

# A Summary of Our Plan for 2020-21

BOYS' LATIN OF PHILADELPHIA HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

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Over the past several months, our school has worked closely with government and public health officials, medical professionals, educators, and parents to develop the Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Health and Safety *Plan.* In 2020-21, we will operate a blended model of in-person and distance learning. The health and safety of students and staff is our top priority. Our plan addresses this priority and the school's mission: preparing boys for success in college and beyond.

This is a summary of the school's plan. For the complete plan, please visit: www.boyslatin.org



### Important Notes

- The Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Health and Safety Plan serves as our local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school reopening activities.
- Our plan was approved by the school's board of trustees on July 20, 2020, submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and School District of Philadelphia, our authorizer, and shared with the public via our website.
- The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are dynamic. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and adjust our plan as needed. All revisions will be approved by our board and shared with the school and broader communities.

# Achieving Our Top Priority: Health and Safety

Our plan is grounded in four practices to ensure the health and safety of students and staff:



Social Distancing



Face Coverings



Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation



Health Monitoring





## Social Distancing

- Operate split schedule for in-person learning at 50% capacity
- Classes limited to 15 students and 2 staff members
- Desks forward-facing and 6 feet apart
- Social distancing signs and decals throughout each school building
- Communal spaces used only for designated purposes and otherwise off-limits
- Meals consumed in classrooms or on the go
- School vehicles used only for approved purposes, operating at 50% capacity
- Nonessential visitors to the school limited



## Face Coverings

- All students, staff, and visitors required to wear face coverings
  - School will provide 1 reusable mask to students and staff
  - Disposable masks available for use by students, staff, and visitors as needed



# Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

- •Expanded cleaning contract to support additional sanitizing and disinfecting
  - School facilities thoroughly sanitized over summer to prepare for return to school
  - Cleaning supplies meet OSHA and CDC requirements for COVID-19
  - High-touch areas prioritized during school day and thorough cleaning nightly
  - Classrooms and offices equipped with disinfectant sprays and wipes
- Hand sanitizer dispensers outside of every building, classroom, and office
  - Extra hand hygiene encouraged especially when infection or germ-spread likely
- Touchless sinks, drinking fountains, and soap, sanitizer, and paper towel dispensers
- Enhanced HVAC system with hospital-grade filters and increased maintenance



## Health Monitoring

- Students, staff, and visitors screened before entering school buildings
- Flexible attendance policy to encourage students and staff to stay home when sick
- Students and staff may opt out of in-person learning by trimester
- Regular, open communication with all members of the school community

# Achieving Our Mission: College Success

Our blended model leverages key technology and best practices for learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:

- 1:1 laptop program schoolwide
- Learning management system, Schoology, serves as online hub for students, families, and staff to access learning tools like Google Classroom and Zoom, and monitor students' academic progress, attendance, and behavior
- Intentionally planned lesson modules support in-person and distance learning
- Beginning of school year module to prepare students for successful online learning
- Virtual technology support



## Daily Schedule: Overview

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
$AM^1$	Group A: In-School	Group A: In-School	Group A: In-School	Group A: In-School	Group A: In-School
	Group B: Distance Learning	Group B: Distance Learning			
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
$PM^2$	Group B: In-School	Group B: In-School	Group B: In-School	Group B: In-School	Group B: In-School
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AM Session begins at 8:00AM and ends at 11:15AM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PM Session begins at 12:45PM and ends at 4:00PM

## Daily Schedule: Detail

- 50% of learning at school and 50% of learning at home
  - Each day we will operate 2 in-person learning sessions with approximately one-half of students in each grade level assigned to Group A and the other half to Group B
- Lesson modules for each class, including pre-recorded instructional videos and all lesson materials and assignments, hosted on Schoology
  - At home, students complete lessons at prescribed paced using their school-issued laptop
  - In-person, students ask questions, receive help, and participate in additional practice



Members of our school community are encouraged to provide feedback on the *Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Health and Safety Plan* via the below surveys. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Survey for Students & Families

**Survey for Staff** 

#### Next Steps

- Review the complete Boys' Latin of Philadelphia School Health and Safety Plan
- Provide feedback on our plan for 2020-21 by completing the Return to School Survey
- Regularly check your email for additional important updates:
  - Request for final decision regarding opting out of in-person learning by August 17
  - Student scheduling information and group assignment (if applicable) by August 24
  - Schoology, school-issued laptop, and other technology information by August 24
  - Other updates as-needed in response to evolving COVID-19 situation