

Dear BCE Families,

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**



We are so excited to have your student return to in-person learning on Monday, October 15, 2020! Please be assured that we have your child's health, safety, and learning as our top priorities. We have lots of important information to share with you about the new procedures for this year. We must partner together to make this a great experience for our students. Please be sure to read this information before the first day of school. Please call the school at 713-251-5300 if you have any questions.

Thank you, Mrs. Young & Mrs. Nash

Arrival and Dismissal

You should have already received your car rider and bus cards. If you have not, please call the school to obtain yours. In the interest of safety, we have new entry and exit procedures for all students. You will still drop off your child in the front of the building, however students will enter through assigned doors by grade level. We ask for your cooperation by following the posted signs for directions for drop-off. Staff members will also be outside to assist. Please note, parents and visitors must remain in their vehicles at all times during arrival and dismissal. Children should have their belongings ready and must enter and exit the vehicle curbside. Parents, please also be sure to complete your child's COVID-19 health screen every day before bringing them to school

MASK UP!

Face masks or coverings are required for all staff and students and must be worn:

- Properly over the nose and mouth and when physical distancing is not possible or practical.
- In the classroom, during passing periods and in common spaces-e.g. restrooms, hallways, library, cafeteria, gym, meeting rooms, offices, after school, etc.
- On the bus at all times.
- Gaiters are an allowable face covering and must be worn appropriately over the nose and mouth.
- Masks and face coverings shall be free of any images, words, political slogans, with the exception of the a SBISD school or district logo or college logo.



*Note: Masks with one-way exhalation valves or vents are not allowed. Failure to wear a mask is considered a health hazard and may result in disciplinary consequences, see appendix. (Updated 08/30/2020)

Skyward Forms

All parents of in-person learners must complete the In-Person Parent Acknowledgement Form, In-Person Activity Acknowledgement Form, and the Mask Acknowledgement Form. The forms can be found in Skyward Family Access. Please complete them online before the first day of school. Paper copies will be available during the Supply Drop Off and Pick Up event.

New this year!

In order to enter the building in a safe and orderly manner, we ask that you do not drop your child off before 7:00. Staff members will be outside at 7:00 promptly to begin accepting students.

Also, there is no visitor parking in the front parking lot during arrival and dismissal. Please come to the office after morning drop-off ends at 7:20 and before dismissal begins at 2:15.

Visitors are not allowed on campus during the fall semester. If you need to visit the school, please call the office in advance at 713-251-5300.

**Look for an email from SBISD each week with important information.

Face Shields

- According to the Texas Education Agency, full- face shields may be used in place of a mask to protect eyes, nose, and mouth whenever a mask is not feasible or whenever the education context may benefit from the ability to see an individual's full face. School systems may require the use of masks or face shields for adults or students for whom it is developmentally appropriate.
- Teachers may distribute face shields to students, if needed, to facilitate clear communication for in-person instruction. Students would only be allowed to wear them while seated at their desk, during instruction. If the student needs to move about the room, the mask or face covering must be put on again before getting up from their desk.
- A note from a health care provider is required if a student or employee has a health condition that inhibits them from wearing a face covering/mask or due to a religious practice that would require otherwise.
- A parent/guardian shall complete the mask accommodation form for students and provide a physician's note to the nurse. If the accommodation is approved the student shall be required to wear a face shield when physically possible.
- Employees shall request an accommodation and submit an accommodation form through Human Resources. If the accommodation is approved, the employee shall be required to wear a face shield when physically possible.



Kindergarten

We know that the first day of kindergarten is such a special day for students and parents alike! Due to safety protocols, parents will not be allowed to walk their children to their classrooms this year. Please drive through the drop off lane in front of the school where your child's teacher will be waiting to greet you and walk your child their classroom.

Safety First!

- We will maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Help us by taking your child's temperature each morning and keep them home if they are sick or have a fever.
- Students will remain with a small cohort of peers throughout the school day.
- Students and staff will wash their hands/use sanitizer throughout the school day.