

B-G Re-Opening 2020 - Frequently Asked Questions!

What about school supplies and when they are home 3 days a week?

Please split your child's supplies and leave half home and bring half to school.

What if a parent has some of the symptoms of COVID?

Please keep your child home until the parent has been seen by a physician.

Can BOCES students self-transport all days?

They can self-transport M,T,Th,Fr after filling out a permission form.

IEP/Special Education Services-How is that all going to fit in 2 days of instruction?

Any services that require in person will be held on the two days your child is on campus. Those services that can be completed virtually will occur on the other 3 days of the week.

Can a parent revoke the in school learning after it has begun if wearing a mask all day result in asthmatic complications?

Yes, you may switch your child to remote at any time. To come back to campus from remote, we as parents wait until the 10 week mark.

For clarification: My 6th grader will be doing the hybrid. On the 2 days of virtual, she will be in child care where her provider is not going to be overseeing her virtual work. If she is unable to log-on, will she be penalized for attendance even though it appears she will be able to see the virtual lessons outside of the time of the live, on-line presentation, for example, later that evening or on the weekend? I don't understand how children at child care sites are going to be able to fulfill real time log on.

A student in 6th grade is expected to log on for her core classes each day while virtual. The district will work with the family if the child is unable to access the core classes live from time to time. Lessons will also be recorded.

If students can't have fabric backpacks are other types allowed or is it no backpacks whatsoever?

Backpacks are allowed but will be stored in the student's locker.

If a child who is participating in the hybrid option is sent home with suspected COVID, do they just move into the full virtual route while waiting for test results?

Yes they do-

Will students opting for full time distance learning still have the opportunity to participate in instrumental lessons? via zoom or otherwise.

We are working on how that can happen.

What changes after week 10?

We begin the second quarter of the school year, and a child could come to campus for the hybrid option if they have been home learning virtually.

So Kindergarten is wearing masks all day and sitting at a table by themselves as well?

Our Kindergarten students will be wearing masks and socially distanced during the school day during instruction as well as other areas of the day.

What happens to the other students/teachers if a student or adult does in fact test positive?

We alert the county of residence and the Department of Health beings contact tracing. This could result in a child(ren) being interviewed by the county. Parents will of course be alerted. The county then advises the district.

For full virtual, would students attend synchronous for all days of instruction?

Students using the full virtual model will be expected to follow along during the core areas of instruction.

How many children will you allow in a classroom?

That depends on the size of the classroom. Most will have between 10-12 students.

How do they determine the source if a child or staff has symptoms or tests positive for covid?

We take the Department of Health's lead on this and they make those determinations.

Will the children be offered Chromebook to use at home?

Every student in grades 2-12 will be offered a Chromebook, while our students in grades preK-1 will be receiving iPads.

Will students be recorded when doing virtual lessons?

The teacher will be recorded teaching the lesson. It is possible some students will be in the recording.

How is the cafeteria being set up for social distancing?

Each building will be socially distancing the students while in the cafeteria. The Jr/Sr HS building will have desks instead of tables, all socially distanced and facing in the same direction. The elementary buildings will be marking off the tables.

Is there a full virtual for pre-k?

Yes there is that option.

How are high school halls ways going to be socially distanced?

The hallways will be one direction or divided right side, left side. Directional arrows and signage will also be provided.

Chromebooks for all students include the virtual all the time?

Yes they do-

What about students doing full virtual that play sports or instruments

They are welcome to participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities.

When will Chromebooks be distributed to students attending using the hybrid models?

Devices will be handed out to the fully virtual students on Tuesday, September 8th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at your child's building.

What does gym and sports look like at this point? Will masks be required for those? And what exactly is a "mask break"?

We are still working through what PE classes will look like. A mask break is when a student is allowed to remove or pull down his/her mask.

What if my child has a cough but no other symptoms, will they need to be COVID tested in order to attend school?

This is when your child's medical history will come into play. A conversation with the nurse, building principal, superintendent and parent will occur.

Will the buses be sanitized after each use?

Yes they will be.

How will temp checks work in the winter? Hats and such will modify student temps.

We will take that into consideration and take re-checks if needed.

My children will be at daycare three days a week. Will they be required to log in during the day for instruction or will they be allowed to work on their schoolwork around our work schedule? And how will the teachers be able to take attendance/call the children on Wednesday if they are at daycare all day?

We will need Wednesday contact information from each child.

Will schools be allowed to test for COVID at any time?

Not at this time.

Are they allowed to bring their own masks?

Yes as long as they are appropriate.

Will kids be with the same students all day?

As much as it's possible, yes.

Because of the abbreviated in person instruction, will the core class times be extended to allow for more in person instruction?

Not at this time. We are hoping that Wednesday can be used for a work day for those students.

What will the Jr. and Sr. High School look like prior to the first bell? When in the past they were allowed to get breakfast and walk with friends in the halls?

We will still serve breakfast to all students if they choose. Social distancing will need to occur while walking in the hallways as well.

What happens on the virtual days if the child has internet issues? Will they be allowed to watch a recorded lesson?

Yes they will.

When they are online, can the student interact with the class and ask questions?

Yes they can.

If a high school student is attending totally remotely, how will they get their instruction materials? Will it be via google drive, paper pick up, or possibly a combination of both?

Yes a combination of both.

Will children from the same family be attending school in person on the same days?

Yes they will.

You all have put so much time and effort into making school possible for our children. Thank you! I'm sure it's been a most unusual summer.

It certainly is one for the record books 😊

For parents who are self-transporting, what are the drop off/pick up times for the high school and Greenlawn?

They have not changed from last year.

Can kids still walk themselves?

Yes they can.

I have 3 kids, 3 different grades, can I do some things together? Example PE, make them do it together. And virtual wise, realistically I won't be able to have all 3 log in at once for attendance, will they get in trouble if they all can't log in at say 9am?

Students in grades 5-12 are expected to log on each day at the time their core classes are being held. Students in grades prek-4 can watch recorded lessons, work on packets and will need at times to log on at specific times.

Would Face shields be allowed?

Yes they will be, however, we have been given guidance that they are not as effective as a mask.

Will there be staggered drop off time as well as pick up time for parents? Will bus release times be staggered in order to ensure distancing?

Times will remain the same as last year for drop-off and pick-up. With only half the students attending at a time, we feel this will work.

If there are social emotional concerns that have started since COVID should the parents tell the school in advance.

Yes, please make us aware of any concerns.

How will attendance be handled for Greenlawn students on virtual days?

Students will be expected to log onto their computers for us to record attendance.

What if you didn't get the paperwork?

Please call the district office. 967-6321.