

BCPS CONTINUITY of LEARNING PLAN



Helping Students Build Success Stories

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All information included in this document is based on guidance from the CDC, the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, and the Kent County Health Department as of the date approved as stated above.

This plan is subject to revision as updated guidance is released.

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Guiding Principles

Byron Center Public Schools prioritizes the safety of our students, faculty, and families alongside upholding rigorous academic standards. Decisions regarding maintaining in-person learning align with guidance from the CDC, directives from state and local authorities, and input from healthcare experts at the Kent County Health Department and Spectrum Health. Given the fluctuating nature of COVID-19 cases, we recognize the necessity of relying on guiding principles to assess, adapt, and evaluate our decisions. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, our commitment to strategic planning remains unwavering. Our focus remains on our mission to help students build success stories, as outlined in our improvement plans.

In navigating strategic decisions, we are committed to:

1. Safeguarding the health and well-being of students, families, and staff by following public health guidelines.
2. Advancing student achievement through personalized, family-centered learning experiences within a traditional classroom setting.
3. Ensuring compliance with pertinent laws and regulations at the local, state, and federal levels.
4. Maintaining fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget.
5. Regularly gathering feedback from stakeholders and incorporating the latest research findings into our plans through collaboration with a diverse group of staff members.

Our intention is to uphold regular in-person instruction in our schools, prioritizing the safety and welfare of all involved parties.

Stakeholder feedback is collected yearly through our MICIP process per building survey to gather input from the community, parents, staff, and students.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The District will continue to maintain safe and healthy learning and working environments, using a combination of mitigation measures.

Health Guidance

All mitigation measures implemented by Byron Center Public Schools will be based on the most current requirements for schools from the CDC, the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, and the Kent County Health Department.

Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

Parents/guardians should continue to screen their child(ren) at home for COVID-19 each day before arriving at school, keeping students home who are displaying concerning health symptoms and consulting with their own primary care physician for recommendations about a course of treatment.

ACADEMICS

Maintaining consistent attendance and active participation in the in-person learning offered is the best way for students to make expected progress toward the academic goals each year. Because students are absent for a variety of reasons, we offer the following accommodations.

Student Absence

Having the academic resources available in Schoology has created better communication and more opportunities for success for all students. Using Schoology, teachers can easily share resources with their students. In addition, consistency across our system helps all parents and students know what to expect.

If a student in PK-12th grade is **absent 3 or more days**, the teacher will supply to students and/or parents:

- Learning goals, assignments, and a way to show learning on Schoology asynchronously (unless parent/student requests non-digital content due to digital connectivity concerns)
- Feedback on the demonstration of learning, which could come in many different forms
- Limited interventions
- A way to contact the teacher for questions (teacher will strive to return messages within a school day)

Arrangements for digital devices or hotspots to use while absent can be made by contacting the principal of your child's building.

K-12 Virtual Learning Days

BCPS is prepared to move all students to hybrid or virtual-only instruction based on a State and/or local decision about closures as a result of an increase in COVID-19 spread. Based on the allowances from the Michigan Department of Education, Virtual Learning follows **a set schedule of virtual live learning that is identical to an in-person school day** and is **delivered by the student's assigned BCPS teachers** through the **Schoology Learning Management System, Zoom, and/or Google**. Students and teachers Zoom for the duration of the school day, engaging in the same type of learning as they would in-person. Attendance (as evidenced by the students being visible in the Zoom classroom for the duration of each class period) and participation are required. For hybrid learning, where students are allowed to participate in face-to-face learning, but where quarantine rules apply, students will come to school every other day with alternating schedules in order to stay six feet away from each other.

PREVIOUS PLANS

RETURN TO LEARN PLANS

- [Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021, July 1-Dec 31, 2020](#)
- [Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021, January 1-June 30, 2021](#)
- [Return to Learn Plan 2021-2022, July 1-Dec 31, 2021](#)
- [Return to Learn Plan 2021-2022, Jan 1-June 30, 2022](#)
- [Return to Learn Plan 2022-2023, July 1-Dec 31, 2022](#)
- [Return to Learn Plan 2022-2023, Jan 1-June 30, 2023](#)
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