



## **BHISD “Returning to Excellence” Fall 2020 Plan**

Barbers Hill ISD is committed to meeting the needs of our students, staff, and community as we move forward with the essential task of educating our students in the exceptional manner our stakeholders have come to expect! Our guiding principle will be a balanced, prescriptive approach to safely meet the expectations of OUR community.

Per Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidelines, we will be offering two options for our students, and these two options are described in this document. This document includes safety measures for Traditional In-School Learning, requirements for Remote Learning, and other information that will be helpful as families make decisions for what is in the best interest of their child’s education. Throughout our plan, the focus will be on the balance of the essential need for a child to receive a quality education AND to do so in the safest way possible.

In order for Barbers Hill ISD to provide a quality educational experience, we are asking that each family fill out the enclosed Commitment Form by July 27. This will allow us time to organize staff accordingly and solidify our plans for the coming school year.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS FALL 2020**

Traditional In-School Learning	Remote Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On campus, in-school instruction</li> <li>● BHISD instructors and curriculum</li> <li>● All core and elective courses</li> <li>● Technology and learning software</li> <li>● Transportation, if needed</li> <li>● Extracurricular activities</li> <li>● Individualized teacher support</li> <li>● Intervention and enrichment sessions</li> <li>● Counseling services</li> <li>● Safety and health prevention measures</li> <li>● Grade level TEKS</li> <li>● Opportunities for advanced academic experiences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PreK-12 online program</li> <li>● Commitment required</li> <li>● BHISD instructors and curriculum</li> <li>● Parent as learning coach</li> <li>● Real-time &amp; self-paced instruction</li> <li>● Time commitment similar to in-school</li> <li>● Daily attendance and assignments required</li> <li>● Reliable internet and computer required</li> <li>● Limited course availability</li> <li>● Grades equivalent to in-school</li> <li>● Grade level TEKS</li> <li>● Minimum standards for promotion to the next grade level</li> </ul>



## TRADITIONAL IN-SCHOOL PLAN

Barbers Hill ISD will reopen schools on August 19 for students unless otherwise dictated by state officials. The Traditional In-School Plan provides highly-qualified teachers in all courses, including electives, and reflects the high academic standards and excellent quality that is synonymous with our name. The traditional school experience provides opportunities for both enrichment and intervention throughout the school day.

Barbers Hill leaders have been in constant dialogue with appropriate county and state leaders, and our top daily priority for the previous two months has been to establish a state-of-the-art safety protocol. We are fortunate that cost will not be a determining factor in our decision-making. We have voraciously studied all available material, including plans and guidelines nation-wide, in order to devise the safety protocol encompassed here.

Barbers Hill ISD will follow state and federal requirements, rely on local health experts for guidance in decision-making, and adopt reasonable practices while maintaining a quality learning environment. We have never experienced a situation that is as fluid; therefore, these plans will likely be modified based on additional state guidance and/or best practices that are discerned.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION

- Teachers and staff will be required to wear masks or shields throughout the day as appropriate.
- Students will be required to wear face masks/coverings as dictated by the TEA guidelines that are in existence at the time school opens. However, Barbers Hill will retain the right to modify those requirements to use common sense regarding when and where masks will be required.
- All staff will be required to take a COVID-19 Self-Health Assessment prior to coming to work every day.
- Parents will be asked to daily administer the COVID-19 Health Assessment (included on page 8) prior to sending their children to school, take their child's temperature, and keep them home if ill.
- Individuals who develop symptoms of the COVID-19 illness will be sent to the school nurse and placed in an isolation area; parents will be contacted immediately for pick up. Parents/Guardians will need to make every effort to pick up their child within 30 minutes.
- Students will be instructed on methods to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 at school.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water to school in a clear, plastic container labeled with the student's name. Water fountains will be blocked off for safety reasons.
- Students will be trained on proper hand washing techniques.
- Daily temperature checks will be performed.
- Should a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19, communication will follow based on state and local guidelines.

- Due to the safety measures utilized, should a student or teacher test positive for COVID-19, there will **not** be a mandatory quarantine for *all* students.
- BHISD is actively engaged in contracting with a company that will allow our nurses to test staff for COVID-19 as needed. Details are still being worked out, but permission has been granted from county officials for BHISD nurses and trainers to administer tests.

