

# Update on BUSD's School Reopening Plan

April 14, 2021

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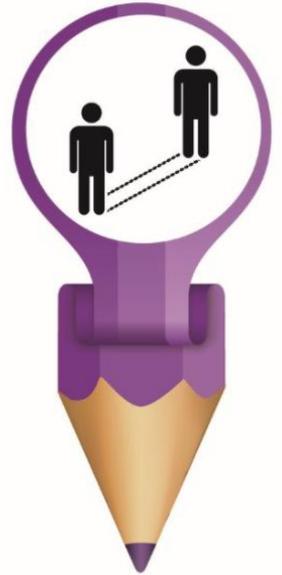
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# This Evening's Meeting

1. Elementary On-Campus and Distance Learning
2. Middle School Reopening
3. High School Reopening
4. Board Direction for the Fall of 2021



## Our School Reopening Timeline

March 29:

Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and K-2

April 12:

Grades 3-5;

Grades 6-8;

Term 7 ninth grade at Berkeley High School; Berkeley Technology Academy,  
Berkeley Independent Studies

April 19:

Term 7 support, Grades 10-12 at Berkeley High School

April 26th:

All grades return for pm classes

# On-Campus Learning ECE and Elementary Schools

March 29 and April 12

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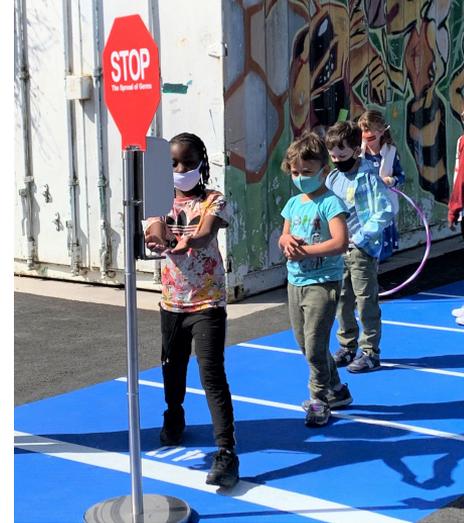
WELCOME BACK  
TO PRESCHOOL  
MARCH. 29. 2021



The first week back at our  
Early Childhood Education schools



# TK-2 Reopening, March 29th



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## 3-5 Reopening, April 12



# Welcome Back!



BEARS Staff at  
Rosa Parks

In-Person  
enrollment in the  
first week:

% of  
pre-pandemic  
enrollment

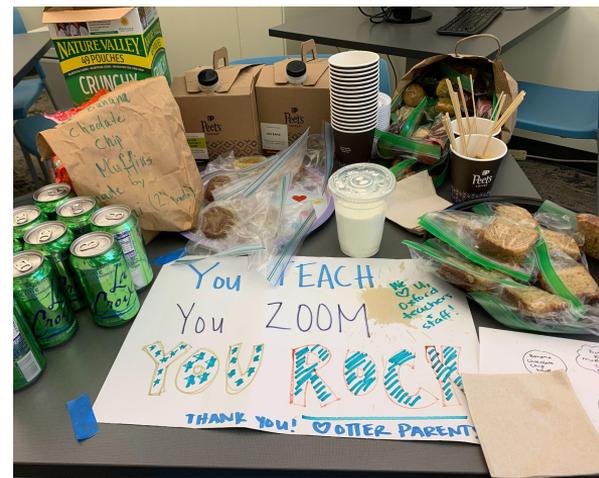
## Some On-Campus Learning Statistics, TK-Grade 5

Enrollment in On-Campus Learning: 3108

Enrollment in Distance Learning: 759

TK-2 Student Attendance On Campus, March 29 - April 2: 89%

# Thank You, PTAs!



# Distance Learning Elementary Families

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# Elementary Distance Learning

- Currently 751 students and 35 teachers
- Offering tech support to families and teachers through Digitech Team
- Teachers have been meeting with most families individually to understand home circumstances and learning needs
- One hour more of Zoom instruction from the teacher than the previous DL schedule
- All five TWI DL teachers are bilingual, and there are two combination classes: TK/K and 3/4
- Enrichment classes are continuing to be added

	M	T	W	Th	F
8:45					
9:00	Whole	Whole	Whole	Whole	Whole
9:15	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
9:30					
9:45					
10:00		Music B			
10:15	Group A	Hammond		Group A	Group A
10:30					
10:45					
11:00		Music A			
11:15	Group B	Hammond		Group B	Group B
11:30					
11:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00					
12:15	Whole	Whole	Garden Rivka	Whole	Whole
12:30	Class	Class	Full CLASS	Class	Class
12:45				PE Hugo 12:40-1:10	
1:00				Art 1:15-1:45	
1:15				Ellen Zoom	
1:30					
1:45					
2:00	ART	Library			
2:15	Patrice	MX Library			

## Distance Learning Enrichment

Here is an example of Enrichment classes in Distance Learning.

