

School District of Bonduel Back to School FAQ

The following questions represent themes expressed from parents in a recent survey. While the answers given here are accurate at this time, it is likely they could change. We encourage you to continue to ask questions as you have them, but for parents/students who remain uneasy about the Traditional education option, we strongly and highly encourage you to consider participation in the Virtual education option. Thank you to those who submitted questions.

1. Will masks be mandatory now? **Yes**

What will happen if a child or a teacher gets COVID? What will happen if a student gets COVID? How will you notify parents? What will determine if school switches from traditional to blended or virtual? **The answers to all of these questions can be found on our website under “District” and “School Reopening Plan”.** There you will find several documents from the Shawano County Health Department and some documents developed with input from the Shawano County Health Department that we will use to guide decision making regarding the questions posed here. Whether it is a student or a staff member who has contracted COVID, as a result of privacy and other issues, the District will not be notifying parents. We will be notifying the Shawano County Health Department and following the guidelines they recommend. Additionally, for parents who may like more information on how many positive cases are in the District, please refer to the Shawano County Health Department website.

2. Are students and all school staff required to wear face masks as soon as they walk in school door? **Yes. They will also be required to walk through a temperature taking machine that will be set at 100.4. An alarm will go off for anyone with an elevated temperature and they will immediately be directed to an isolation room where their temperature will be taken again and very likely sent home. For students sent home with an elevated temperature, their siblings will also be sent home. Please be prepared to have multiple back up plans for picking up your child in these circumstances.**

3. When the mask mandate is done on September 28th. Will it go back to the original vote of masks will be recommended not required? **This is yet to be determined, but at this time it is highly likely we would still require masks.**

4. How will lunch work for kids?

Students in grades 4K – 6 will have recess before lunch, then be brought to the lunchroom by the adults that are supervising their class. Recess and Lunch times will be staggered according to grade levels. Seating will be utilized and practicing social distancing as much as possible. Seating will be pre-arranged to provide extra spacing between students and classes. Students do not need to wear masks at lunch. When the students are done eating lunch, the adult supervisor will bring them back to their classroom.

Junior High has one lunch period and the High School will have 2 lunch periods.

- a. We will have all tables socially distanced in the commons area. Instead of 8 students per table we will only be allowing 4 students per table.
- b. Students will also be allowed to eat in the following areas outside of the commons to help with social distancing:
 - Hallways by the commons area.
 - Outside front patio by the main entrance (Door A). Especially on good weather days.
 - Eat with a teacher in the classroom.
 - Sousa Hall
- c. While students are eating, they will not be required to wear their masks.
- d. Junior High Recess – students will be required to wear their masks for indoor recess activities. For outdoor recess activities they can take their masks off with proper social distancing.

5. Will my child be able to transition from virtual to in-person, once the face covering requirement is lifted, or will it be determined quarter by quarter? **Originally, we asked parents to commit to a nine-week period. However, we have since reconsidered and realize that we will need to work with families on a situational basis. Please contact either the Principal or the Student Services Director to have this conversation:**

Elementary Principal: Mr. Grayvold 715-758-4850 Ext. 811

Email: grayvbra@bonduel.k12.wi.us

JH/HS Principal: Mr. Mayer 715-758-4850 Ext. 851

Email: mavertim@bonduel.k12.wi.us

Student Services Director: Mrs. Sampson 715-758-4850 Ext. 881

Email: sampskay@bonduel.k12.wi.us

6. Will you give the students opportunities to take their mask off or down as needed?

We realize that all students will need to take their masks off or down in certain situations, such as eating, drinking from their water bottle, when they are at recess etc.

7. Do students have to wear their masks at recess? **Elementary-Masks will not be required at recess outside, although students may choose to do so.**

Junior High Recess-students will be required to wear their masks for indoor recess activities. Outdoor recess activities they can take their masks off with proper social distancing.

8. What happens if a student or staff come to school with a fever? **The expectation for all parents and staff is to do a self-check (including temperature taking) at home each day prior to coming to school and each day when returning home. Those exhibiting symptoms should not be coming to school. All students and staff will have their temperature taken at**

school either as they enter or shortly after. Anyone with an elevated temperature will immediately be directed to an isolation room (Room 100 in the Elementary, across from the office, Room 501 in the JH/HS, the old AD office). Once in the isolation room, their temperature will be taken again. If the temperature is still elevated, students and siblings will be sent home as well as staff. Please be prepared to have multiple backup plans to have your child/children picked up in this situation.

