



# BETHEL LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Reopening FAQ Sheet (Part Two)

**Q: If we choose Option C, how will students be 'kept in the know' on announcements such as sports registration and other correspondence from the school?**

A: Bethel Local Schools is currently in the process of updating our district website and we hope to have our new site released very soon. We will be utilizing Apptegy and it will provide a traditional website and the opportunity for parents and community members to also utilize a mobile app. Frequent updates will be released and provided on our site. Sports registration will still be handled using Final Forms. In addition, the athletic department sends frequent email updates to parents and student-athletes utilizing the Final Forms email option. Finally, building principals and the district office will continue to utilize One Call Now as well for frequent updates.

**Q: If parents choose option C, will we be able to check out a Chromebook for remote learning?**

A: Yes, the district now owns enough devices to provide a 1:1 setting for each child at Bethel Local Schools. You will need to be in contact with your building principal to notify them that you will need a Chromebook for Option C. If the state or the local Health Department requires us to go strictly remote (Option B), we intend to provide devices to all students as well. Families will be responsible for the care of maintenance of these devices and the responsibility of replacement if significant damage is done to them.

**Q: If we choose option C, what kind of hours will the students be required to have? How will state testing be completed for online kids?**

A: Parents and students can expect around 50 minutes of curriculum per course and the students will not be expected to complete it all in one sitting. Also, families will have the flexibility to complete the daily coursework when it fits your schedule during the day. Schools PLP and Bethel Local Schools will expect students to be working each day though, but with the flexibility of when it fits your schedule. No decisions have been made at the state level on the state assessments for the 2020-21 school year. Once an update is provided, we will communicate this to families. The only test that we are waiting for guidance on for the fall would be the 3rd grade reading guarantee assessment.

**Q: If students sign up for Option C, what types of courses will be expect them to take? How will this be determined? Will they receive the necessary credits needed to complete their current grade level?**

A: All academic programming and course selection decisions will be made by Bethel Local Schools and the families of those students. We will ensure that the necessary discussions take place and a schedule is created that fits the needs of the students based off of what SchoolsPLP offers. Elementary aged students will take Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and an elective). Middle School and HS students will need to ensure that they carry five (5) full credits for extra-curricular eligibility and we will ensure they receive the core content classes they need to maintain good academic standing in the district.



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**Q: Registration for Option C provides us with an option for the first semester or the full year, which should we pick?**

A: Regardless of what you select, we will provide with an option at the end of the first semester to choose your selection for the remainder of the school year. Those two options provide us with data on our end that will assist with transportation numbers, classroom teacher numbers, etc. If you are unsure of what to pick, you can choose either/or and you will be allowed to reselect your choice after the first semester.

**Q: Where can we locate lists for classroom supplies, Final Forms, immunizations needed and school fees?**

A: For these types of answers please visit our website at [bethelk12.org](http://bethelk12.org). Click on the resource tab at the top of the screen and scroll down to 'Back to School.' The website has all of the information you asked about on this tab.

**Q: With open house being cancelled, how will elementary children know where to go the first day of school?**

A: We will have Bethel Local Schools staff (teachers, classroom aides and administrators) on hand to assist with directing students to their appropriate classroom and teacher. The first few days are going to be busy but we will have personnel ready to respond and assist your children.

**Q: If we sign up for Option C, what school supplies will we need? How will I know you received my request to sign up for Option C?**

A: Once the August 7 deadline for registration for Option C ends, Bethel Local Schools will be in contact with you in regards to your registration and signing up for classes. Also, additional conversations will take place in regards to what classroom supplies will be needed. Stay tuned for more information on this topic.

**Q: How will parents be able to monitor the progress of our children with Option C? If schooling isn't going well can we switch our child back to BLS?**

A: Parents will have access to a Parent Dashboard. This will allow families to progress monitor, check grades and also view the amount of time they are spending on a device each day. If parents do not feel that online schooling is working for their child, they will have the option to enroll them back at BLS at the end of the first semester.



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**Q: What is the plan with students that attend Miami Valley Career Technical Center and will transportation be provided?**

A: On Thursday, August 13, 2020, ONLY junior students will report to MVCTC. No seniors will be in attendance on August 13. On Friday, August 14, 2020, ONLY senior students will report to MVCTC. No junior students will be in attendance on August 14. Bethel Local Schools will continue to provide transportation to MVCTC but students will need to still provide a ride to our campus and we will transport to the MVCTC.

**Q: If the school starts with Plan A but transitions to Plan B. What happens with the kids who went with Plan C? Will they continue with Plan C or will they transition to Plan B with Bethel teachers?**

A: The Miami County ESC and Schools PLP expects that students will remain on Plan C until at least the end of the semester. Parents and families will then be able to enroll students back to Bethel Local Schools.

**Q: When is preschool starting? Will it be in person?**

A: Preschool will be starting on Sept 8th, and will be starting the year in person. If you have any specific questions or would like more information, please contact Heather Lorenzo at the Miami Co. ESC.

## Recent Governor Mandate

**Q: Governor DeWine just announced that ALL students wear masks, does this include recess, lunch, in the classroom, etc?**

The same guidelines that were originally set for grades 3-12, now apply to students k-12. Students will be required to wear masks on the bus, in the hallway, to and from lunch and in transitions. Students will NOT be required to wear masks while outdoors (at recess), while eating lunch, and while maintaining proper social distance (a minimum of 2-6 feet as advised by the health dept).