

Brunswick City School District

Town Hall Questionnaire Responses

Educational Considerations:

Elementary School:

Question: I have decided to keep my children remote at this time. If for some reason I am completely unhappy with this option are they able to switch to face to face?

Answer: Students will not be able to switch to face-to-face until the end of the first semester (January 28, 2021)

Question: If elementary students stay remote and have a Brunswick teacher different from their current teacher, but decide to come back to school next semester will they return to the original teacher's class that they had at the start of school?

Answer: Our goal is to limit the amount of disruptions as much as possible; however, due to the uncertainties of staffing and enrollment, we cannot guarantee that elementary students will be placed back with their original teacher.

Question: The reopening plan states elementary students will not participate in Encore classes. What are encore classes? Will students continue to get assignments to turn in on their own like they are doing currently? Will there be no grades for them during this time for these classes?

Answer: The elementary Encore classes are Art, Music and Physical Education. Elementary Remote Learning Students will not be participating in these classes and they will not receive grades for these.

Question: What is the schedule for the elementary soft opening?

Answer: Please [click here](#) to see the schedule for the elementary soft opening.

Middle School

Question: If we choose the online only portion, can the kids still participate in sports?

Answer: Absolutely!

Question: What is the schedule for the middle school soft opening?

Answer: Please [click here](#) to see the schedule for the middle school soft opening.

Question: If my student starts in-person but would like to switch to remote learning, is that possible?

Answer: Yes, but this switch can only happen once during the semester. Students cannot switch back and forth between remote and face-to-face learning. The commitment will go until January 28, 2021.

Question: How are Early Bird classes going to be handled during hybrid learning?

Answer: Most Early Bird classes will occur at Willetts Middle School (your principal will clarify the location for you). The class begins at 7:25 and goes until 8:10. Students will then participate in the normal middle school schedule. Beginning November 9 (once the 8th graders are moved to the new middle school), most Early Bird classes will take place at Brunswick Middle School.

Question: Will there be busing for Early Bird students?

Answer: No. Early Bird students will not be provided with bussing.

High School:

Question: If we choose the online only portion, can the kids still participate in sports?

Answer: Absolutely!

Question: How long will the high school hybrid schedule last? Is there a tentative date for high school students to return 5 days this school year?

Answer: We are constantly looking for ways to bring back all of our High School students for face-to-face instruction. We do not have a tentative date.

Question: How will chemistry labs be handled for those students staying virtual?

Answer: This will definitely be a challenge for remote learning. Our teachers will provide alternative activities and observations for these types of situations.

Question: Do the high school students that have a study hall first period need to have a late arrival still? If so, is there another option for kids with transportation issues?

Answer: If students choose not to attend their first period study hall they must fill out the form and then would have late arrival. They can obtain the form from their guidance counselor. There is no transportation for high school students.

Question: What is the schedule for the high school soft open?

Answer: Please [click here](#) to view the high school soft open.

Soft Opening

Question: Can you clarify the schedule for virtual learners during the soft opening?

Answer: Please [click here](#) to see the schedule for the elementary soft opening. Please [click here](#) to see the soft opening schedule for middle school and high school.

Learning Environments

Question: What is the time-frame on when we will be contacted as to who our children's teachers will be if we have chosen the on-line commitment?

Answer: Remote Learning Teachers will begin contacting families on Monday, October 12th.

Question: Is the separated learning (after the soft opening) permanent for is there a time limit?

Answer: Our expectation is that these learning environments will be present throughout the year. We will reevaluate the situation during the second quarter and we will communicate our findings with the community.

Question: What will the online virtual learning class size be? Will there be a teacher for the grade level per school or grade level for the district?

Answer: This depends on the enrollment. We will most likely have one or two teachers assigned to online learning per grade level for the entire district.

Question: Will there be different text books/materials for online learners? If so, how will students receive these materials?

Answer: There could be some different materials, but the Remote Learning Teachers will be using the Brunswick Curriculum. Teachers will communicate how students will receive these materials.

Question: If the high school is determined to be safe to open face to face 5 days per week if appropriate distancing can be accomplished, will the families who chose the remote option also be allowed to go back?

Answer: Yes. If we are able to open the high school to all students, we will provide the opportunity for all high school students to return.

Question: Can students enrolled in virtual learning switch to Lincoln Learning?

Answer: Yes. If a K-8 student would like to enroll in Lincoln Learning, please reach out to Pat Gesche at wgeschke@bcsoh.org

Miscellaneous Questions

Question: When does the semester end?

Answer: The first semester ends on January 28th.

Question: Will remote learners still have their school picture taken on 11/5?

Answer: Please contact your building principal directly about this question.

COVID-19 related learning questions:

Question: If middle school and high school students are not feeling well (not covid related) and can't make it to class can they join the online class for that day?

Answer: Please contact your specific teachers about this scenario.

Question: If elementary children get sent home due to symptoms, do they have the option to learn remotely?

Answer: This would be treated as we normally do when a student is absent for a prolonged period of time. Teachers would send home work for the student. The student would not have the option to learn remotely.

Question: If my child is out 10 days because a doctor will not give a note how will work be completed on line or sent home? Do these count as absences?

Answer: These will be excused absences. Please see the questions above regarding how the absences will be handled at the elementary and secondary levels.

Question: If we choose the remote option and the emergency health order gets lifted, do our kids still have to stay remote until next semester?

Answer: If a major change that would impact the entire district were to occur, we would communicate a return to school plan with the entire community.