9. What is the morning drop-off procedure?

The morning drop-off procedure at Bonduel Elementary School follows:

1. **Elementary-Students** who walk or bike to school should arrive no earlier than 8:00 a.m. If driving your child to school, parents should drop off students between 7:45 - 8:00 a.m. If they are not eating breakfast it should be closer to 8:00 a.m. The buses will drop off the students. Upon entry to the building, students will proceed to the temperature checking machines. The temperature checking machine will give immediate feedback. All parents are required to take their son(s)/daughter(s) temperature prior to sending them to school. Student temperatures will also be checked upon their entry to the school. The CDC considers a person to have a fever when he or she has measured temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. If a student registers a fever of 100.4°F (38°C), or higher please do not send them to school. If they do come to school and their temperature is 100.4°F (38°C) or higher, we will contact the parent/guardian to pick-up their child immediately
2. **JH/HS-Doors** for all HS/JH students will open at 7:45 a.m. The doors will not open earlier than that, so please do not arrive until after that time. For parents of students in grades 7th -12th, please drop-off/pick-up students in the following locations:

Door A: This is the primary entrances for drop-off/pick-up for JH and HS students. The entrance is located just off of Shioc Street.

Door G: This entrance is **ONLY** for bus drop-off and pick-ups. Please do not drop-off or pick-up students at this location.

***NOTE:** All business for 7th - 12th grade runs through the main entrance (Door A) for both the High School and Junior High School.



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10. Are parents allowed to enter the building to walk their children to class? **Not at this time. We will have extra teaching staff and support staff members assisting with getting the children to class. There will be a District wide no visitor policy until further notice.**
11. My children are new to the District and I would like to be able to walk them to class at least the first day. **Please contact the school office to schedule a tour prior to school starting.**
12. Will the students doing virtual learning be given a school issued computer?

Elementary students participating in Virtual Learning will receive their school issued laptop at the Drive Thru Open House on Wednesday, August 26 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

JH/HS students participating in the Virtual Learning will have the opportunity to pick up their laptops from the main office on Wednesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 27th from 8:00a.m.-3:30 p.m.

13. How will hands on classes such as shop class and band be taught if the child is virtual? **In grades 7-12 school will be getting out an hour early (2:20 p.m.) each day. It is highly likely during this hour we will be asking these students to come in to learn wearing masks and socially distancing while no other students are here, and we expect we may do this as well for situations involving Special Education and other special circumstances that may involve hands on courses.**

14. I filled out a bus form for my kids but also indicated on a survey that I could drive them to/from school. So are my kids being bussed or am I driving them? **This will be wait and see**

process once school starts. While we'd still like you to still transport your students, if you are able, to help with social distancing on buses we must legally still provide all eligible residents of the District the option of transportation, even if parents say they are transporting their own students. So while your child will still be included on the bus list, if you are able, the District would still like you to transport your child/children if possible.

15. How do you plan to enforce mask wearing and anti-mask bullying? **For students who come to school without a mask, the District will provide the first one for them. The expectation is that parents will provide them after that. For special circumstances, the District will provide more masks for students but parents should contact the school directly if that is the situation they are in. While we will work with students, especially in the younger grades, for students who refuse to wear a facial covering or continually and intentionally remove the facial covering they will receive one warning. After the second warning parents will be contacted and informed that if there is a third incident, the child will be removed to the virtual learning option. As far as mask bullying, the Mental Health and Student Wellness Committee has provided resources to all staff on how to have classroom discussions and lessons to promote a positive school culture and climate. Bullying incidents will be addressed following district-wide policies and building-level anti-bullying procedures. This information can be found in the Student Handbook.**

16. Do we have to drop off school supplies if we're doing virtual learning? **No**

17. For those parents that opted to do virtual learning, how come we haven't heard any more about what that's going to look like for the kids? **Teachers will be communicating their expectations for all students in each class 4K – 12.**

18. My kids are doing virtual classes. If household is under quarantine or covid positive at some point, are they still expected to do classwork? **The answer to this question depends on what the student is being quarantined and who is asking the student to quarantine. For example, if a student is being quarantined at the direction of the Health Department because they been exposed and showing no symptoms, we would expect the virtual education process to continue. If the student is showing symptoms, that may not then be the case, but it would be the parent responsibility to call the school to let us know, much like calling in your child sick in the traditional school environment. If a parent is quarantining the student with no direction from the Health Department then we would expect the student to continue with the virtual education process.**

