



Baker School District



Plan for Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This outline summarizes our anticipated procedures for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Baker School District has been working under our adopted *reopening plan* since August of 2020. We understand not everyone will agree with our current plan nor did everyone agree with our previously adopted plan. Hopefully this summary will give parents, students, and staff the ability to plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

Reopening Plan

Schools will be open Monday thru Friday for direct in-person instruction. We will *only* be offering onsite instruction and students/parents will *not* have the option to request remote learning.

Regular School Day Schedule (Monday thru Thursday):

Lincoln Elementary	8:15 a.m. -- 3:10 p.m.
Longfellow Elementary	8:15 a.m. -- 3:20 p.m.
BPS 7-12	8:24 a.m. -- 3:25 p.m.

Friday Schedule (*in-service Wednesday early outs*)

Lincoln Elementary	8:15 a.m. -- 2:15 p.m.
Longfellow Elementary	8:15 a.m. -- 2:15 p.m.
BPS 7-12	8:24 a.m. -- 2:15 p.m.

Safety Measures

The District will continue to consult with and consider recommendations from state and local officials (health officials, education organizations, etc.) as well as consider guidance from the CDC in order to safely provide in-person learning.

Face Coverings

At this time we are not requiring students and/or staff to use a face covering (mask, shield, scarf, product that covers both mouth and nose). However, they may choose to wear one if they feel comfortable doing so. We will provide a face covering, either a cloth mask and/or disposable mask should an individual request one.

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**It should be noted that a mandate for face coverings (State, Federal, etc) could be issued that may supersede the authority of our local Board of Trustees.*

Grouping and Scheduling

By the end of the 2021-2022 school year we had little to no restrictions on grouping and/or group sizes. We will begin the 2023-2024 school year in the same manner and will stay in consultation with local health officials as to the current COVID status within Baker and Fallon County. Changes in scheduling and/or group sizes may change based on recommendations from local health officials as it pertains to the current overall health of the community.

Social/Physical Distancing

Within the classroom, staff may work to provide physical distance between students with the understanding that it is not necessarily feasible within a school that is designed for collaboration and social interaction.

Remote Learning

We are *not* offering remote learning during the 2023-2024 school year. The only time remote learning will be made available is when a student is required to quarantine by the local health department. If students are required to quarantine they will engage in remote learning as outlined.

Students in Kindergarten--6th grade will receive a combination of student work packets (paper-based instructional materials) and online resources/online learning through Seesaw (Lincoln Elementary) and/or Google Classroom (Longfellow Elementary). We will have protocols in place for student work-packet pick up and drop off.

Students in 7th-12th grade will be required to sign into their class's LIVE streamed lesson for each day. Students will follow their normal classroom schedule throughout the day while online and will be responsible for all covered content during the lesson as if they were engaging onsite. Teachers will utilize Google Classroom to allow for student submission of assignments, discussion prompts, assessments, etc.

Health Screening

We are asking parents/guardians to assist us in monitoring/screening their child(ren) for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure prior to sending them to school. Local health officials will assist parents/guardians if their child(ren) has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Any quarantine requirements will be addressed with local health officials. Students who must undergo quarantine for a duration of time will be transitioned to remote learning until they have been cleared to return to school from a healthcare professional.

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Busing

Masks are no longer required while riding a bus, both for route buses and/or extracurricular buses. Students and staff may wear a mask/face covering if they so choose.

Meals and Cafeteria

Our food service will follow all *safe serve* regulations/requirements and/or additional food service protocols based on COVID restrictions. Visitors are allowed to visit the cafeteria on Fridays.

Handwashing, Hand Sanitation, Cleaning/Disinfecting

All students, staff, and others present in the any school building should engage in hand hygiene at the following times, which include but are not limited to:

- Arrival to the facility and after breaks
- Before and after preparing, eating, or handling food or drinks
- Before and after administering medication or screening temperature
- After coming in contact with bodily fluid
- After recess
- After handling garbage
- After assisting students with handwashing
- After use of the restroom

Hand hygiene includes but is not limited to washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.

Staff members will supervise children when they use hand sanitizer and soap to prevent ingestion.

School district personnel will routinely both clean by removing germs, dirt and impurities and disinfect by using chemicals to kill germs on all surfaces and objects in any school building and on school property that are frequently touched. This process shall include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily.

Personnel will clean with the cleaners typically used and will use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label. Personnel will disinfect with common EPA-registered household disinfectants. A list of products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 is available from the supervising teacher or administrator. Personnel will follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products.

The District will provide EPA-registered disposable wipes and/or cleaning solutions with clean rags to teachers, staff, and secondary students so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., keyboards, desks, remote controls) may be wiped down before use. Supervising teachers or administrators are required to ensure adequate supplies to support cleaning and disinfection practices.

Visitor Protocol

At this time, we are not restricting visitors. Visitors will be directed to the main office and assisted by our staff. Based on recommendations from local health officials there may be a time when we need to restrict visitors to the building.

Organized Field Trips and Extracurricular Activities

All field trips must be approved by the building administration. The District will follow guidelines set up by the Montana High School Association for all extracurricular activities. The District will work with local health officials to address issues that arise when we are the host team (event attendance, sanitation, concessions, etc.).