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Demons Safe Return plan 2021-2022

Beggs Demons returning to school in a healthy, safe and orderly manner.

We are preparing to return to school in a traditional format for the 2021-2022 school year. In an effort for all students to remain Demons and learn from our Beggs staff, we will be offering different pathways of learning for our students. Each family may request the learning pathway that best suits their child's needs and learning styles. Each enrolled student will participate in traditional learning unless the application, intake process, and eligibility is completed and finalized for blended or virtual learning. Beggs will continue to monitor community spread and adjust this plan accordingly. As we navigate through these ever changing times, we are very appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff, and families, from our community.



VIRTUAL



Traditional-Remote learning



Blended



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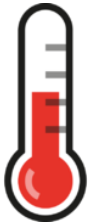
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For the 2021-2022 school year, each family will have a choice for their pathway of learning. Beggs will conduct normal school operations when ZERO to LOW cases of COVID exist in the community. Beggs will activate remote learning for all student when there is Medium to High community spread.



Beggs plans to provide traditional transportation. When possible, windows will be down for air circulation. Masks are highly recommended for all students while riding the bus due to close proximity of students. Masks may be required based on community spread. If there is a shortage of bus drivers, due to COVID, the district may need to reduce the number of bus routes.



It is important that all families partner with us in monitoring the health of your students and families. We ask that temperatures be taken on a daily basis at home. No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher may enter any Beggs facility. It is imperative for the health and safety of all students and staff that students remotely learn on days they have a fever or any symptoms of illness. Remote learning will not count against attendance if the student completes their online lessons in the allotted time frame.



Beggs will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. Physical Distancing will be implemented as possible. Masks will not be required but are highly recommended for all staff and students. Beggs strongly recommends the wearing of masks on the school bus and in highly populated areas. Our health staff will monitor reportable illnesses. CDC guidance will be utilized for quarantine. Masks are not required but recommended if there is ZERO to LOW community spread . Masks will be required when feasible, if there is MEDIUM to HIGH community spread. Beggs will follow county, city, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.



The Social-Emotional well being of our students is as important as their academic learning. Our nurse along with our site counselors will be prepared and available to help our students and families.



Beggs has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will be implemented and practiced. Efforts will be made to have hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations available. Upon notification of a positive COVID case in a building, a classroom and/or school will be closed and cleaned. During class or school closure, remote learning will be implemented.



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Learning and Enrollment Opportunities

Option 1: Traditional - Remote Learning

On-Campus Instruction

- ◆ All Courses/Classes taken at regularly assigned school site
- ◆ In-person instruction
- ◆ Beggs curriculum and on-campus instruction
- ◆ Transition as needed between in-class and remote learning*

Remote Learning Days

- ◆ Determined by the district, city, or state in the event of an outbreak*

- ◆ Can be utilized by individual families in the event of student exposure/illness resulting in quarantine
- ◆ Counts as a school day (not a traditional absence if student completes online lessons within the allotted time)
- ◆ Virtual coursework via Odyssey and Google Classroom
- ◆ Students continue to learn new material with teacher support
- ◆ Opportunities for students to collaborate and learn by interacting virtually with peers and teachers
- ◆ May include pre-recorded or live lessons/tutorials
- ◆ Regular support and contact from Beggs teachers until on-campus class can resume

Option 2: Blended

- ◆ Students will report as required by Beggs teachers and onsite
- ◆ Requires semester commitment
- ◆ Combines traditional classes with virtual coursework
- ◆ Students learning plans are directed and monitored by Beggs teachers
- ◆ Transportation will only be offered during the regular a.m. and p.m. routes
- ◆ Enrollment process required
- ◆ Grades must be maintained
- ◆ Blended option is only available for grade 7-12

Option 3: Full Virtual

- ◆ Students report through Google Classroom or Odyssey (may differ depending on age or grade)
- ◆ Requires semester commitment
- ◆ Students take all courses online, away from campus
- ◆ Student learning plans are directed and monitored by Beggs teachers
- ◆ Classes do not require regular on-campus attendance
- ◆ Certain courses may incur a fee
- ◆ Application process required

*In addition to potential school closures due to COVID-19, these 3 options may be used as remote learning days in the event of cancellations including but not limited to, inclement weather or other unforeseen factors.