This third grade class at Malcolm X has

Art on Mondays at 2:00

Music on Tuesdays at 10:00 for Group A

Music on Tuesdays at 11:00 for Group B

Library on Tuesday at 2:00

Garden on Wednesdays at 12:15

PE on Thursdays at 12:40

Art on Thursdays at 1:15

# On-Campus Learning Middle Schools

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# Returning to Campus!



## Next Steps at our Middle Schools:

Morning “Ed Camps” - Morning cohorts for up to 60 students per middle school campus

Transportation - Rides to and from school to help with the schedule



# On-Campus Learning

## Berkeley High School BTA

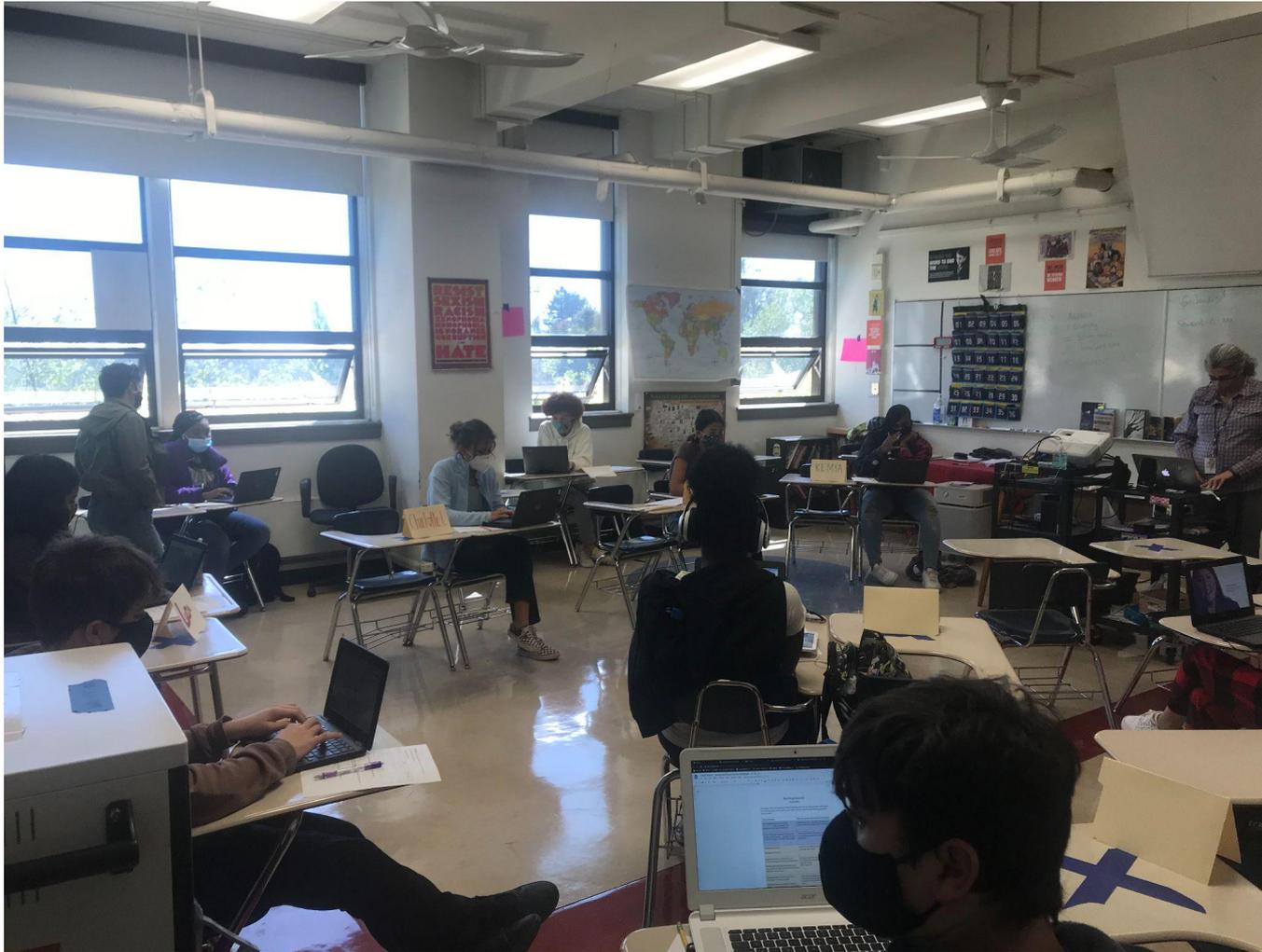
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Beginning on April 12, students in Grade 9 are invited on campus to participate in Term 7 support.

On April 19, Term 7 support will be offered by teachers to students in Grades 10-12.





