

Independent School District

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We look forward to returning for the 2020-2021 school year and are excited to have your child back on campus. Please understand this school year will look a little different.

Due to the current health concerns, we are working to limit the number of people in our buildings. Therefore, we are making significant changes to our start-up procedures.

Eagle Launch will only be offered for students in Kindergarten and students new to the district in 1^{st} grade. A sign-up sheet will be sent out to families so they can schedule their campus visit. The assigned date for the ECC is Monday August 17^{th} , from 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Smaller groups will rotate throughout the day to keep smaller numbers on the campus at any one time. Each student will be allowed one adult to accompany them to the event.

All returning 1st graders will be assigned a day to drive by and pick up their ID badges from the ECC. More information to follow.

First Day of School procedures will be communicated prior to the first day of school. We will not be allowing visitors in our building until further notice. Therefore, parents will **not** be allowed to walk their child to his/her classroom on the first day of school. In order to assist the staff and your child with them getting to class, please make sure they wear their ID badges on the first day of school. This helps reduce the stress of your child as well.

Supplies: Students may bring their supplies on the first day of school. We know this might be cumbersome at the ECC. We are offering a prepackaged supply bundle. With this option, supplies can be purchased on-line and delivered directly to your child's classroom. You must purchase them before the end of the day Saturday, August 1st. For more information on this option, go to https://www.bhisd.net/parents-students/school-supply-lists and click on the ribbon that reads "Order Pre-Packaged School Supplies."

Face coverings: Students at the Early Childhood Center are welcome to wear face masks, however masks are only required for students while riding the bus. We do know that the wearing of masks reduces the spread of the virus and lessens the likelihood of a quarantine, if the need arises. If you choose for your child to wear a mask, please note the district guidelines regarding face coverings. Face coverings are required for safety and shall not be worn in a manner that distracts from instruction. Face coverings will be worn to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer, but shall not cover other parts of the face, such as the eyes. Face coverings shall be free of written messages and symbols. "Spirit" face masks that say Barbers Hill, Eagles, The Hill, BH, or We Can We Will, will be allowed. We will review these guidelines periodically to determine if additional changes are needed.

To add a layer of safety for our youngest eagles, BHISD is providing each student a plexiglass safety shield for use during classroom instruction. Those students who choose to wear a mask will be able to take it off while seated behind the plexiglass shield, if they so choose.

Your child and the staff's safety are number one concern for all of us in Barbers Hill ISD. Thank you for your continued support regarding the education of your child.

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