



Bay City Academy School District will continue to prioritize full, in-person teaching and learning which provides the greatest benefit to our students. The 2023-2024 Return to Learn Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies are implemented in a way that furthers optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff in our services and programs.

Bay City Academy will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

- Bay County Health Department
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Instructional Format

In an effort to accommodate the desires for our community and return as many students as possible to face-to-face instruction, which the District believes is the best place for students to be, the District plans to continue face-to-face in-person instruction for the vast majority of our students. Students will have the option to take online courses as outlined in section 21(f) of the Michigan School Code.

Educational Goals

NWEA assessments in reading and mathematics will be administered to all students three times each year: once in the first six weeks of the school year, once in January, and again prior to the last day of school. We will also progress monitor all students on various learning milestones.

Mental Health Supports

The district has increased mental health services by providing counselors and 31N support.

Addressing Learning Loss

The district will offer after school tutoring, summer school and credit recovery. Furthermore, in addition to hiring a curriculum director, the district will have monthly PLC's to discuss best practices in addressing learning loss

Special Services

Bay City Academy has dedicated special education staff to serve all special education students. The will provide support for students in reaching their IEP goals and accessing the general education curriculum. Staff will support general education online teachers, face-to-face teachers, as well as families needing additional resources in the home.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Bay City Academy will continue to follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures with the T-360 machine. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms if needed.

COVID-19 Testing

Testing will not be offered at school to staff and families.

Extracurricular and Field Trips

Extracurricular activities and/or field trips may occur as scheduled.

Face Coverings (Masks)

Masks will not be provided from the school.

Food Service

The District will continue normal food service operations.

Gathering and Facility Use

No restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Hand Hygiene will be encouraged and Hand Sanitation Stations will be utilized.

Isolation and Quarantine

In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted.

Remote/Virtual Learning

Face-to-face instruction continues to be a priority for all students. The District will do its best to provide resources for students who are unable to attend in person learning due to isolation or quarantine.

Social Distancing

Social distancing measures are not required.

Health Screening

Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. See the student illness section.

Student Illness

Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or may experience a change from baseline health or chronic illness, should remain home or may be excluded from school until the student is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness.

- Temperature 100.4+ or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New onset of cough
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- New onset of headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

Transportation

Normal transportation operations will occur.

Vaccinations

The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated.

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