

Update on BUSD's School Reopening Plan

March 24, 2021

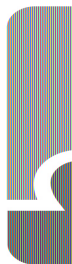
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This Evening's Meeting

1. Updates to State Health Guidelines
2. Elementary Reopening
3. Middle and High School Reopening
4. COVID Safety in BUSD Schools
5. Board Direction for the Fall of 2021



California Revised Health Guidelines, March 22

- CDPH now states maintaining a minimum of 3 feet between student chairs is strongly recommended.
- Teacher and staff desks must remain at least 6 feet away from student and other staff desks.
- Considerations for schools implementing a shorter physical distancing policy between students: focus on high mask adherence—if there are doubts about mask adherence, consider more robust physical distancing practices; consider enhancing other mitigation layers, such as stable groups or ventilation.
- Maintain 6 feet of distancing as much as possible during times when students or staff are not masked (e.g., due to eating or drinking).

Our School Reopening Timeline Is On Track

March 29:

Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and K-2

April 5-9:

Spring Recess: *We strongly advise families and staff not to travel*

April 12:

Grades 3-5; Grades 6-8; ninth grade at Berkeley High School;
Berkeley Technology Academy, Berkeley Independent Studies

April 19: Grades 10-12 at Berkeley High School

Campus Preparation Days, ECE - Grade 12

During the week prior to school reopening, we will shift to several days of a Wednesday Distance Learning schedule to permit teachers and school staff to complete their final on-campus preparations for in-person learning.

Wednesday DL Schedule	
Pre-K	March 23-26
TK-Grade 3	March 23-26
Grades 3-5	March 23-26
Middle Schools	Wednesday March 24 and 31 will consist of only the Advisory class at 9:15, but small group supports will be cancelled. On Monday, March 29th, the morning Advisory class will be cancelled. Thursday, April 1 and Friday April 2 will also consist of only the Advisory class at 9:15, and regular Zoom classes will be replaced with independent assignments.
High Schools	Wednesday, March 31 - No U9 Small Groups Wednesday, April 14 - No 10-12 Small Groups

Distance Learning Elementary Families

March 29 - June 4

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Expanded Distance Learning Schedule, March 29 - June 4

"My name is Michelle Sinclair and I will be the administrator overseeing the Distance Learning (DL) program. I am writing to inform you about your child's schedule for DL. Your child's teacher will be _____. I am joined by the teachers in welcoming you back to DL. We have made every effort to keep your student with other DL students from their class and their school so that many faces will be familiar on Monday.

- Distance Learning for students in grade TK-2 will be from March 29, 2021 to June 4, 2021.
- Later this week your assigned teacher will contact you to welcome you to your child's class.
- Your child will not lose their place at their assigned school.

Distance Learning Schedule

Sessions: TK-K 30 mins., 1st-5th 45 mins.

9:00	Whole Class Distance Learning Session
10:00	Group A Distance Learning Session
11:00	Group B Distance Learning Session
11:45	Lunch
12:15	Whole Class Distance Learning Session
1:15	Specialist Instruction Sessions

Distance Learning Staffing, March 29 - June 4

Classroom Teachers	Same Grade: 17 New Grade: 1 (volunteer)
Classified Staff converting to Certificated	1
Substitute Teachers	1 (Ruth Acty, covering in person)
Site TSAs (voluntary)	Literacy Coach or RTI Teacher: 5
Site TSAs (involuntary)	Literacy Coach or RTI Teacher: 7
Unfilled DL Classrooms	0
Combined Classes	13
TOTAL POSITIONS	TK-2: 17 new classes/teachers
	3-5: 14 new classes/teachers
	Total 31 new classes

Redesigned Schedules

These teachers will work this week to redesign their schedules:

Special Education Teachers

RTI Teachers

Literacy Coaches

ELD Teachers

Specialists (VAPA, Garden, Library, PE, Science)

To the maximum extent possible, Special Education Teachers and Service Providers will schedule services for Distance Learning and In-Person learning in keeping with each child's IEP. Differences in these service levels will be documented in the Distance Learning Learning Plan (DLEP).

