

**BCCU2 Return to Learning
Return to School Plan - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
2020-2021**

Focus: BCCU2 will prioritize the health, safety and welfare of our school community in order to open schools, including extracurricular and co-curricular activities for the 2020-2021 school year and respond accordingly as conditions change throughout the year.

- We believe that our staff members are our most valuable asset to increase student educational outcomes. We will maximize in person instruction to the greatest extent possible while keeping the general health, safety and welfare of our school community as our top priority.

- All efforts shall be made, to the greatest extent possible, to adhere to the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education and Bond County Health Department guidelines to avoid cancelations or mandated closures.

- Health guidelines and the overall safety of our school community will guide decisions to establish a safe and effective learning environment for students, staff, and families as we navigate the ever-evolving COVID 19 pandemic.

BCCU2 is creating FOUR plans for the 2020-2021 school year. *Any of the plans may be implemented throughout the school year based on the current context of Bond County health data, including COVID confirmed positive cases, presumptive positive cases, and our COVID positivity rate, and any statewide mandates to which the District may be subject, including but not limited to any Executive Orders of the Governor which may be in place at the time.*

In-Person - All students and staff will run on a modified schedule (shortened day) five days a week with PPE being required as social distancing will be adhered to as much as possible. Given the size of our facilities and number of students per class, desks are not guaranteed to be spaced 6ft apart. Accommodations will be made for our students who are immunocompromised. Face coverings are not required to be worn outside and our green spaces will be utilized to allow for time outside when the weather permits. Our maximum capacity in any one space is 50 total individuals.

Hybrid 50% Capacity with Remote Learning* - Students will attend in-person learning two days per week. Students will be divided into two groups by alphabet with a split schedule. Students will be assigned to an “A” group or “B” group. A group students will attend in-person learning on Mondays and Wednesdays. B group students will attend in-person learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will engage in remote learning when they are not scheduled for in-person learning. Fridays will continue to serve as remote learning days for the majority of students. Students are divided alphabetically. To the greatest extent possible, students within the same family or household will be on same schedule. When students are attending in-person, the same health and safety protocols designated for full capacity will be in place.

*Students who receive Special Education services are enrolled in the district's Pre-Kindergarten Education programs, and/or those students who receive English Language Learning (ELL) services may be given priority to attend DAILY to meet each student's academic and social emotional needs as outlined by state guidance.

Remote Learning Only* - If a COVID outbreak occurs within BCCU2 or Bond County, and we are required to close our buildings for a set amount of time, we will automatically shift to a full-time remote learning as the learning option until we can resume in-person learning.

Online Learning - In addition, BCCU2 is providing students a strictly **ONLINE ONLY OPTION to start the 20-21 school year.*** This designation may be selected during on-line registration. Students must opt in for 9 weeks (K-8) or a semester (9-12). Participation in Online learning cannot be changed until the quarter or semester concludes. Students may opt into Online at any time during the year, per administrative approval.

Online Learning will include full instructional workloads. Attendance and participation will be required. Traditional district grading policies will be followed.

*Please note: There are two situations where online learning is not entirely possible: Okaw Area Vocational Center is not an option for Online Learning as we have specific guidelines from the state that require hands-on learning outcomes for Career and Technical Education. Also, Behind-the-Wheel Driver's Education must be done in person with the required face coverings per ISBE/IDPH.

Face Coverings - Face coverings will be required for all students, staff and visitors inside the school building at all times. Face coverings are not required to be worn outside and these spaces will be utilized to allow for time outside when the weather permits. Individuals who are unable to wear face coverings for medical reasons must provide a note from a certified physician. For the safety of students and staff, any individuals who choose not to and/or refuse to wear a face covering will be encouraged and/or required to participate in Online Learning. If needed, students will be provided a washable face covering.

Additional Important Information:

- State guidance continues to evolve. As this occurs, district plans, practices and procedures will evolve throughout the school year. Regular communication will be provided to parents throughout the school year.
- Regardless of the setting for the upcoming school year, students will be expected participate. Daily attendance is expected, grades will be taken and curriculum will include review of previously covered content and new content to ensure students progress and grow throughout the school year.
- ***Additional details, specifically the schedule and calendar, will be released to families as they are available. This allows more time to assess, plan and prepare for the coming school year properly. This also accounts for ever changing guidance from the State ensuring our communication is clear and accurate.***