



Hello Parents and Guardians—

This is Karen Krisch BASD Pandemic Coordinator with 3 few important updates.

First, after reviewing the latest PDE and DOH guidelines, talking with experts, and hearing your requests, we have decided to add a 3rd choice for families in our school re-opening plan. We are calling our 3rd choice the Hybrid choice. This choice will allow parents to send their children to school 2 days per week and have them complete assignments through Google Classroom the remaining 3 days. Students who sign up for the hybrid choice will be assigned to either an A or B group. The A group will attend school on Monday and Thursday; the B group on Tuesday and Friday. We know that you may have many questions about all of our options. So, on Wed., July 29 at 6:30PM we will have a live Zoom overview and Question & Answer session. Next Monday, we will send an email with a link to submit questions in advance and also a link to Wednesday's Zoom presentation. This event will also be recorded for later viewing on our website.

The second update involves Face Coverings. The DOH mandate to wear face coverings includes public schools. The latest PDE guidelines for schools issued on July 16th states, "Children 2 years and older are required to wear a face covering [at school] unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school." This means that if you choose to send your child to in-person schooling this fall, your child WILL be required to wear a face covering unless a medical note is submitted from your health care provider.

Lastly, we have gotten several questions from families who plan to take a vacation out-of-state in late August or during the school year. Students returning from out-of-state vacations/educational trips to states listed on the Governor's travel advisory are recommended to quarantine for 14 days following the return from states identified as hotspots. You should consult with your health care provider and may submit documentation of a medical clearance in lieu of the quarantine.

We are working hard to provide the best back-to-school experience in spite of the challenging situation.

Thank you for the support that you have shown. Have a nice evening.