** All Beggs students will participate in required on-site state testing.

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Destination to Learn FAQs

What is Blended Learning?

A Blended Learning Program “blends” traditional classes with virtual classes offered to students. A “Blended Learner” is enrolled in both traditional and virtual courses taught and directed by a Beggs instructor. If eligible, the student may work on his/her virtual courses at home or at BPS in a blended flex lab, but at least one course is taken at school in a traditional classroom. The Blended Learning option is a minimum of a one semester commitment. Transportation is only provided at regular route times. Transportation throughout the school day will be the responsibility of the parent or student. Blended learning option is only available for grades 7-12.

What is Virtual Learning?

A Virtual Learning Program means the student takes all of his/her courses in a virtual setting away from the school. A Beggs teacher directs the instruction. Tutoring, assistance and assessments will be given at an agreed upon location, but no classes require regular physical attendance. The Virtual Learning option is a minimum of a one semester commitment.

Do I have to declare which destination I want my child(ren) to participate in?

Each family must complete enrollment. Each enrolled student will participate in traditional-remote learning unless the enrollment, intake process and eligibility is completed and finalized for blended or virtual learning. Please see building administrator for enrollment information.

How do I enroll my student in blended or virtual learning?

If interested in the blended or virtual option, an application and enrollment process must be completed and finalized. Some students may not meet the requirements for the program. The appropriateness of these options for individuals will be determined through the enrollment and intake process.

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a learning management system/portal where students will access their assignments, communication and grades. The system streamlines all the digital tools and content that teachers and students use, for a simpler, more connected, learning experience.

What is Odyssey?

Odyssey is a content management system that provides an online/digital learning curriculum for students who wish to learn in a fulltime virtual classroom setting.



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What transportation will be offered for students who choose the virtual or blended learning pathway?

Transportation will only be offered during the regular a.m. and p.m. routes. Transportation throughout the school day will be the responsibility of the parent or student.

When will we use Remote Learning?

Remote learning will be used when school is closed due to COVID, inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Remote learning days may be added to the regular school calendar in an effort to prepare students and staff for longer school closures.

Will all athletics, electives, and fine arts classes continue to be offered at all current levels and will there be any restrictions?

Depending on the level of community spread, all athletics and activities will continue as planned with extra measures taken to ensure the safety of students and staff. Additional measures may be implemented as needed.

Will the school district calendar change for 2021-2022?

It is our goal for the calendar dates to stay the same, however, the district may schedule remote learning days within the school dates that already exist.

What determines the level of community spread?

Beggs Public Schools will work with the State Department of Health, State Department of Education and state epidemiologists to determine the levels for LOW, MEDIUM, and HIGH community spread.

Where will the information come from regarding the number of cases for community spread?

BPS will monitor the number of COVID cases in our community through the Oklahoma State Health Department. BPS will follow any mandates set forth from the county, city or state.

Why will temperatures not be taken upon entering the school building?

Entering the school building is not the first contact for many students. A student's first contact may be at the bus stops, early morning activities, carpools, before school daycare, parking lots, etc. Temperatures can be an indicator of a variety of illnesses and is not necessarily the first indicator of COVID. Beggs has always asked that students remain home if they have a temperature without medicine. We need our parents to partner with us in order to keep all children and staff safe by self regulating symptoms and temperature checks



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If masks were in the “recommendation” phase, would there be times our student(s) would be “required” to wear a mask?

Depending on the level of community spread, schools may implement Mask Zones and Mask Free Zones. There may be certain staff members who are considered in the vulnerable population. The teacher or school site may ask the students in a particular class to wear masks in an effort to allow that staff member the ability to come to work and teach as well as keep that staff member as safe as possible.

What is considered a 'highly populated' area where masks are recommended?

Depending on the level of community spread, schools may implement Mask Zones and Mask Free Zones. Highly populated areas in our school sites would be larger classrooms, gymnasiums, hallways/passing times, larger gatherings such as assemblies and cafeterias.

What will be used for hand sanitizing?

BPS will have hand sanitizer stations at main entries, hand sanitizer in classrooms, hand sanitizer on school busses and wipes as an alternative for those who are not able to use hand sanitizer.

