

Bettendorf Community School District

Return to Learn

Handbook 2022-2023



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As a requirement from the federal government, public schools who received ESSER funds are required to have a Return to Learn Plan updated annually through June of 2024. The following information reflects our current practices in mitigating the spread of viruses in a school setting. The guidance below supplements district policies, procedures, and practices as well as individual school rules. As new guidance comes from the Centers for Disease Control, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Scott County Department of Health, this document will be updated accordingly.

Although this document provides a detailed overview of what the 2022-23 school year could look like, we will be responsive to our students' needs and future guidance from the aforementioned organizations. Any part of our plan may change due to the fluidity of the situation.

The Iowa Department of Education requires school districts to offer a face-to-face education for all students. With on-site instruction, we are confident that we will be able to deliver a high quality, rigorous education to all students that will accelerate student learning.

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Health & Safety

We have learned much from the past two years which has prepared us to meet the health and safety needs of our students and staff for the 2022-23 school year. The procedures and guidelines below details the safety precautions we will be taking.

Hygienic and Disinfectant Routines

✓ Surface Disinfection

- High touch areas will be disinfected. Lockers, walls, bathrooms, door knobs, and handrails will be priorities.
- Classroom electronics, table/desks, and other shared items will be cleaned by custodians and staff.
- Restrooms and locker rooms will continue to be cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectants and cleaners.

✓ **Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizer**

- The district encourages thorough and regular handwashing throughout the day.
- Hand Sanitizer is provided in each classroom for students and staff to use regularly.
- Automatic paper towel dispensers have replaced hand dryers where feasible.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

✓ **PPE is optional.** Our students and staff should take the measures that they feel are necessary.

- If a person who has tested positive returns five days after onset of symptoms, it is recommended that students and staff wear a mask days 6 through 10 or stay home and isolate the full 10 days.

✓ **CDC Guidance for Positive Cases**

- CDC guidance states that students, teachers, or other staff members with a COVID-19 infection should stay home 5 days from symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic). If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms have greatly improved, they may return to school on day 6 if they wear a wellfitting mask for 5 additional days.

Please note that the department of health is now treating COVID like any other childhood illness, you will not be notified of a case in your classroom.

Lunch

Students will be eating in the lunchroom. Elementary students may bring in snacks for celebrations from our [Safe Snack List](#).

Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment

Instruction– As we continue to navigate recovering from learning loss due to Covid-19, our focus remains on the acceleration of student learning. Focusing on acceleration will strategically prepare students for success in the present. Teachers collaboratively and thoughtfully select the specific prior knowledge that will best help students grasp the upcoming standard. Accelerated learning requires that students consistently receive grade-level materials, tasks, and assignments, along with appropriate scaffolds that make the work accessible. Teachers are focused on filling in only the most critical gaps and at the moment they are needed.

Supports - With ESSER funds BCSD has added the following personnel to support the social emotional behavioral health and students, and to support the acceleration of learning; and has purchased additional instructional and intervention materials:

- Additional Academic Interventionists

- MTSS Math Facilitator
- MTSS Literacy Facilitator
- Social Emotional Behavioral Health Coordinator
- Hall Monitors at the middle school
- Additional Dean at the middle and high school to support work around chronic absenteeism and truancy
- LETRs - Training in the Science of Reading
- Bridges Math Intervention
- 7 Mindsets

Making up Missed School Work - When a student is ill, we ask that you work with teachers and administrators to determine a plan to make up the missed work. Students will have access to Canvas, our online learning platform, to assist in getting work made up.

Students with Disabilities - The Department of Education requires a continuous learning plan as part of Individualized Learning Programs (IEPs). This continuous learning plan will be discussed as an IEP team at initial IEP, annual review or reevaluation meetings.

Emotional Supports & Basic Needs

We encourage you to reach out to your student's teacher. You may also contact your building principal or school counselor for additional support.

In addition to our professional school counselors, each school is staffed with a school-based mental health therapist for additional support. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact your student's school counselor.

- **Elementary Counselors**
 - Grant Wood: Bryan Dietsch bdietsch@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
 - Hoover: Jessica VandeStadt jvandestadt@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
 - Mark Twain: Kari Pencil kpencil@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
 - Neil Armstrong: Elizabeth Tressel etressel@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
 - Paul Norton: Jackie Miller jackiemiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
- **Middle School Counselors**
 - 6th Grade: Brenna Clifton bclifton@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
 - 7th Grade: Scott Schalk slschalk@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
 - 8th Grade: Kristopher Tieso ktieso@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
- **High School Counselors**
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 - Alpha (T-Z): Lorelee Cole lcole@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
- **Edison Counselor**
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- [BCSD Therapy Dog Program](#)

Assistance for Basic Needs Like Food, Clothing, and Shelter?

- The BCSD Outreach program is available to help connect families with resources.
- [BCSD Outreach Services](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Family Resources Coordinated Assessment Program \(CAP\)](#)
- [CDC Website on Helping Children Cope with Emergencies](#)
- [Iowa Child Care Resources](#)
- [How to Ask What Kids are Feeling](#)
- [United Way](#) offers resources by phone at 211. Ask for programs that fit your needs.

Transportation

As in a “typical” year, BCSD will provide transportation to and from school. Please visit the [District Transportation Website](#) for more information regarding transportation services.

Communication

The Bettendorf Community School District uses the SchoolMessenger system to communicate with parents and staff. You do have the ability to adjust message delivery preferences or opt-out of:

- **General Notifications**
- **Early Release/No School Reminders**
- **School Delays & Cancellations Due to Weather**

Update your preferences through <https://infocenter.schoolmessenger.com> or by contacting Celeste at (563) 359-3681, ext. 3005 or cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.

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