

BCIT Medford Re-Opening

FAQs - 8/17/2020

What are the hours of the school day?

We will operate on the half-day bell schedule 8:21 am - 12:32 pm.

Pre-Homeroom	8:12 am - 8:21 am
Homeroom	8:21 am - 8:26 am
Block 1	8:26 am - 9:24 am
Block 2	9:28 am - 10:26 am
Block 3	10:30 am - 11:28 am
Block 4	11:32 am - 12:32 pm

**On a full day of school, the blocks are 80 minutes long. On the half day schedule, blocks are 60 minutes long.

Will there be temperature checks daily?

Each person (staff, students, etc.) entering our school buildings will be scanned by a camera with thermal scanning capabilities. This will ensure all persons in our facilities are fever-free.

How do we get set up with bus transportation?

Please contact the transportation department of your student's sending district. Please [click here](#) for the link to the transportation page with all sending district's contact information.

Once you have chosen the hybrid in-person learning option, can you later switch to remote learning?

Requests to move to 100% remote learning should be made to your student's guidance counselor.

If my child does remote learning at the beginning of the school year can we change our minds and send him for in-person hybrid learning?

Requests to move to in-person hybrid learning should be made to your student's guidance counselor.

I have two children attending the Medford campus. Is there anyway I can be sure that they are both on the same A, B, or C schedule?

Yes, our intention is to have siblings attend in-person hybrid instruction on the same day. Once schedules are released, if there is an issue, please contact your students' guidance counselor.

Can a student opt out of gym if there is no locker room for students to change clothes?

Physical Education (PE) classes are a NJDOE and BCIT graduation requirement and therefore will be conducted, however, students will not have access to the locker rooms throughout the school day. Students must wear comfortable clothes and have sneakers on in-person hybrid days when they have PE.

How will remote learning work?

Students will be required to sign in & follow their assigned schedule remotely from home according to the half-day schedule. Teachers will lead classes by utilizing various technology applications. As is with traditional schooling, student attendance is required and our attendance policy is in effect.

Are the schedules the same and school days the same length with the hybrid in-person learning and remote learning options?

Yes, all students will be following the same half day bell schedule and attending classes during their scheduled block - whether in person or remotely.

What if students need additional support?

Students will have the ability to remotely attend various support programs in the afternoons once classes are finished for the day. The support programs are as follows:

- Teacher Office Hours
- Social Emotional Learning Activities/Projects
- Guidance & CST Services
- Student Activities & Clubs
- Academic Remediation and Interventions

Will the students be in their shop for the entire half day?

When attending in-person hybrid instruction, students will follow their regularly scheduled classes Block 1 through Block 4.

Will the remote classroom be with the teachers that they would have if they had been in school?

Yes, students choosing 100% remote instruction will be working with the same teachers they would have if they were attending in-person.

Is wearing a mask optional or mandatory?

In accordance with the CDC, the Burlington County Health Department, and the NJDOE all students are required to wear a face mask covering their mouth and nose while on the BCIT Medford campus regardless of social distancing.

Procedures will be in place for students refusing to wear masks. Students who have documented medical needs may request to have an accommodation for this mask provision.

Masks are required for teachers, staff, and school visitors (visitors to campus need special permission).

How will performing arts shops work? Will there be more restrictions on those?

The Performing Arts Teachers will be utilizing the guidance from the Arts ED NJ consortium's Fall 2020 Guidance for Arts Education.

Will they have mandatory online classes to attend daily or will you just be posting assignments to be finished each day like last year?

With lessons learned from last school year we felt the need to provide structure and a routine to assist students with maintaining their focus and for continuity of instruction. As such, students will be required to follow their assigned schedule remotely from home, learning in real time. Teachers will lead classes by utilizing various technology applications.

Will there be a junior/senior prom?

The class advisors are moving forward with the planning of the Junior/Senior Prom. This is a fluid process as the Governor and the Department of Health are frequently adjusting their guidance according to the status of the pandemic.

How do we sign our student up for 100% remote instruction?

If you have not already done so, please fill out the BCIT Medford [Re-Opening Survey](#).

When will books be assigned and how will they be distributed?

The BCIT Medford Administrative team is currently working on a distribution schedule and it will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Will the students be using lockers in school?

No, students will not be using hallway lockers, gym lockers/locker rooms or shop lockers/locker rooms during school.

For the remote learning option, is BCIT evaluating it on a Marking Period by Marking Period basis?

Yes, as well as in accordance with guidance from the Governor and the NJDOE.

On days kids are on campus, will they have online school to continue at home that same day?

Students attending in-person hybrid instruction will not have online school to continue at home on the same day.

How much time will they be spending in their shops?

The time that students spend in their shop depends on their schedule. If they are scheduled for one block of shop during the first semester they will have 60 minutes in shop, while if they are scheduled for two blocks of shop during the first semester they will have 120 minutes in shop. The shop classes will be split into thirds over the A, B, & C days giving the students more opportunities to be almost completely hands-on the entire time they are in shop.

On a full day of school, the blocks are 80 minutes long. On the half day schedule, blocks are 60 minutes long.

Will every student be given a Chromebook and if so when?

