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Guide to Fall 2020

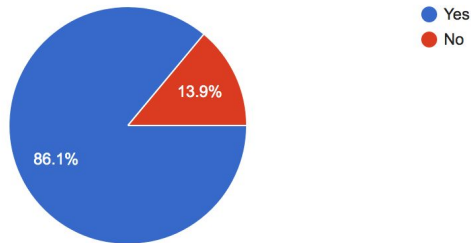
Parent Survey Responses



Thank you for responding to our recent Parent Survey! With almost 600 responses, we feel we have a good representation of our community and we used your feedback, in addition to the governor's guidelines, to craft our reopening plan.

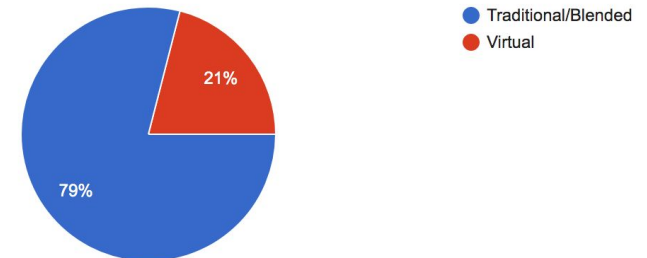
If the state permits schools to open in the fall, do you plan on sending your child into one of the district's school buildings?

595 responses



If you had a choice between a Virtual Learning or Traditional/Blended Learning which would you choose?

595 responses



Two Schooling Options Offered

To better serve our community's needs and to comply with state guidelines, our district will accommodate all students 5 days a week and offer an option for full-time virtual learning through Jefferson County ESC.

We have many updated processes and procedures to maintain a safe environment for students, as recommended by the governor's protocols.

A summary of the guidelines follow however the more extensive document can be found on our website:



Traditional Schooling Option



- Students will participate in a traditional school day with many new safety protocols and routines.
- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms with their teachers.
- Our school day will end 30 minutes earlier to provide teachers with a contracted 30 minutes of lunch time without students.
- Students will be able to participate in our remote learning option in the event that our district needs to close the buildings.
- Face coverings will be strongly recommended.
- Students will have access to school work through Google Classroom in the event they miss school.

Shortened Daily Schedule for Students

Putman Elementary

- 8:55 am- 3:00 pm

Blanchester Intermediate

- 8:40 am- 2:45 pm

Middle & High School

- 7:50 am- 2:10 pm



*Shortened day to provide a 30 minute lunch time for teachers.

Updated School Calendar



Our new start date for students is Monday, August 24th.

Staff will report on Tuesday, August 18th to prepare for the first day of school with students and to prepare a plan for remote learning, should the need arise throughout the school year.

Open House will not be held in person.

Blanchester Guidelines for Safe Return to School

Parent Expectations

- Family temperature checks daily
- Strongly recommended to provide face coverings for your student
- Provide student with a transparent water bottle daily
- Limit visits to school
- Wear a face covering while in district facilities
- **Ensure contact information is up to date, including a personal email.**
- Ensure there are **multiple**, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill.
- Please call upon arrival at school (signage posted on front door).
- Educate student on proper use of face covering at school day.

Student Expectations

- Maintain physical distance of at least 6' where possible, minimize contact with large groups, & avoid common areas.
- Strongly recommended for students to wear personally provided face coverings where feasible and where social distancing is difficult.
- Strongly recommend the use of face coverings when using school transportation.
- Wash hands / use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Wipe their areas when arriving from transitions.
- Follow specific health & safety protocols communicated by district staff & administration.

Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) Option

- Virtual learning will be offered through Jefferson County Educational Service Center at no additional cost to families.
- Blanchester staff will facilitate and monitor the VLA courses outside their regular working hours.
- A semester-long commitment is required when registering for VLA. Failure to complete the coursework will result in failure of that semester.
- **The deadline to register for 2020 Fall VLA is July 31st. [Please fill out this link to complete the registration form.](#)**
- Chromebooks will be provided by Blanchester Local Schools, if needed.



Food Service

Breakfast

- Breakfast will be offered to students in the classroom.
- Students will eat breakfast in their classrooms.

Lunch

- Prepackaged lunch options will be offered.
- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms.

Commitment to Health

Students with temperatures of 100°F and above should stay home.

Students with symptoms of illness should stay home.

- Students may return to school after a 24 hour fever free period (without fever reducing medication) and symptoms have resolved and/or the student has been cleared to attend school by a health care provider and documentation of such is provided to the school.
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Available after the start of the year:

- ClassTag- login through Google
 - Google Classroom
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Questions?

Please send all questions to blanreopeningfqa@blan.org. We will be using the questions that are submitted to create a Frequently Asked Question Document that will be released in the near future! Building contact information is listed below.

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