Returning to  
Campus at  
Berkeley High  
School



On April 26, Term 8 will begin.

This is the last term of the semester.

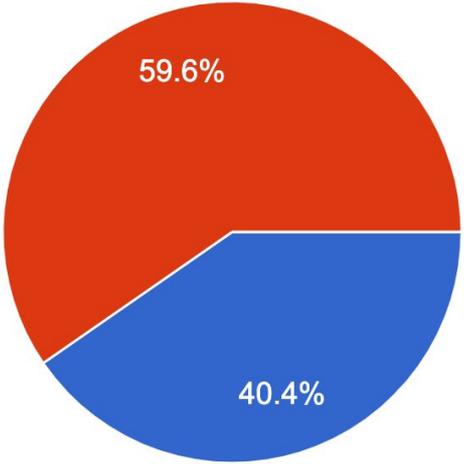
All students who choose to come to campus will attend at least two on-campus classes per week, and there will be many options to attend after-school activities as well.

Scheduling these on-campus classes is taking place now, and requires that each student is scheduled by hand.

# BHS On-Campus Learning Survey

Please choose the option that describes your choice:

2,023 responses



- Distance Learning Only: I am not interested in returning to campus this school year.
- In Person Hybrid Model: I would like to return for classes in Term 8.

We will report further on student demographics as this analysis is available.

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# In-Person and Virtual Graduation Events

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## Guidance Updates

### Graduation Guidance



# Graduations

All attendees, including staff, performers, students and families count toward occupant capacity limits

Staff must monitor number of attendees

If multiple ceremonies, two hours between ceremonies to prevent mixing

Limit attendee groups to a household unit; same households do not need 6-foot distance

### Attendees

- Audience seating must be fixed or marked and clear define space for individuals
- All attendees must wear masks
- All attendees should self-screen before attending
- Attendees must pre-register so that schools can track attendance and plan accordingly

### Ceremony

- Graduates must enter and exit 6 feet apart
- No handshaking or hugs
- Limit throwing caps
- Diploma distribution should minimize contact
- Discourage noisemakers
- Entry and exit tightly controlled

## Guidance Updates

### Live Event Guidance and Activity Tiers



# Gatherings & Events

Current Guidance for Orange Tier

Use of face coverings mandatory indoors and outdoors, unless actively eating or drinking

Assigned seating is required to permit physical distancing of at least 6 feet between people from different households. Limit groupings to three households.

\*Private events defined as meetings/receptions/conferences)

## Performance/Live Events/Gatherings

Effective April 15, 2021

### Performance/Live Events

- In-state visitors only
- Digital tickets/advance purchase
- **Indoor venues** limit attendance to 15 percent capacity or 200 people
- **Outdoor venues** 33 percent capacity
- Pre-designated eating area

### Gatherings (social, informal, no guest list)

- Outdoor Max 50 people; Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged

## Private Events\*

Effective April 15, 2021

### Outdoor

- Maximum of 100 people
- If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 300

### Indoor

- If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 150 people



# In-Person and Virtual Graduations

BUSD plans to permit in-person graduation events, and guidance to schools will be made available shortly.

All CDPH guidelines for graduation must be followed, including:

- No out-of-state travel
- Outdoor events only
- 33% venue capacity
- Social distancing
- Pre-registered attendance
- Assigned seating
- No eating or food service

Schools will also be asked to create a virtual graduation experience for families who are unable to attend an in-person graduation event.

# Important Reminders 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.

# Student COVID-19 Testing

BUSD will be offering [free Covid- 19 testing](#) at BUSD campuses for students when their parents/guardians indicate they would like to participate.

- Currently testing at pre-k and elementary schools, and high school athletic teams
- Middle School, High School, BTA and BIS are next
- Student testing is optional, but encouraged
- Results emailed to parents/guardians within 72 hours
- BUSD nurses will immediately reach out to families in the event of a positive test

[www.berkeleyschools.net/student-covid-testing](http://www.berkeleyschools.net/student-covid-testing) (Pre-k and Elementary)

[www.berkeleyschools.net/student-testing-mshs/](http://www.berkeleyschools.net/student-testing-mshs/) (Middle, High School and BTA/BIS)

# Fall of 2021

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## Board Direction: Fall of 2021

At the last meeting of the Board, the Board gave direction to BUSD staff to 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
- Develop a distance learning program (English and TWI), if needed

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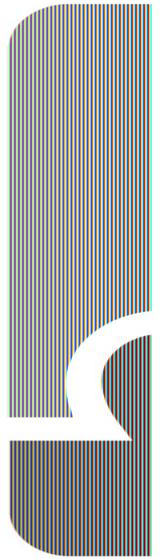
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As many students return to their school campus for in-person learning, others will remain in distance learning for the remainder of the school year. We want to assure all students, families, and staff that wherever you learn (or teach), we are one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