Health and Safety:

Covid-19 Symptoms and Protocols

Question: What if my child is sick and they do not have covid symptoms, will they need a doctor's note to return to school?

Answer: If you keep your child home from school due to being sick, they will not need a doctor's note to return once they are symptom free. They do need to follow the protocol of being fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and symptom free to return.

Question: If a child gets sick and enters quarantine how is their education continued in the 10 day time frame?

Answer: Elementary school students will have their work provided to them by their classroom teacher. Middle school and high school students will be able to join their classes Google Meets to receive their instruction remotely.

Question: In the event of one child/ parent in the household gets sick, should the other child/ children stay home? Also if you have multiple children in the same school and one of your children gets sent home, is the other child going to get sent home as well? Thank you!

Answer: Quarantine will take place based on the guidance from the Medina County Board of Health.

Question: My son has seasonal allergies. He often sneezes and has a runny nose throughout the day. If he has a chronic runny nose (a symptom of COVID), how will he ever be eligible to attend school?

Answer: We understand that this is a concern of many. Please work with your child's physician to determine when you would need to keep your child home. Please share that medical documentation with your child's school to work out details on an individual basis.

Question: If your child has allergies or after a cold has some lingering congestion or cough, how long do you have to wait for them to go back to school?

Answer: Children need to be symptom free to return to school or have a doctor's note stating it is safe for the child to return to school.

Question: If a child is sick in class with covid, is the entire class quarantined?

Answer: We will work with the Medina County Board of Health to determine who was exposed and needs to quarantine. We will utilize the child's schedule and the class seating charts to help with those decisions.

Mitigation Strategies

Question: How safe is it to send students back for in person learning?

Answer: We are implementing several mitigation strategies to make it as safe as we can. We will continue to work with the Medina County Health Department to continue to evaluate on a regular basis.

Question: Are there any type of masks not allowed to be worn?

Answer: According to the Ohio Department of Health, all cloth facial coverings that cover the nose and mouth in entirety. At this time both masks and gators are allowed.

Question: Why is there an exemption for religious issues for wearing masks?

Answer: These exemptions are part of the Governors mask exemption requirements.

Question: Is there a plan in place if Medina county goes into the red or purple on the map?

Answer: We do not make the decision of in person learning or remote learning based solely on the colors of the county. We will continue to use the guidance of the Medina County Health Department and Brunswick's numbers to make our decisions.

Operational Considerations:

Lunch:

Question: How will lunches be handled at the Elementary, Middle and High School?

Answer: Individual lunch plans have been shared with parents via school newsletters. Please reach out to your child's principal should you have specific questions.

Question: Will the school provide lunch for students?

Answer: For the 2020-2021 school year, the Brunswick Schools will provide a free lunch and breakfast to any student who wants one.

Question: If a student wants to eat the school provided lunch (hot lunch) or breakfast, will my myschool bucks account be charged? Or is the food free for all students?

Answer: For the 2020-2021 school year, the Brunswick Schools will provide a free lunch and breakfast to any student who wants one.

Transportation:

Question: How will social distancing be managed on the bus?

Answer: Our transportation department has a seating chart that will be used. Students will be seated from the back of the bus to the front in the morning with no more than 2 students per seat. We will sit siblings with each other. In the afternoon, students will be dismissed from the front of the bus to the back of the bus.

Question: How will transportation for middle school students work? Specifically, how will students attending Willetts be handled?

Answer: Middle school busses will drop 6th and 7th graders off at the Middle School and then take the 8th graders to Willetts. At the end of the day, busses will pick 8th graders up and then go to the Middle School to pick up the 6th and 7th graders.

Cleaning:

Question: What chemical/disinfectant will the kids be using to sanitize their workstations throughout the day?

Answer: Each classroom will be provided with a bottle of EPA approved sanitizer for use on student desks and high touch surfaces throughout the day. In the evening, custodians will be disinfecting every classroom with an EPA approved disinfectant which will be applied through the use of an electrostatic sprayer.

Miscellaneous

Question: Will drinking fountains be available for student use? Can students bring water bottles to school?

Answer: Drinking fountains cannot be used at the buildings during this time. All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.

Technology:

Question: How will teachers handle technical issues for students if/when they have issues with computers (sound/video etc)? Will there be some exemption until the teachers are able to respond to the child's email?

Answer: Teachers will be unable to respond immediately to technical issues that Remote Learning Students might have when they join the Google Meet, as teachers will be teaching their class. Students should email their teachers if they are having technical difficulties and teachers will reply accordingly.

Question: If classroom numbers are changing, is it updated in Progressbook now?

Answer: Progressbook will be updated by the end of the week of the soft opening. Online learners' ProgressBook will take longer to be updated.

Question: Because of the delay in the return to face-to-face instruction, can the deadline for ChromeBook insurance be extended?

Answer: ChromeBook insurance deadlines will be extended to October 30th. You can log on to MySchoolBucks to purchase insurance or you can mail a check to the Board of Education at 3643 Center Rd. ***Please mark the envelope attention Janet O'Connor.*** Also, please be sure to put your child's name in the memo section of the check.

Special Educational Considerations:

Question: Will our elementary aged IEP students get to keep the intervention specialists and therapy providers they are used to working with from their own school building if they are learning online? What if we choose Lincoln learning?

Answer: We will do our best to avoid these types of changes but we cannot guarantee that students will be able to keep the same intervention specialists and therapy providers.