

Baltic School District

Safe Return to School Plan 2023-2024

- Original plan adoption: July 27, 2020
- Revised: December 14, 2020
- Proposed revision reviewed on July 8, 2021, with public input.
- Proposed revision reviewed on July 26, 2021, with public input.
- Revision adopted on August 9, 2021, after public input.
- Revisions were made at the discretion of the superintendent on September 8, 2021.
- The COVID Levels “color” plan at the end of the document was adopted by the Baltic School Board on October 12, 2021, with public input and revised February 14, 2022, once again with public input.
- The plan was revised on July 7, 2022, with public input.
- Plan was revised in October 2023 with public input

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Overview

It is the intention of the Baltic School District to provide an appropriate educational experience as we safely return to school for the 2023-24 school years. The district takes very seriously the task of providing a safe environment for our students, staff and patrons. It is important to note that it is not possible to eliminate all risk of contracting the virus, but that strategies will be implemented with the goal of reducing that risk. Following is the “Safe Return to School” plan, which is a fluid plan to which changes may have to be made on very short notice, (could be more stringent or more relaxed procedures) with the administration having the authority to make changes as deemed appropriate.

Student and Staff Daily Procedures and Protocols

- Masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) may be worn at the discretion of parents or students.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will need to be isolated and parents will be expected to pick them up from school.
- Proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette will be reviewed with students.

Maintaining Healthy Students, Staff and Facilities

- In December 2020, the District installed a GPS ionization air purification system to inhibit the spread of the coronavirus and other pathogens, and to improve overall air quality.
- Appropriate accommodations will be made for children with disabilities to provide equal access to a safe and healthy school environment, and educational services as required by the student’s IEP or 504 Plan.
- School counselors will be available to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff.
- School staff including administrators, counselors, teachers will coordinate with parents to provide services to address the academic needs of all students including learning loss due to disruption of educational services related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Quarantine/Isolation Protocols

- Individuals testing positive for Covid-19 must follow the current CDC and DOH isolation requirement.

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