

Bon Lin Middle School

Start of School Quick Information Guide

Updated for 21-22

Masks

- Per BCS, students and faculty are encouraged to wear masks, but at this time, masks will not be required for students, faculty, or staff.

Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing

- Students will hand washing/restroom breaks during the day.
- Classrooms have some hand sanitizer for students, and students are encouraged to bring their own.

Physical Distancing

- Students are expected to maintain at least 3 feet of physical distancing in the hallways during class changes, hand washing and restroom breaks, and when entering or exiting the building.
- Students within 3 feet of a student who tests positive for COVID will need to quarantine for a period of time

Supply Lists

- Students should bring only the essential school supplies, paper, pencils and pens, notebooks, during the first days of school.
- Homeroom supplies such as hand sanitizer, tissue, etc., can be brought after the first week or two of school.
- Teachers will inform students if they need to bring additional supplies for upcoming classes.

Lockers

- Students will NOT be issued lockers for the school year.
- All supplies and the laptop should be kept in a student's backpack.

Backpack

- Backpacks should have a padded sleeve for laptop storage.
- Rolling backpacks are NOT allowed unless it is needed for documented medical reasons. See Nurse Baker if your student has a medical need for a rolling backpack

Laptop

- Laptops must have a protective case to help prevent cracked screens. The deadline for having the protective case is August 31. Laptop model # A2337
- Laptops should be kept in a padded sleeve if the backpack does not have one built into it.
- Laptops should be charged completely each night; daytime charging may not be available.
- Keep liquids and food away from the laptop at all times.
- Do not let anyone else, especially other students, use your laptop.

Water

- All water fountains will be turned ON.
- Students are encouraged to have a water bottle, with a cap that securely fastens, and can fill up the bottles at our water bottle filling stations.
- Other drinks, such as juice or soda, should not be carried in the water bottles

Lunch

- [Nutrition Information](#)
- [Lunch Account/Payment Information](#) Checks can be used to put money on lunch accounts, CASH is not accepted at this time.
- Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria this school year.
- Students bringing their lunch will need to carry it with them during the day.
- Students purchasing their lunch from the cafeteria will need to select a lunch by logging into Clever each morning before 8:30 and indicating they are getting a cafeteria lunch.
- Fast food/Restaurant food cannot be brought to the school for students, and visitors are not able eat lunch with their student.
- Glass bottles are not allowed. All drinks should be in plastic bottles.

Breakfast

- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria each morning.
- Students must go to the cafeteria to get breakfast before going to homeroom.
- Breakfast is Grab-n-Go, so students will take their breakfast to their homerooms to eat.

Bus Transportation for your Student

- [Bus Information](#)

Car Rider Information

- [Car Rider Procedures](#)
- Faculty will release students at 7:35 am during arrival. Students should not exit their cars before being released.
- Students CANNOT be dropped off to wait by a school door prior to the 7:35 arrival.
- Car rider dismissal will begin at 2:57
- Students should not be on their laptops during pick-up.
- Students should be actively looking for their rides to help speed up dismissal.
- During Afternoon Pick-Up, cars leaving campus will be able to turn RIGHT only onto Germantown Rd.

Attendance & Absences:

- Students are to be in homeroom by 8:00. Students arriving by car who arrive AFTER 8:00 must to have a parent check the student into school in the front office.
- Student Check-Out/Check-In are Excused or Unexcused based on the same criteria of excusing Absences. A doctor's note is required to excuse Check-Out/Check-In when the school is informed the reason is for medical visits.
- Five unexcused tardies of 20 minutes or more results in 1 unexcused absence.

- Students are responsible for turning doctor/parent notes into the office the day they return from an absence. Notes should be turned into the office in the morning, before reporting to homeroom. Parents can also submit absence notes through the official Bon Lin Middle School app.
- Notes **MUST** be turned into the office within 2 days of the student returning to school. Absences cannot be Excused without a note from a parent or doctor being turned into the office.
- After 9 Excused absences, a note from a doctor may be required to excuse any additional absences.
- At 3 Unexcused absences, parents are notified via letter. At 5 Unexcused absences, the school will request a parent meeting. Subsequent Unexcused absences will be submitted to BCS Student Services.
- Absences are Excused per BCS Board Policy # 6047. "Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused as determined by the principal or his/her designee. Excused absences shall include:
 - Personal Illness, Illness of immediate family members, Death in the family, Extreme weather conditions, Religious observances, circumstances which in the judgment of the principal create emergencies over which the student has no control."

PE Classes:

- Students are expected to wear clothes and shoes in which they can actively participate in all PE activities on days they have PE scheduled. Students who are not wearing appropriate clothes and shoes will have their grade impacted for not participating.

Dress Code:

- Bottoms must be worn at the waist and be an appropriate size and a safe length. Skin and undergarments must be covered with opaque clothing from the underarm to the mid-thigh. Mid-thigh is defined as the mid-point between the waist and mid- knee. Bottoms such as tights, leggings, etc. may be worn with an appropriate top that comes to mid-thigh.
- Tops of shoulders must be covered by a minimum 1-inch strap unless otherwise covered by an opaque top garment. Tops must have sleeves and must completely cover the torso from the armpits to the waist.
- Compression-style garments may be worn so long as an opaque top garment covers the entire torso below the armpits.
- Head apparel (such as hoods, hats, sunglasses, etc.), cannot be worn in the building except for religious or medical reasons.
- Large, heavy, or long chains are not permitted. Students are not allowed to wear any sleepwear, pajamas, or blankets. House shoes/slippers are not permitted.
- Shoes should always be worn at all times and should be safe and appropriate for school.
- Inappropriate language, images, depictions of illegal substances or activities, or material that students cannot legally engage in are not permitted.
- Additional information can be found in BCS Policy #6040.

Cell Phones

- **Students are allowed to have their cell phones in their bags or on their person, but must be turned OFF unless the teacher has provided permission for students to use the phone for academic purposes.**
- **Students are not allowed to use phones while moving through the building. This includes entering the building in the morning, during class changes or lunch, and while exiting the building during dismissal.**
- **Consequences for not following BLMS cell phone procedures can be found in the BLMS Handbook, located on the school website.**