### CAMPUS VISITORS

- Campuses will utilize online meeting options to limit campus visitors when possible. All visitors who enter the building will be required to wear a face mask/covering. As the year progresses, this requirement may be moved to a recommendation as long as COVID-19 community spread is greatly reduced.
- Visitors who need to meet with a staff member beyond the front desk must make an appointment prior to arrival unless there is an emergency. This requirement may be removed when the COVID-19 spread is greatly reduced.
- Visitors will have their temperature checked and will need to complete a COVID-19 Self-Assessment upon arrival.
- Special programs such as PALS, Mentors, and Watch Dogs will be suspended until the end of the first six weeks or until immediate health concerns subside.

### CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROTOCOL

- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will occur throughout the school day.
- Nightly deep cleaning will occur across the campus.
- Each classroom and restroom will be cleaned/disinfected throughout and at the end of each day.
- All high touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Cleaning supplies will be provided for each classroom and in common areas to maximize room-to-room cleanliness.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected regularly.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the building in common areas.

### TRANSPORTATION

In response to COVID-19, Barbers Hill ISD encourages all families with the ability to do so to transport their children to and from school. Bus transportation will be offered; however, the standard number of transported students compromises the ability to socially distance. **For this reason, students utilizing bus transportation will be required to wear face coverings/masks at all times while on board.**

- Hand sanitizer will be available when boarding the bus.
- All bus drivers will wear face masks/coverings.
- Buses will be cleaned/disinfected between each transportation run and at the end of the day.
- Transportation staff will be trained in proper cleaning/disinfecting procedures.
- All BHISD vehicles will be equipped with cleaning and disinfecting supplies.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

To minimize foot traffic in the building and to allow for adequate physical distancing for students during eating periods, **lunch visitors will not be allowed.** These restrictions may loosen as the year progresses; however, it is important to allow campus staff the flexibility to space out students throughout common areas.

- Cafeteria and serving areas will be cleaned regularly.
- Face masks/coverings will be worn while in the cafeteria except when eating.
- All BHISD child nutrition staff will use face coverings/masks and gloves while performing job responsibilities and will be trained to practice health and hygiene regulations.
- Because of social distancing and safe food practices, student menu options will be served and/or be covered for selection.
- To allow for distancing in the lunch line, students are encouraged to eat breakfast at home and bring their lunch, when possible.
- Students will be allowed to go through the line only once.
- Students will be seated every other seat as space allows.
- No outside food will be allowed for drop-off.

## ARRIVALS, DISMISSALS, AND TRANSITIONS

Parents are asked to assist campus staff in the implementation of arrival and dismissal plans.

**When transporting children to school, please follow all signage, drop off and pick up children at the appropriate locations, and quickly exit the parking lots.**

- Parents will not be permitted to walk students inside the school building beyond the secure vestibule.
- Each group of students will be directed to a designated location prior to the start of school.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at entrances and exits throughout the building.
- All areas of the building (gym, cafeteria, larger classrooms, common areas, etc.) will be utilized to limit the size of student groupings.
- Dismissal exit points will be established.
- Hall traffic will be monitored and marked to encourage distancing in the hallways.

## CLASSROOM CONFIGURATIONS AND PROCEDURES

It is our promise to maintain a warm and inviting learning environment in our classrooms while simultaneously following health guidelines. Students will be seated at all campuses with as much separation as feasible without disrupting the educational experience. Furthermore, Barbers Hill ISD spent \$2 million dollars this summer to update the previous Primary School in order to house all PreK students to enhance spacing for the younger levels. Additional funds were spent to ensure students in grades 2-12 will have 1:1 technology devices eliminating the need for shared electronics. Shaded areas have been added to elementary campuses to allow more opportunities for students to be outdoors.

Each classroom will have the following:

- Access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Access to disinfectant supplies to sanitize working surfaces.
- Shared supplies will be limited and cleaned between uses.