How can I help the school as a parent?

- ◆ Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, masks, no touch thermometers, and additional school supplies would be helpful at each site.
- ◆ Taking your child’s temperature on a daily basis prior to them leaving the house.
- ◆ Keeping students home if they exhibit any symptoms of any illness.
- ◆ Keeping students quarantined for 14 days if they have had any exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID.
- ◆ Preparing your home and child with supplies and devices for remote learning if possible and feasible.
- ◆ Letting your child’s teacher or school know if you need assistance with internet access, devices, or meals.
- ◆ Having masks or other appropriate face coverings available for students to have at school if needed.
- ◆ Openly communicating any concerns directly with your child’s teacher or school site.
- ◆ Encouraging your child to wear a mask, if feasible, to assist in protecting our staff who may be in the vulnerable population.
- ◆ Working with the school site as they change visitor protocols and the check in/check out processes as warranted.
- ◆ Assisting with COVID tracing through the State Health Department.



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Additional practices to be implemented:

- ◆ Requesting that students use their own school supplies and share as little as possible
- ◆ Requesting that students bring their own water bottle and not use water fountains in a traditional way. Water fountains will be available for bottle refills.
- ◆ If you are interested in purchasing a device for your student to avoid sharing of devices at school, we have listed below some district recommendations. Chromebook MacBook iPad Tablet Laptop

Please Note: The Destination To Learn Plan and the FAQs are subject to change, and will be updated as more or new information becomes available.





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Masks

Wearing a mask is the best way to reduce the spread of viruses. Students and staff may voluntarily wear a mask if they choose to. Students and staff will follow state and local health department guidance as required by Oklahoma State Law 70 O.S. § 1210.190 which includes a requirement for the governor to declare a state of emergency

Facility Modifications

Beggs Public School facilities have been modified to adequately address student learning while working to mitigate the spread of COVID to the greatest extent possible.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Signs promoting handwashing have been placed in all buildings especially near all sinks to promote correct hand-washing techniques. Students and staff are encouraged to cover coughs appropriately and to maintain space between individuals when coughing or sneezing. All classrooms and buildings have hand sanitizer available in the classroom and at various locations throughout the building.

Hygiene Tip: It is important to teach children proper hygiene all the time, but especially to remind them about good habits during a public health crisis like COVID-19. One habit is proper handwashing. According to CDC guidelines, follow these five steps every time you wash your hands.

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

All facilities are maintained to the highest level of cleanliness possible. All facilities are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis by trained custodial personnel. Disinfecting wipes and sprays are available for use in every classroom for immediate disinfection of student spaces. All buildings are circulating the highest availability of outside air that the system allows with filters being changed on regularly scheduled intervals.



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Beggs Public Schools uses EPA recommended cleaning products and CDC recommended disinfecting procedures. Increased cleaning and disinfecting measures will be implemented in the following areas:

- Bathrooms
 - Additional sanitization using disinfecting sprayers each day during the lunch period and end of day
 - Water fountains will be accessible, along with water bottle fillers for students to use. It is recommended that students bring a water bottle from home to fill.
- Classrooms / Offices / Isolation Ares
 - Sanitized Daily
 - Each classroom will have disinfectant spray for teachers to disinfect as needed
 - Each classroom will have hand sanitizer for students and staff to sanitize hands in classrooms where soap and water are not available
 - Where available, students will wash their hands with soap and water when entering the classroom
 - Students and staff will limit the sharing of supplies, utensils, devices, toys, books and learning aids
- Buses
 - Each bus will be sanitized daily
 - Students will sanitize their hands with liquid sanitizer when entering the bus
- Cafeteria
 - Students will use hand sanitizers located at the beginning of the serving line

Contact Tracing in Combination With Isolation and Quarantine

The district has dedicated personnel to contact tracing and each facility has space available for the isolation and quarantining of students. The district works collaboratively with the Okmulgee County Health Department in regards to contact tracing and the reporting of COVID. Beggs Public Schools is dedicated to the safety and good health of all staff and students.



