



Bertha Agor Memorial Nursery School

COVID-19 Protocol

Arrival/Dismissal

We are excited to welcome you back into the building. The doors will open at 8:55. Please bring your child to their classroom doorway where they will be greeted by their teachers and begin their day. For dismissal, the doors will be unlocked at 11:15. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 11:30.

Mask Policy

In accordance with the guidance set forth by the CDC, DOH, FCSD and First Congregational Church, masks will be **required** for all adults and children over the age of 2 entering the building regardless of vaccination status. Masks will not be required during outside activities and when social distancing can be maintained. Mask breaks will be provided during the school day.

Health Screening/Attendance Policy

B.A.M.N.S. is committed to supporting the health and safety of the school community. In an effort to eliminate a daily health screening, a one-time attestation is required for all of our students to attend school and participate in school-related activities. Any person displaying symptoms, as defined by the COVID CDC guidelines, will not be allowed to enter the school.

Cleaning Protocol

Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing frequently touched items/surfaces in the classroom, hallways, bathroom and large motor space will take place at the end of each school day, and as needs arise throughout the morning. Only EPA recommended products will be used.

Hygiene

Opportunities for frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing will be provided and encouraged. Instructional, age appropriate, posters will be displayed throughout the school. Our curriculum will address healthy habits and hygiene practices.

Class Sizes and Cohorts

Class sizes have been reduced based upon social distancing guidelines and recommendations. During school hours, the students will remain with their teacher and classroom peers. Typically shared places, such as the playground and large motor room, will only be used by one cohort at a time. Measures will be taken between uses to clean and rotate toys. Additionally, visits to the bathroom will be monitored. Each teacher will keep an attendance log for students and support personnel for the purpose of contact tracing if necessary.

Support Services

It will be recommended that support services take place in the home. If it is necessary for a student to receive services at school, the teacher must be notified prior to the start of the school year. In consideration of the health and wellbeing of our students and staff, we will require all therapists to provide daily health screening documentation and wear a mask.

Possible Infection and Exposure

If a child becomes ill at school, that child will be moved to an isolated area with a staff member until a parent arrives. A physician's statement will be required for a return to school. Any child requiring a COVID test cannot return to school until a negative result has been confirmed. We will follow the Department of Health recommendations as it pertains to a COVID positive test, contact tracing, and possible school closure.

If a staff member becomes ill at school, that adult will move to an isolated area, and a substitute will be called. A physician's statement will be required for a return to work. Any staff requiring a COVID test cannot return to work until a negative result has been confirmed. We will follow the Department of Health recommendations as it pertains to a COVID positive test, contact tracing, and possible school closure.

In the event of a confirmed COVID exposure or infection of a BAMNS student or staff member, we will follow the recommendations of the DOH on how to proceed. Families will be notified via email of any changes to the BAMNS program resulting from DOH protocol instructions.

Snack

Snack will be provided daily, and measures will be taken to provide additional spacing for the children during snack time. Children will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to eating.

Special Events and Field Trips

Current restrictions on large indoor school gatherings have yet to be defined for our student demographic. We will await guidance from local health officials and update our calendar accordingly.

Communication

During these uncertain times we realize you may have questions. Teachers may be contacted via email or telephone before or after the school day. You can expect regular classroom updates from your teacher, as well as an open line of communication to address individual needs and concerns. Contact information will be provided.

The specifics of this reopening plan are based upon the current COVID climate as of July 2021 in our area and may be subject to change.