

Reopening Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

Attention Bridges Preparatory School Families:

Our number one priority is the safety of our students, staff, and households. Please read over our detailed reopening plan to inform your household of the preventative measures that our school will be taking to ensure the safety of all. We are currently offering face-to-face and synchronous learning. We may at some point in the year have to move to distance learning if mandated by our governor, or we receive recommendations from DHEC and the CDC.

We have outlined a plan for the safe return to school but have the flexibility as a charter school to change our plan if we have an identified concern.

If you are considering synchronous learning, please familiarize yourself with the commitments and expectations. We will be extending the declaration date to July 23rd, and the declaration will be for a quarter at a time.

We thank everyone in advance for their questions and positive feedback.

1. Do you know which day will be closed for cleaning? Yes, we will be closed on Wednesdays for deep cleaning.
2. Will K-2 still be at Boundary campus? Yes, K-2 will be on the Boundary campus for the 2020/21 school year.
3. Will any after school care be offered/available? Or transportation to another facility? Yes, before and after school programs will be available for our families. Please be sure to register. The packet can be found under our parent portal on the website. Transportation will not be offered between campuses this school year.
4. Will masks be required for both students and teachers to enter the building and be enforced throughout the day? Masks will be required in hallways and all common areas where social distancing is compromised. We will follow city and county ordinances for enforcement. Our survey had 59% of the respondents identify that a mask should be a choice.

5. Also will temperatures be checked and or screened for symptoms prior to entry? Temperatures should be taken at home every morning. Our faculty will have temperature checks every day. Students will have temperatures taken if they demonstrate symptoms.
6. Will there be a limited ratio on the number of students per class to one teacher? Will there be social distancing in classes? Yes, our charter identifies 23 students per class. We do have 24 in a couple of classes.
7. Will devices be given to students? Yes, we will identify pick-up dates for all of our students to get their devices.
8. With the staggered start, will there be before school care such as has been offered in previous years? Yes, please find the after-school program packet in the parent portal. You will need to register for this to hold your spot. We do offer early drop off also.
9. As a teacher, if I were to have a student in my class that tests positive or I have been exposed, what will the protocol be? **If we have a student that is showing multiple symptoms the following will take place: the student will be placed in a supervised isolation area in the school; the parent will be called to pick up the student and take them to the doctor; the student will not be able to return to school without a doctor's clearance; a note will be sent to the parents of the identified classroom; the classroom will be deep-cleaned that evening; masks will be required for the next 5 days in the identified classroom; daily temperature checks will be administered in the identified classroom for the next 5 days.**
10. As a parent of three children that attend Bridges, if one of them has a student in their class that exposes them, what will the protocol be?
11. What is expected on Wednesday's when we are not in school? Please find the identified guidelines for synchronous learning in our reopening packet. It can be found in the parent portal.
12. Will interventionists and Encore teachers also provide live streaming for students who elect to do the online option? Yes, your child will follow their daily schedule. Meeting times with encore and intervention teachers will be identified.
13. If we elected to return to face-to-face instruction at the beginning of the year, can we decide to move to synchronous learning? Yes, you may elect to move to synchronous learning, but it will be a commitment of a semester.
14. Do you have enough substitutes to cover the potential of multiple teachers out of school? Yes, we are working with our substituting firm to recruit multiple candidates. We will also employ a floater sub for the buildings.

15. How will attendance be taken for synchronous learning? Students will agree to the terms of synchronous learning. Classroom meeting times are an attendance requirement.

16. Will the school allow for outside daycare centers to pick up on campus. Yes, you can advise your providers to work with the school to arrange pick up times.

17. Will we have fall sports? Yes, we are following the guidelines of the high school league. Coaches will communicate workout schedules.

18. If a student tests positive, what will be the return to school procedure? If a student tests positive for COVID, they would have to quarantine for 14 days. If the student is asymptomatic after 14 days, then the student would not be retested for COVID and could be given a note to return to school. If the student is still symptomatic after the 14 days, the student would need to follow-up with their physician

19. What are the start and end times for the 2020-2021 school year? What time will the school day begin and end for the 2020-2021 school year?

KINDERGARTEN – 1ST GRADE 7:30 am-2:30 pm

2ND-5TH GRADE 7:45 am-2:45pm

6TH-8 TH GRADE 8:15am-3:15pm

9TH -12TH GRADE 8:45am-3:45pm

20. What if my students are dismissed at the same time but on different campuses? There will be a 30 minute window for students to be dropped off before school begins and to be picked up once school dismisses.

21. With the governor's recommendation of starting school after Labor Day, will Bridges still plan on beginning the school year on August 12th? The board of directors will meet and discuss this matter. Once a decision has been reached communication will go out to parents.

22. Will there be a back to school event for students to meet their teachers? Yes, communication will go out to parents with dates and times in the next few weeks.

23. Do I need to fill out any documents if I plan to send my student for face-to-face instruction? No, if you do not fill out the declaration for at home learning, we will plan for your student to return to the classroom setting.

24. What if my child is with a childcare provider while I work during the day? How will my child get their lessons until school goes face-to-face after September 4th? A set schedule will be the requirement when we move into the synchronous learning option on 9/8. We understand that the decision to move into 100% virtual will pose an inconvenience for some of our families that have to work and need to place their children in care. We will be recording our lessons from 8/12-9/4 to accommodate our

working families schedules. Students will be able to view the lessons when they return from their care providers.

25. When will the technology fee need to be paid for the 2020-2021 school year. We ask that all parents/guardians pay the technology fee by August 3rd. You can do so using this link.
<https://www.bridgesprep.org/online-payments>

26. Aftercare: I paid for Aftercare for the month of August. Now that we are virtual will my August payment be credited? Yes, anyone who has prepaid for the month of August will be credited towards the month of September. You will see the credit when you check out.

If we have not answered your question, we ask you to submit it through communications and we will update the FAQ's as we receive more questions.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support of our wonderful school.