



West Towson School's Opening Information

School Hours: 9:04 AM – 4:20 PM (Doors open at 8:40 AM)

Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

<p>Arrival & Dismissal Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walkers will report to the main entrance of the school. Students may enter at 9:05 AM.• Car Riders will enter in the rear of the building at the gym entrance. Students may exit their cars at 9:05 AM and proceed to the classroom.• Bus Riders will be entering through the main entrance doors and proceed to their classrooms.	<p>Screening & Testing (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.• Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school.• Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.
<p>Face Covering (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The person is alone in a private space.• The person is eating or drinking.• The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe.• The person is under the age of two. <p>The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.</p>	<p>Social Distancing (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>) Requirements: Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.• Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area.• Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds.• Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.
<p>Hand Hygiene (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requirements: Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.• Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools' offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.	<p>Breakfast & Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be able to take a Grab and Go breakfast as they enter in the mornings. There will be two stations, one at the main entrance for bus riders and walkers and outside of the cafeteria for car riders.• All students will eat lunch in the cafeteria each day with handwashing before and after lunch.• Students will pick-up lunch in the serving line when they enter the cafeteria before proceeding to their assigned seat.• Breakfast and lunch are free to students this year. 
<p>Supplies & Devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should bring their fully charged BCPS device to school on the first day – with the charger. Devices will remain at school and will be sent home by teachers on an as needed basis for assignments/projects.• Students should not bring personal computers or tablets.• All students will have a space at their desk for school supplies.• School Supply lists are available on the school website. 	<p>Visitors (<i>Safety is Our True North</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment.• Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible.• If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing.• The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.

Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars

- This [site](#) contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS.
- Students will have the option to participate in before and after school activities during the school year. More information will be shared with families when details have been finalized.

Cleaning/Disinfecting (*Safety is Our True North*)

Requirements: BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:

- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily.
- Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items.
- Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.