

Branson Public Schools Back to School Plan

Branson Public Schools has created a comprehensive plan to provide a safe, secure environment for teaching and learning while reducing the spread of COVID-19. The information below explains our current guidelines as we coordinate with local and state health officials. We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. Click here to view Superintendent Dr. Swofford's message addressing our Back to School Plan: <https://bit.ly/3jRtoqz>

First Day of School
is August 24

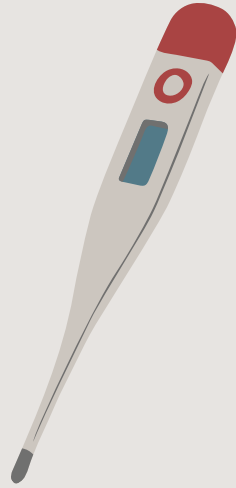
LEARNING OPTIONS



- **Option 1:** Traditional, in-class learning five-days-per-week with extended safety measures in place
- **Option 2:** Online learning from home through our state-approved district partner LAUNCH

EXTENDED SAFETY MEASURES

- Parents should check their children for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending them to school each day. If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or any other symptoms, **please keep them at home.**
- **Social distancing** will be utilized in classes, on the playgrounds and in passing periods.
- COVID-19 and EPA-approved disinfecting products will be used to clean frequently touched surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout the buildings and frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- Visitors and volunteers are **not** allowed in buildings during the school day.



FACIAL COVERINGS

- Face coverings are **required for staff and students in grades 4-12.** Grades Prek-3 are strongly encouraged to wear a facial covering. They will **not** be required during recess, meal time, or whenever proper social distancing is possible.
- **All grades** will be required to wear a face covering **while riding the bus.**



HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- School nurses will provide necessary safety materials to faculty and staff.
- Staff will perform daily self-screening and pass a temperature check upon arrival.
- Students showing symptoms will be monitored in a protected area before being sent home.
- **Students and staff that have experienced COVID-19 symptoms will only be allowed to return to school with a release from a health care provider or from the health department.**



TRANSPORTATION

- Students will be assigned seats on the school buses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as students board.
- **Bus drivers** and **all riders** will be required to wear face coverings.
- No parent gatherings in school lobbies or pick-up areas allowed.



MORE INFORMATION

- Please visit our website at www.branson.k12.mo.us for updates and information about virtual learning, as well as the steps we are taking to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our district.



Official sources we are coordinating with

- Taney County Health Department (taneycohealth.org)
- Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (dese.mo.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov)