

Start of Year Update 2021-2022

August 25, 2021

Board of Education Meeting

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Week 1 Observations

- Overall joy about a return to in-person schooling
- Teachers well prepared and ready for their students
- School facilities adjusted pick up and drop off areas to limit groups of families - response to family feedback
- Staff pitched in where necessary to support students
- Students and adults observed masking in both interior and exterior locations on campus

"I would say the highlight of my week was the dedication of the staff towards the children, their flexibility with new schedules, and an overall 'make it work' spirit. My personal highlight was today when I was able to calm down a crying child when I gave him an imaginary ice cream cone." Josh Reed

Enrollment Update

Projected = 9432 Enrollment = 9035* (95.79%)

Trends:

Elementary enrollment 363 below projection

Berkeley High School enrollment 110 above projection

**Enrollment is fluid during first days of school. We do a 10 day count to verify enrollment. Data as of the fifth day of school enrollment 8/20/21*

Virtual Academy, K-8 Assisted Home School, 9-12 BIS

Virtual Academy	Enrolled	K-8 Assisted Home Instruction & 9-12 BIS	Enrolled
K	3	K-5	17
1st	3	6th-8th	16
2nd	3	9th	2
3rd	6	10th	11
4th	11	11th	16
5th	10	12th	47
Total	36*	Total	109

* 8 of the students enrolled are from Two-Way Immersion (Sylvia Mendez)

Before & After School Care

2019-2020 Enrollment	2020-2021 Enrollment	2021-2022 Enrollment
2380	981	1431

2021-2022 Waitlisted Students	2021-2022 Current Staff (IT/IA)	2021-2022 IA/IT Staff Needed
247	76.5	24.5

Family Supports: Chromebook & Supplies

- Chromebooks are available for checkout from the Ed Hub
- Also available to checkout from library at home school
- Board-approved pool of 1,000 chromebooks dedicated for home use
- Independent Study students are prioritized, but available for all
- District has applied for federal ECF funding to purchase 2,310 more
- Berkeley Public Schools Fund, in partnership with the Office of Family Engagement & Equity, provided school supplies, food, and chromebooks to families at the August 14 School Supplies Give Away.
- The Schools Fund continues to operate the Ed Hub at the Berkeley Adult School.

Professional Development Update: Certificated Staff

- New Teacher Orientation focused on effective Tier I practices
- All TK-5 certificated staff received training on Dyslexia in preparation for Universal Screener
- ALL sites received training on Infinite Campus
- Sites focused on:
 - Anti-Racist/Abolitionist Teaching
 - Grading for Equity
 - Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Rebuilding student culture
 - Connecting with families

COVID Health & Safety Updates

COVID-19 Testing

Family registration information sent out on August 20

Testing to begin on August 30

Testing on campus will permit the use of a “modified quarantine” for unvaccinated students

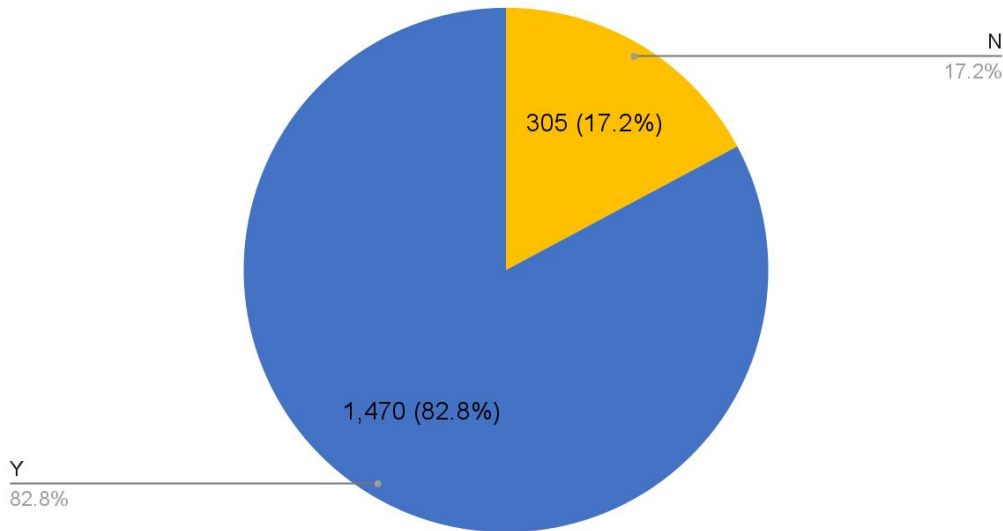
High School Athletics

Mandatory testing twice per week, starting August 30

Spectators not permitted

BUSD Staff Vaccination Rate as of August 19

% of Vaccinated Staff 8/19/21



Employees who are not fully vaccinated, or whose data is missing from the state database, are listed as "Not Vaccinated".

Next week, HR will begin vaccination verification for employees whose data is missing

HR will also begin verification process for all essential volunteers and partner organization

Mandatory Employee Testing to begin September 3

Tracking COVID-19 On-Campus Cases

Ongoing information about COVID cases is available on the BUSD website

Communication from the school focuses first on students identified as close contacts

School-wide communications follow after this is completed, usually within a day