In-Person Learning Elementary Families

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BUSD School Reopening Plans

Please visit our BUSD website to review the district's School Reopening Plan.

The appendix to the district plan contains all elementary schools' individualized reopening plans. These include:

- Arrival and dismissal times

- Entrance and exit points

- Information about daily symptom screening requirements for families

- Classroom set up information

- Playground designations

- Lunch and recess schedules

- Ventilation systems

- After School Program locations

Classroom Set Up

Room Set-Up Guidelines for Teachers:

- Six feet of social distancing between all individuals
- If needed, use of other spaces or adjustment to no less than four feet of spacing will be considered (BUSD will engage our labor partners about the newly revised guidelines that recommend no less than three feet of distancing.)
- Partitions will be provided upon request

Please keep these points in mind while setting up your classroom.

- Leave unused furniture in place and mark it off with signage "Do Not Use". This unused furniture will serve as an additional measure of promoting social distancing.
- Signs on doors - when working in your classrooms either alone or with students, please hang a paper sign on your door "Room in Use".
- Open windows whenever possible and keep air purifiers on even if the windows are open. Keep purifiers positioned on high whenever possible. If too loud turn to medium or low.



Berkeley Arts Magnet
Elementary Room# B1

4 Foot Distance

Capacity: 22



Six entrances/exits!

Special Education Teachers

When providing services in-person, the following guidelines are reflective of current California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidelines:

- Work with students from only one stable group at a time
- Work in a separate instructional space from the classroom, and clean all high-touch surfaces between instructional groups
- Maximize time outside
- Maintain more than 6 feet of distance between students and the teacher, as much as possible
- Provide service through virtual learning, even if students are on campus

Middle and High Schools

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We continue to look at this hybrid model for our secondary schools.

- Distance Learning in the morning
- In-Person Instruction in the afternoon
- After-School Program and Activities

Overview for Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri

<u>AM</u> Distance Learning As Is	9:00 - 11:45 AM
Lunch, Transition to School, Screening, & Teacher Prep	11:45 - 1:15 PM
<u>PM</u> Group A or B at School	1:15 - 3:15 PM
After School Program	3:15 - 6:00 PM

These times are approximations, and are subject to bargaining

Town Hall Events for Middle and High School Families

Middle and High School, English	Tuesday, March 30, 6:00 - 7:00
Middle and High School, Spanish	Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 - 8:30
Middle and High School, Special Education	Thursday, April 1, 6:00 - 7:00
Middle and High School, Black Families and Caregivers	Thursday, April 1, 7:30 - 8:30

COVID Safety In BUSD Schools

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Key Safety Practices

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Face Coverings

Social Distancing

Stable Groups

Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Cleaning

Ventilation

Vaccines for Staff

Surveillance Testing

Contact Tracing/Quarantines

We urge our families to recognize:

- All students will be expected to wear face coverings.
- Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine procedures will be strictly enforced, and this could lead to disruption for individual students, classes, or even entire schools.
- All families are expected to confirm that their children are free of COVID symptoms every day.
- Students should remain at home if they are sick or have COVID symptoms.
- All visitors to school campuses and classrooms are prohibited, except for a few limited volunteer roles.
- Substitute staffing will continue be highly limited.

The pandemic is not over, and we'll need each other to stay safe!

Patience, kindness, and cooperation will be important for all of us.

Fall of 2021

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Board Direction: Fall of 2021

For the Fall of 2021, BUSD will allow all labor agreements related to the pandemic to expire, and will

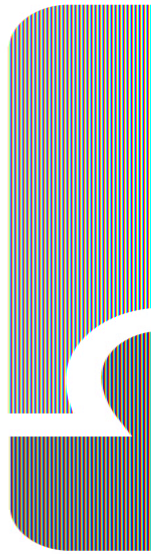
- Return to the 2019-2020 bell schedule for all schools, with the same school start and stop times for all students
- Return to five full days of in-person instruction for all students

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As many students return to their school campus for in-person learning, others will remain in distance learning for the remainder of the school year. We want to assure all students, families, and staff that wherever you learn (or teach), we are one community with shared values and goals for our students. We learn together.