19. If the fall sport fee is paid and the season is cancelled will the money be credited to the household account? **Yes.**

20. What does the first day of school look like for BES? How will the younger kids know where to go? **We will have additional teachers and support staff to assist with students. They will be doing this for the first several days of school until routines are developed. If a parent needs an individual tour of the building, please contact the school office before school starts.**

21. Will the teachers be live broadcasting during class time so the virtual students are a “part” of their class discussions? **Teachers have the ability to do this, although most content on video will be delivered using pre-recorded activities.**

22. What happens if my child has just a common cold (which has some of the same symptoms of Covid) and tests negative for Covid? Do they still need to stay home for the isolation period? **Yes, they should stay home. The length of time however should be determined by the Shawano County Health Department and parents should contact them for more information.**

23. Will our kids have to wear masks to gym class? **If gym class is outside, masks will not be required. If gym class is inside, masks are required.**

24. We have a vacation planned for the during the school year. Will my child have to quarantine after? If so, will they be able to do online learning? **We would ask parents to follow the same direction we are giving to our staff. The following is copied and pasted from the direction to our staff: “We are asking that staff carefully consider their travel plans and take all necessary precautions (PPEs, social distancing, and carefully consider cancelling high risk travel plans) to prevent exposure to COVID-19. The district will not require quarantine if you travel.” However, if there is exposure and you are required to quarantine by the Health Department students may be required to switch to the virtual learning platform (see answer above).**

25. Has the School District of Bonduel reached out to any of the rural area internet providers to inform them of the need for enhanced services? **Yes, we are in a position to help parents access internet if they choose the virtual education option. If this is a concern of yours, please contact the District Office at 715-758-4850 Ext. 861 or email dawidjoe@bonduel.k12.wi.us.**

26. What are the options parents and students have if they do not want their child to attend a 5-day school schedule? **At this time, parents may then choose the virtual education option.**

27. Are fall sports happening? **At this time, yes. However, it is possible, much like the opening of school, that that could change with developments as they occur.**

28. Are we not going to allow kids to play since they can’t socially distance? **Teachers will have activities that allow for social distancing, as much as possible. Students will practice social distancing as much as possible, but we understand that outside playtime is different than in the classroom.**

29. **What** time will school start and end?

The Bonduel Elementary School day begins at 8:07 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. From 2:30 p.m.-3:40 p.m. is time dedicated to Virtual Learners.

The Bonduel JH/HS School day will begin at 8:03 a.m. and end at 2:20 p.m. From 2:20 p.m.-3:40 p.m. is time dedicated to Virtual Learners.

30. Why can’t high school students carry their books in their backpacks during the day?

Commented [DJ1]:

School board policy states no backpacks allowed during the school day. At this time, they must be kept in their lockers. To help alleviate congestion in the hallways, we are only allowing students to go to their lockers prior to first hour, before/after lunch, and at the end of the day.

31. How many children per seat on the buses? Will all children be required to wear masks when on the bus? **Please see the guidance for this from Kobussen Bus Company. This can be found on our website and will be attached here as well. Children ages 5 and up will be required to wear a facial covering on the bus.**

32. Will the students learning from home be able to participate in lectures had at school while at home online? **Teachers have the ability to do this, although most content on video will be delivered using pre-recorded activities.**

33. How will my child's attendance be recorded if they are asked to quarantine by the school administration, either due to a COVID school event or self-quarantine for COVID-like symptoms? **It is highly likely in this circumstance they would be recorded as absent, however, we would expect a DPI waiver to address these circumstances so that any truancy concerns for circumstances like this are a non-issue. We will address this on a case by case basis.**

34. If my child becomes sick throughout the day, what will the protocol be? **Depending on symptoms they will either be sent to the office or to an isolation room. In the event the symptoms are COVID related or could be determined to be COVID related, the child and their sibling would be sent home. Parents should have multiple back up plans to have their child/children picked up in this situation.**

35. What happens if my child has a problem keeping on their mask? **Teachers and support staff will remind students that masks are required to be on when inside the school building. Please also see the answer given above.**