

BRIARCLIFF MANOR U.F.S.D.



Frequently Asked Questions:

When should we expect students' bus schedules to be sent home?

Bus schedules will be sent home along with class teacher/student schedule information. This information will be provided within the next two weeks.

What will the first day of school look like?

Each school will provide an extended orientation period designed to allow a reduced number of students to meet their teachers, receive instruction regarding the proper use of masks, hand washing/sanitizing and following proper social distancing protocols. These orientations will also allow students to experience the new health and safety procedures that the District has put in place.

Will there be an orientation process for students engaged in at home remote access instruction?

Yes, details will be provided to families by building level principals within the next two weeks.

Can a student start remotely and return to in-person learning or vice versa?

Yes. With parental consent, students can either move from one format to the other. However, the District cannot support this being done repeatedly. In other words, students/families may not create their own schedules.

Can a parent/guardian drop off a child to school early?

No. Car line times will be relayed to parents in writing by building principals and will be strictly enforced.

Will students at-home have a chance to interact with their teacher(s)?

Yes. Although in-person learning has advantages when it comes to access to teachers and classmates, lessons will be designed to include input and interactions with at-home students.

Todd is not a fully air-conditioned building. What will the District do if temperatures are unusually warm?

The District will be utilizing a “heat index” calculation - much the same as is done for outdoor athletic events. Should it be determined that the heat index will surpass 95 degrees, Todd School will not open for in-person instruction that day.

What happens if a student or staff member has a known contact with a COVID-19 infected person?

School districts are currently awaiting approved guidance from the NYS Department of Health regarding possible COVID-19 exposure. Of course, the nature and duration of exposure would be key considerations and basic contact tracing methodologies may apply as well. That said, contact with an infected person could result in a student or staff member being required to quarantine for fourteen (14) days and be symptom-free before returning to school.

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Once again, school districts are currently awaiting approved guidance from the NYS Department of Health regarding possible COVID-19 exposure. However, it is likely that, at a minimum, a school or schools would be shut down for a 24-hour period. The purpose of such a shutdown would be to sanitize locations in which an infected person may have been and to apply basic contact tracing methodologies. The District may determine on its own or be directed by the County Board of Health to require a cohort, a class, or potentially an entire school, to return to remote learning from home for an extended period of time.

Will a class continue if a teacher is required to be home, but is symptom-free?

Yes. Teachers that are required to be home, but are not ill, will continue to conduct classes remotely.

Will attendance be taken?

Yes. Attendance will be taken for all students in-person or at home. Students at home must be present for the entirety of a lesson with their camera on to be marked present. Teachers may include class participation, point system, or grades as part of their student grading system.

Did the District consider going to all remote learning for students or having students in school less frequently?

Yes. However, the District chose to reduce the chance of exposure by creating smaller student class sizes or cohorts. As we learned in the spring, online learning can be difficult for some students, particularly younger students, and those with learning difficulties. Bringing students in every day, and in smaller groups, allows the District to reduce COVID-19 health-related risks related to schooling while better providing for students' academic and emotional needs. It is also helpful for working parents to bring K-8 students in every day.