9th and 10th grade students were issued Chrome books last school year in the beginning phase of our 1:1 initiative. Incoming 9th & 10th grade students will be issued Chrome books at the beginning of this school year. The BCIT Medford Administrative team is currently working on a distribution schedule and it will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Any 12th grade student in need of borrowing a Chrome book can do so and should have already completed the [Class of 2021 Technology Survey](#).

Are you suggesting that we buy the requested school supplies or will it be more flexible?

We suggest waiting to purchase school supplies until students are able to meet with their teachers to review expectations.

What do we need to purchase or obtain for student doing 100% remote learning?

We suggest waiting to purchase school supplies until students are able to meet with their teachers to review expectations.

Will the normal dress code be applied?

We will have a relaxed dress code since our students will not be permitted to utilize the locker rooms for PE or their CTE. All clothing needs to be school appropriate.

As a guide in interpreting "appropriate" the following are examples of **unacceptable dress and are not to be worn in school:**

1. Hat, gloves, scarves and jackets.
2. Underwear and clothing resembling underwear may not be worn as external clothing or exposed.
3. Bare feet, flip-flops, or any footwear considered a safety hazard. Footwear will be worn at all times.
4. Bare midriffs, bare shoulders or basketball-type tank tops.
5. T-shirts, face masks, and other apparel displaying suggestive, obscene, inappropriate symbolism or which may be disruptive of normal proceedings, (ie indicating violence, sex, alcohol, substance abuse, weapons, slander, bigotry, etc.
6. Apparel such as dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts, and garments worn over leggings or tights much reach the tip of the extended fingers when the arms are hanging normally at one's side, or four inches above the knee, but in no case will a student be permitted to wear clothing that is disruptive to the educational process.

How many people will be in the building on these days approximately?

Each grade level was divided into three groups for the A, B, & C days which is approximately 300 students in the building each day. This number does not take

into account the students that are choosing the 100% remote option which will further reduce the number of students in the building on the A, B, & C days.

Will remote learners learn at the same pace as the students that are going hybrid? Will the teachers be teaching to both at the same time?

Students will be required to follow their assigned schedule remotely from home. Teachers will lead classes by utilizing various technology applications. After ensuring all annually collected media consent forms are received, there will be synchronous, asynchronous, flipped lessons, etc. for students when they do not report to school. Staff will be trained on all approaches to ensure academic continuity. These same methods will also be utilized for students who can never report to in-person instruction.

Will ventilation be increased in the school building and classrooms and how will the school verify the ventilation is adequate? What is the rating of the filter of the ventilation and has this been inspected or replaced recently?

All occupied spaces are properly ventilated.

- a. Our fresh-air exchange system in all occupied spaces is continually monitored as part of our regular facility maintenance program.
- b. Filter changes occur as required for proper maintenance.
- c. Outdoor spaces are permitted to be utilized at a staff member's discretion.

How will exploratory classes be handled for remote learners?

Exploratory classes will run for a period of 10 days each. In-person hybrid students will attend 3 in-person days for each exploratory during the 10 day period. In-person instruction is intended to be completely hands-on. 100% remote students will attend all 10 days remotely, completing assignments and tasks created by the instructor.

How will we be notified if a person within our student's cohort tests positive for Covid-19?

Should a positive COVID-19 case occur at BCIT Medford, consistent with both notification requirements for other communicable diseases and legal confidentiality, a school official will notify the Burlington County Department of

Health and follow their regulations for exposure. All students, staff, and families who have been potentially exposed to a positive COVID-19 case will be notified.

When will we get a schedule when to start school and what days?

Projected September A,B,C Rotation with the first day of in-person hybrid instruction on Tuesday, September 8th 2020 for Cohort B. Student schedules will be released closer to the end of August.

September 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 B	9 C	10 A	11 B	12
13	14 C	15 A	16 B	17 C	18 Project/Support Day	19
20	21 A	22 B	23 C	24 A	25 B	26
27	28 OFF Holiday	29 A	30 B			

Could you please find a different way to take attendance?

Fully remote student academic and attendance accountability will be defined in the coming weeks as well as in-person hybrid attendance on days they are not in the building.

My student has an IEP, can they attend everyday and will they receive after school tutoring?

We encourage parents to please contact their student’s case manager to discuss questions specific to the IEP.

What is the procedure if someone tests positive in BCIT?

BCIT will follow the protocols established by the Burlington County Department of Health and the NJ Department of Health in regards to reporting and contact tracing.

If a student who has been at school is identified as having COVID, does the entire class have to be quarantined for 14 days?

If individuals have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, meaning they are within 6 feet of someone for at least ten minutes, they should self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of last exposure before returning to school. In the case of a positive COVID test, the Burlington County Health Department, working in coordination with BCIT Medford, will conduct contact tracing to determine whether or not an individual has been in close contact with a student and advise any affected individuals, via trained contact tracers, to self-quarantine for 14 days. The Burlington County Health Department will assess the specific circumstances of the individual with the positive test to determine those individuals that have been in close contact and need to self-quarantine – this may or may not include all students in the class.

Will there be a Freshman Orientation?

Yes, more information will be coming from the BCIT Administration.

