements remain the same this year, families will be contacted by the district to take Ohio State Tests at the appropriate time.**
- ***If you choose the Designated Online Option, please do not enroll yourself in the programs above. Let the District know this is your choice and we will assist with enrollment.***
- There will not be a Designated Online Option available for students participating in the preschool program. Information about the preschool program will be shared separately.

If you have questions about advanced coursework, please contact your building principal or Kristine Michael, Assistant Superintendent (kmichael@mybvls.org).

After School Events/Programs

1. Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually.
2. Athletics/Extracurriculars will follow OHSAA and Health Department Guidelines.

3. Y-Club will be available at BV East and BV West. Due to health requirements, not as many families can be served. Additional information will come from the Y-Club.
4. All club meetings will be held virtually.