



Berkshire Elementary School's Opening Information

8:30-3:30

Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students must wear a mask and will use sanitizer on hands upon entry into the building. Doors open at 8:30-8:44 for arrival. Students are marked late at 8:45. Students will be dismissed at 3:30. Students will line up at the front main entry doors behind grade level cones each morning. Students entering from the rear will line up by the rear walker entry doors. Car riders will wait in their cars in the car rider loop or line up (@ least 3 feet apart) at the front of the school for the doors opening at 8:30. 	Screening & Testing (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home. Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school. Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.
Face Covering (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person is alone in a private space. The person is eating or drinking. The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe. The person is under the age of two. The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.	Social Distancing (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students. Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area. Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds. Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.
Hand Hygiene (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools' offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.	Breakfast & Lunch Breakfast is free for all students and they will eat in the classroom. Students will have assigned seating in the cafeteria. Lunch is free for all students in our school this year. All students will be eating in the cafeteria, atrium, and gym area for lunch. Students will put on masks when not eating lunch. 
Supplies & Devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should bring their devices to school charged everyday. Students will each use their own supplies. If students are in need of supplies, parents may inform the counselor for free supplies. The school can provide headphones if necessary. 	Visitors (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment. Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible. If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing. The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.
Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars (<i>customize for your school</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This site contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS. 	Cleaning/Disinfecting (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily. Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items. Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.