- Based on district guidance, teachers will develop, teach, and implement procedures that:
  - Limit student movement within the classroom such as turning in assignments, materials being passed out, etc.
  - Establish student responsibilities to clean personal areas and materials/supplies.
  - Reinforce hand washing protocols and intermittent use of hand sanitizer.
  - Reduce the use of large table seating in classrooms and replace with desks when possible.
  - If tables are used, limit the number of students per table to provide as much physical distancing as possible.
  - To the extent possible, locked doors will be propped open between classes to minimize contact with doors and door handles by students and staff entering or exiting classrooms.

## EXTRACURRICULAR AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities, practices, and competitions will be conducted following safety protocols provided by Barbers Hill ISD, the University Interscholastic League (UIL), and the Texas Education Agency (TEA). This will include health screening, group sizes, sharing and sanitizing of equipment, and locker room usage.

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available in gym areas, and equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
- Spectator attendance at games and contests may be limited based on TEA and UIL guidelines.
- Ticketing for events may be utilized to control capacity of facilities.
- School-wide indoor pep rallies will not be held during the fall semester.
- Class assemblies will be virtual.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing stations will be available for any activity.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Whenever possible, physical education classes will be held outside to allow for maximum distancing between students.

- Physical distance will be considered when assigning lockers for dressing out at the secondary level. Masks will be required in locker rooms.
- During instruction and activities, physical distancing will be in place.
- Students will be placed in smaller groups for instruction and activities when possible.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water to school in a clear, plastic container labeled with the student's name. Water fountains will be blocked off for safety reasons.



## REMOTE LEARNING

Barbers Hill ISD will provide a Remote Learning option for families who choose not to participate in the traditional in-school experience. Online instruction will be delivered completely virtually with Barbers Hill ISD teachers providing instruction, assignments and support while following the Barbers Hill ISD curriculum. Because grading will be consistent with on-campus instruction, families should plan for a minimum of 4-6 hours each day. Furthermore, students will need to have access to an electronic device and reliable internet. Regular progress monitoring and feedback will be provided. Grading practices for Remote Learning will be consistent with on-campus instruction. The Remote Learning option will require support from adults at home. The Remote Learning option will meet the grade level or course requirements.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REMOTE LEARNING

- If the online program is chosen, students will remain in this format for a minimum of one grading period before the option to transition back to traditional school will be allowed.
- Students will be required to log in at specific times during the day for lessons.
- Each school day the student must participate in all lessons, assignments and activities posted for each course.
- The student will participate in all additional tutoring sessions required by the teachers.
- Reliable internet and computer access will be required for each student during every school day.
- The parent is the learning coach, and it will be necessary for the parent to provide support and supervision.
- Special Education services will be provided as determined by an Individualized Education Plan.

### REMOTE LEARNING COURSE OFFERINGS

(Click on your child's level for a list of course offerings)

[Elementary \(PreK-5\)](#)

[Middle School \(6-8\)](#)

[High School \(9-12\)](#)

### ATTENDANCE

The minimum attendance for class credit rule will be in effect for the 20-21 school year. The state of Texas requires students to attend at least 90% of their classes to receive credit and be promoted. Remote attendance will count in the same manner as traditional attendance. In Remote Learning, student engagement is measured daily, and attendance is assigned based on the student's completion of that day's assignments. Students who do not engage and do not complete the daily assignments will be counted absent for that day, according to the TEA guidelines.

## GRADING

Grading procedures for PreK-12 will be the same for students in Traditional In-School Learning and Remote Learning. For grades 9-12, grades will count toward GPA, class rank, and UIL eligibility.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials or as environmental conditions change.

## COMMITMENT TO INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY OPTION

The selection of Traditional In-School Instruction or Remote Instruction will occur July 20-27. **Students will only be allowed to change options at the end of a grading period.**

### [Parent Commitment Form](#)

*Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.*

---Nelson Mandela



# COVID-19 Student Self-Assessment

*Does your child have any of the symptoms listed below?*

- Fever equal to or greater than 100°F
- Chills/aches
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days

*If the answer is YES to any of the above questions, your child should remain home. Additionally, it is recommended you consult with your primary care physician.*