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Parents will be required to acknowledge the responsibilities and risks of sending your child to school by agreeing to conduct self assess on a daily basis. The daily self-assessment checklist includes but is not limited to answering questions about:

Travel to high risk areas

Temperature and other symptoms

Exposure to others diagnosed with COVID-19

Parents are not required to turn in checklists at school sites. However, parents will be reminded regularly about self-assess at home before sending children to school. Students who remain home due to symptoms will be able to access class assignments through multiple platforms. Parents are asked to call the school site and inform the school that their child is experiencing symptoms, or has tested positive so the teacher can instruct the student using the virtual platform until the student can return to class. Teachers will communicate with students including providing assignments and educational resources through the appropriate learning management system when students are away from school.

Students who become ill at school will be sent to a designated isolation room. School staff will follow an established protocol for assessing symptoms and notifying parents. If a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19 a call will be made to students in the individual's classroom notifying other individuals of a positive COVID-19 (without identifying the individual) with a recommendation for self-monitoring, possible isolation, and testing with the Okmulgee County Health Department or another health care provider. If a student or staff member is sent home for a potentially contagious acute illness the individual must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, or physician release to return to work/school.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Temperature checks will not occur upon boarding buses or entering buildings unless staff believe it is necessary. We rely on each family to conduct a self-assessment for students each morning before sending children to school. COVID Testing has been conducted in conjunction with Diagnostic Labs and Okmulgee County Health Department.



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Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to School Communities

Beggs Public Schools has and continues to work with the Okmulgee County Health Department to provide specialized vaccination clinics for BPS employees and families as well as specialized clinics for age appropriate students.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are accommodated through the requirements of their individual Education Plan. The district has taken steps to ensure student spaces are safe and clean while school is in session and in the event of a school closure additional space has been added for a continuum of services for student learning in a safe and clean environment.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

Beggs Public Schools has been and will continue to consult with the Okmulgee County Health Department as well as the State of Oklahoma Epidemiologist as needed for health and safety as it is related to COVID.

Transportation

Due to lack of bus drivers and the difficulty of creating multiple routes, we will not decrease the number of students riding the bus each day. Students will be encouraged to social distance on buses when possible; however, parents should not expect 6 feet of space between riders on school buses.

To protect drivers and students while riding the bus we will do the following:

- Ventilation on buses will be increased by lowering windows when weather allows.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Procedures for athletics and extracurricular activities will be followed in conjunction with recommendations from OSSAA and our local health professionals. Information about practices and precautions will be posted through each activity's sponsor or department.



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Facility Use by Outside Organizations

Facility use by outside organizations will be determined on a case by case basis. Consideration will be given for organizations able to commit to guidelines for limiting exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Additional cleaning fees may be required.

Campus Visitors

Visitors will be allowed beyond the office at the discretion of site administration. Additionally while in the building, the following are recommended:

- Appointments with staff members should be made in advance
- Wash/sanitize hands when entering the buildings
- Hand sanitizer is located at the main visitor entrance to every district building

Health Tip: Create a routine each morning to check your child's temperature and assess other symptoms before sending your child to school. Enid Public Schools will not conduct routine temperature checks as students board school buses or when students enter buildings.

Academics & Growth

Achieving our core mission to educate children is a tremendous challenge during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Beggs Public Schools is committed to keeping learning constant throughout the school year although we know we are likely to experience disruption due to possible positive diagnoses.

Our goals for the year is to provide flexible learning pathways for families who may be impacted by health concerns either due to an individual who is immunocompromised or due to a short period where family members are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms. For these reasons, we pledge to:

- Continue to deliver on grade level content through challenging and engaging lessons
- Provide interventions for students who fall below grade level
- Offer enrichment for students who are learning at a faster pace
- Respond to parent questions or concerns about their student's progress
- Create options for personal learning pathways



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Students with Special Needs

Individualized Education Plans (IEP), 504 Plans, and English Language Academic Plans will be followed with the assistance of site principals. District related service providers such as speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists or any other related service provider, will be in contact with students and parents to arrange for continued services within the constraints of this public health crisis. IEP and 504 meetings will be held in person unless a request is made for a phone or video conference. All IEP/504 team members are required to participate. For any information about Special Education please contact Vickey Jones at vjones@beggs.k12.ok.us.

