



# Back to School Plan 2021-2022

Community health data continues to change in our Bishop CISD community. We are continuously monitoring this information and adjusting our plans accordingly.

## **Bishop CISD Back to School Plan**

### **Fall 2021**

All Bishop CISD employees and students will continue with in-person instruction in the Fall of 2021. All Bishop CISD school operations will return to normal (prior to COVID-19) with the following exceptions.

#### **Accelerated Learning**

In order to help students make up for learning loss due to COVID-19, Bishop CISD will implement the requirements of House Bill 4545 that was recently passed in the 87th Regular Legislative Session. The new statute is effective, as of June, 2021, with acceleration instruction practices required during the 2021-2022 school year for all students. Results are based on tests administered in the spring of 2021.

HB 4545 establishes new requirements for accelerated instruction for students who do not pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

Legislation includes:

- Elimination of grade retention and retesting requirements in grades 5 and 8
- For any student who does not pass the STAAR test in grade 3, 5, or 8 in math or reading, a new LEA requirement to establish an accelerated learning committee to develop an individual educational plan for the student and monitor progress

#### **Learning Acceleration**

For student who do not pass the STAAR test in grades 3–8 or STAAR (EOC) end-of-course assessments, accelerated instruction requirements specify that it must include either:

- Being assigned a classroom teacher who is a certified master, exemplary, or recognized teacher or
- Receiving supplemental instruction (tutoring) before or after school, and/or embedded in the school day

Bishop CISD has chosen the second option of providing supplemental instruction (tutoring) after school, and/or embedded in the school day. This instruction can also take place during the summer and/or on Saturdays.

#### **Social and Emotional Needs**

Bishop CISD will closely monitor the social and emotional needs of all students. Secondary campuses will receive support from the liaison from Communities in Schools (CIS). Elementary campuses has contracted services with a certified counselor who will visit the campuses weekly for individual, small group and whole group sessions.

## **Maintain Health and Safety**

To reduce the risk of transmission Bishop CISD has planned but is not limited to the following mitigation strategies for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Implementation of bottle fillers
- Encouragement of facial coverings
- The use of assigned seating, cohorts, and podding when appropriate
- Hand sanitizing stations in each classroom, hallways and common areas
- Sneeze guards in classrooms and cafeterias
- Targeted cleaning as appropriate
- Contact tracing with communication to those impacted
- Local vaccination sites at the beginning of the school year
- Air purifiers in classrooms and common areas
- Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities as identified in the student's Individualized Education Program

## **Ensuring Continuity of Services**

Bishop CISD will continue to take appropriate actions to ensure continuity of services to students. These actions will focus on addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Proposed plans to provide a continuity of services are as follows:

- Collaborate with Response to Intervention Staff
- Professional Development for Educators
- iPads, Laptops and Interactive Flat Panels
- Summer School
- Behavioral Support Staff
- Instructional Materials
- Special Programs Coordinator
- Increased Special Education Staff
- Increased Counseling
- Special Education Compliance Officer

## SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

No.	Strategies	Home Responsibilities	Campus Responsibilities
1	Staff and students need to stay home if sick.	X	X
2	It is recommended that all staff and students perform a daily self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms and fever before arriving to school or boarding school transportation.	X	
3	Report the following symptoms to BCISD Fever Nasal congestion or runny nose Cough Sore throat Shortness of breath Fatigue Headache Muscle aches Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Poor appetite New loss of taste or smell Belly pain Pink eye (conjunctivitis)	X	X
4	Monitor symptoms	X	X
5	Test for COVID	X	
6	Doctor's clearance required by staff and/or students to return to campus.	X	X
7	If you become ill while at school, notify the nurse immediately.		X
8	If negative, call your campus to provide symptom and testing details.	X	
9	If positive, call your campus to provide symptom and testing details.	X	
10	Contact trace if there is a positive case.	X	X
11	Contact COVID direct exposures as soon as possible.	X	X

12	Unvaccinated staff and/or students who were exposed to a direct COVID case will need to quarantine.	X	X
13	Staff and/or students who are fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine if exposed to a direct COVID positive case.	X	X
14	Staff and/or students who have had COVID within three months prior to an exposure to a positive case will not need to quarantine if exposed to a direct COVID positive case.	X	X
16	Staff and/or students will have temperature checks upon arrival.		X
17	Social distancing of at least 3 feet when possible		X
18	Wearing of facial coverings highly encouraged for all staff and students (grades PK-12).		X
19	Staff and/or students are required to wash their hands as often as possible or after handling items that others may have recently touched.		X
20	If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.		X
21	Hand sanitizer stations will be located in classrooms, hallways and other common areas throughout the campuses.		X
23	Students will not be allowed to share food or drinks.		X
24	Custodial staff will maintain a regular cleaning schedule to disinfect high traffic and commonly used spaces throughout the instructional day, including door handles, restrooms, large group transition areas, and cafeteria between meals.		X
26	One way traffic in hallways where possible.		X

27	Space desks out and face them in the same direction and/or physical barriers to separate students.		X
29	Use outdoor spaces when possible.		X
31	Ensure updated emergency contact information is on file.	X	X
32	Make sure to have the district app on cell phone.	X	X
33	Plan for possible quarantines or school closures.	X	X
34	The District will provide supplies in the schools to include soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels.		X
35	Continue to educate students on proper coughing and sneezing practices.		X
36	Improve Ventilation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring in outdoor air if possible</li> <li>• Ensure HVAC are maximizing ventilation</li> <li>• Water bottle fillers</li> <li>• Air purifiers</li> <li>• Open windows in buses</li> </ul>		X
37	Parents must call the campus nurse and schedule an appointment for dropping-off items for your child such as medication, prescriptions and medical supplies to be stored in the nurse's office.	X	
38	All students enrolled in Bishop CISD must be in compliance with state required immunizations.	X	X
39	Bishop CISD has a standard response in place in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 cases among staff and students at a specific campus. In the event your child's campus is impacted, parents and staff at the impacted campus will receive notice via the district app and district text with an update no later than 5 p.m. on the day the COVID-19 case is reported.		X

40	Staff and/or students that have tested positive for COVID may return to school/work after 10 days have passed since symptom onset and are fever free (without fever suppressing medications) for no less than 24 hours prior to returning.	X	X
41	Staff and/or students that have tested positive but remain symptom free may return to school/work after 10 days from test date.	X	X
43	If the individual has tested positive for COVID-19 and believes that the test was a false positive and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either: 1.) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, (Bishop CISD recognizes the privacy of medical information therefore, the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is), or 2.) obtain two PCR acute infection tests (at a physician's office, approved testing location, or other site) at least 24 hours apart that returns a negative diagnosis.	X	
44	If unvaccinated and living in a household with a positive individual who can and does isolate: the 10 - day period for the student begins on the day of symptom onset (symptomatic) or the test date (asymptomatic) of the positive household member. The student can return after 10 days if no symptoms develop.	X	X
45	If unvaccinated and living with a positive individual in the household who is UNABLE to isolate: staff/student will begin their required 10-day quarantine period after the positive individual has	X	X

	completed a 10-day infection period. Staff/Student may return on the 20 <sup>th</sup> day if no symptoms develop during that time.		
46	Staff/Student develops one or more COVID-19 symptom(s) but is not evaluated or tested by a medical professional, individual is assumed to have COVID-19. It is recommended that the parent/guardian consult with their primary care physician for guidance of care and testing. The staff/student may NOT return to the campus until the individual has completed the criteria listed below: Symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours have passed without fever (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications).	X	X