



Biloxi Public Schools **2021-2022 Plan for Success**

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- **Goals of Biloxi Public School District during the 2021-2022 school year**
 - Provide a safe learning environment for all staff and students.
 - Maintain high academic expectations, rigorous curriculum, and a focus on student achievement.
 - Raise graduation rate to 90% or above (currently 87%).
 - Maintain and improve upon our A rating as a school district and at each of our schools.
 - Improve culture and support of extracurricular activities across the school district.
 - Embody our vision of Excellence... From all... For all!
- **Disclaimer**
 - As we learned during the 2020-2021 school year, all plans are fluid and may change with updated guidance or outbreaks of COVID-19.
 - The information listed below will be re-evaluated and changed as new guidance is released from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), and the Office of the Governor.
- **2020-2021 Statistics**
 - During Semester 2 of the 2020-2021 school year (January 2021 – May 2021), the Biloxi Public School District had 93.3% of students attending in-person instruction daily (approximately 5,462 students).
 - During the months of April and May, the percentage of positive Covid-19 cases among students attending in-person at all BPS campuses was 0.2%, meaning that 99.8% of in-person students were not impacted by Covid-19 during those months.
- **2021-2022 Learning Environment**
 - Grades PreK - 12
 - Traditional (in-person) learning environment
- **Visitors on campus**
 - All campus visitors are required to wear a mask while inside campus buildings.
 - Visitors to campus are limited to check-ins/check-outs, scheduled meetings, and scheduled events.
- **Special Education and English Language Learner Services**
 - All services will be provided in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.
- **Extracurricular Activities**
 - The Biloxi Public School District will follow the guidance of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA), the MDE, and the MSDH in reference to extracurricular activities.



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- **Vaccinations**
 - The CDC and MSDH state that, "Vaccination is the best protection against Covid-19 infection and transmission."
 - They encourage all eligible participants to vaccinate against Covid-19.
- **Mitigation Strategies**
 - **Masks**
 - In accordance with the updated CDC and MSDH recommendations, the Biloxi Public School District requires that all staff/students wear masks while inside of campus buildings and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.
 - The use of masks will be evaluated and updated throughout the school year in response to updated guidance or newly adopted executive orders.
 - **Distancing**
 - Classroom distancing will follow the CDC recommendation of 3 feet.
 - **Cleaning - will remain a focus throughout 2021-2022**
 - School Buses, classrooms, cafeterias, high touch, and high traffic areas will be thoroughly cleaned multiple times throughout the day.
 - **Hand Washing & Hand Sanitizing**
 - Proper hand washing will be demonstrated and stressed at all campuses.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and throughout campuses.
 - **Crowd Prevention**
 - Procedures for arrival, departure, and classroom transitions will be established at each campus to minimize crowding.
 - **Breakfast and Lunch**
 - Students will be distanced as much as possible to provide for a safer eating environment.
 - Schools will continue to utilize modified lunch schedules and multiple spaces to provide distancing during breakfast/lunch.
- **Wellness / Covid-19 Related Illness (contact your school nurse with questions)**
 - **Staff/Students should not report to school when sick.**
 - **Positive cases of Covid-19**
 - Must isolate for 10 days and may return to school at the conclusion of the isolation period if they are symptom and fever free for at least 24 hours.
 - **Close Contacts**
 - Fully vaccinated staff/students and those that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not considered close contacts if exposed to a positive case of Covid-19. However, it is recommended that fully vaccinated individuals that are exposed to a positive case of Covid-19 get tested 3-5 days after exposure.
 - Unvaccinated staff/students are subject to quarantine if identified as a close contact to a positive case of Covid-19.
 - Unvaccinated students placed in quarantine will continue daily instruction in a distance learning environment to prevent learning loss.