Access to Technology

Devices will be provided for students, 3rd - 12th graders are provided Chromebooks. 3rd - 8th grade student devices will stay at school until the time a student must isolate due to COVID-19. 9th grade thru 12th graders will take their Chromebooks home nightly. Please refer to the BPS Technology Agreement for more information.

Instructional Setting

All students enrolled in the On Campus or Blended Learning Model will attend school daily for in-person instruction. In conjunction with daily health measures and in partnership with the Okmulgee County Health Department, BPS will temporarily quarantine single students, groups of students, employees, classrooms, or campuses, depending on the level of COVID-19 exposure. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and support as we make the best possible health choices for our BPS family. These isolation, quarantine, and contact tracing efforts allow us to mitigate risk and continue providing in-person instruction.

Beginning with the Spring 2021 semester, BPS will use the following two criteria to make decisions regarding campus closure due to COVID-19:

1. Do we have enough faculty/staff to safely and effectively operate the school? If so, then we continue with in-person instruction and activities.
2. Is the school under the threshold of less than 30% of students, faculty, and staff negatively affected by COVID-19 (positive cases and quarantines combined)? If so, then we continue with in-person instruction and activities.



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If the answer to either question is “no” then the administration will close that particular school for the appropriate time needed for students and staff to return safely, while the rest of the district continues per normal. Athletics and Extracurricular Activities will continue to be conducted with the implementation of proper attendance and safety protocols. Instruction for those in quarantine, whether a single student, groups of students, classrooms or campus, will be provided through virtual instruction. Teachers may use synchronous or asynchronous strategies as appropriate to ensure students receive the instruction needed to continue moving forward. This more diagnostic approach will allow us to be targeted and precise in our decision-making, providing uninterrupted instruction and support to students. BPS will continually monitor advice and guidance from local, state and federal governing bodies, and may change this policy as needed.

Grading, Attendance, and Credits

Unlike what we experienced during Distance Learning in the Spring of 2020, new content will be delivered during the school year. MAS, our Student Information System, will be used to document and track student grades and attendance. All attendance procedures and practices will follow guidelines set by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Students will be counted absent if not in attendance, even if a student is learning through the blended learning model, he/she can still be counted absent if the blended learning attendance requirements are not met by the student. Credits will be awarded by teachers following the BPS board of education policy, district registration guides, and student handbooks.

Whole Child & Family Supports Social, Emotional

Our mission is to ensure all students and their families feel welcome and safe at school. This mission is especially important during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Whether students are learning through on campus face to face instruction or virtually at home, we work to promote a feeling of community with all students and families.

In response to the increasing needs of families for the school year, Beggs Public Schools will do the following:

- Counselors will be available to provide daily or weekly check-ins for students
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum will be added to our curriculum to assist students in building skills in self-awareness, self-regulation, goal setting and working with others



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- Provide additional training for teachers in trauma-informed practices
- Provide health, wellness, and community resources for students and families on our website.

For additional information about mental health, contact your school's site principal, For information on Child Nutrition services contact Sandra Howell at showell@beggs.k12.ok.us.

Resource Tip: The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) has excellent family and community resources posted on their website at <https://sde.ok.gov/parent-community-engagement>.

School Personnel

The safety of our school staff is paramount to our success. Taking care of all employees during the COVID-19 crisis will require flexibility and understanding in the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. In response to these concerns, Beggs Public Schools is cleaning and disinfecting following CDC guidelines, and training employees on proper health and safety procedures. Additionally, all employees are highly encouraged to complete an employee self-assessment before coming to work.

PPE and Cleaning Kits

Each classroom will receive sanitizing/cleaning kits including disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer and gloves. Staff will be trained in the proper use of disinfectants and hand sanitizers.

Ongoing Staff Support

To provide the best support for our staff, we may need additional substitutes or bus drivers in times of increased COVID-19 cases or other illnesses. If you are interested in joining our team, contact the school at 918-267-3628. Additional training and support for staff will be provided throughout the school year as conditions change.



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Conclusion

Bringing students, parents, and the community together is what we do best. Our success in responding to the school year during COVID-19 conditions will require a community mindset and strong communication feedback loops.

We encourage parents to stay engaged and responsive as we honor our commitment to educate all students in spite of these challenges. We thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding.