



Now that guidelines for schools have been released by the Texas Education Agency, Bremond ISD has published a preliminary return-to-school overview for the 2020-2021 school year, available online at www.bremondisd.net and outlined in this document.

This overview is intended to answer a number of common questions and provide pertinent safety information, so that parents and guardians feel empowered to choose a school setting that best suits their household.

Our return-to-school plans for 2020-2021 are fluid at this time and will be continually evaluated and updated in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. We expect to release more detailed, campus- and program-specific plans at the beginning of August.

Disclaimer: Conditions surrounding the coronavirus pandemic are ever-changing. Bremond ISD's return-to-school plans for 2020-2021 are fluid at this time and will be continually evaluated and updated in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. The most updated information from Bremond ISD will be published on our district website. The district will continue to notify families of any and all major updates that are published.

Our Big Ideas

YOUR CHOICE

As parents/guardians, you have a choice when it comes to your child's education. You can choose to enroll your child in virtual school or in-person school for 2020-2021. See more details outlined in this document.

TEAM BREMOND

We must be partners and work together in order to provide the best possible experience for the students of Bremond Schools, with health and safety being our top priority.

EVER-CHANGING

We are living through a pandemic with many unknowns. While we have hope for brighter days ahead, the fact is that we are in a "waiting game" and the situation is changing every day. Let's offer each other grace as we navigate together.



Timeline for Fall 2020

Below is a timeline of events for the Fall 2020 return to school. Due to current circumstances, Meet the Teacher will be held virtually in August.

- July 20, 2020

Preliminary Return-to-School Overview Released

- August 3, 2020

School Registration Opens

- August 7, 2020

Deadline to Register for Virtual School

- August 19, 2020

First Day of School

In-Person School vs. Virtual School	
In-Person School	Virtual School (Asynchronous)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning in school buildings• Full scope of course offerings• Parent partnership regarding student health• At this time, face coverings will be required for students in Grades 5-12 and all adults• Social distancing when feasible• Outside visitors will be very limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% online learning at home• Limited scope of course offerings• Daily attendance log-ins• Daily assignments• Requires a reliable internet connection and a technology device.



General Safety Protocols for 2020-2021

Our campus-based return-to-school plans - expected to be finalized at the beginning of August - will outline detailed safety information and logistics pertaining to each school. Plans for special education, bus transportation, custodial services, food services, and extra curricular programs are also being developed. The protocols listed below are provided so that families can make an informed decision regarding the return to school this fall, and are subject to change at any time.

These guidelines are based on recommendations and requirements provided by the Texas Education Agency, the Governor of Texas, and CDC.

See also: [Public Health Guidance for School Year 2020-2021](#) (TEA, July 7, 2020)

Face Coverings & Social Distancing

- A face covering includes: non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect the eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Parents should provide a face covering for their child that the child is comfortable wearing. Bremond ISD will provide face coverings and face shields for all staff members.
- At this time, for whom it is developmentally appropriate, all staff, students (Grades 5-12), and visitors must wear a face covering in Bremond ISD facilities. All students will be required to wear a mask on Bremond ISD school buses.
- At school, students and staff will be encouraged to practice social distancing.
- We understand that the first day of school is a landmark event each year. While first day procedures will be different this year, we will make every attempt to offer a memorable experience for students and parents/guardians, especially those entering Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Sanitation & Prevention

- All water fountains at Bremond ISD schools will be closed. Students are asked to bring their own refillable water bottle.
- Every classroom will have a sanitizer station.
- Students, staff, and visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- Elementary students will engage in supervised handwashing for at least 20 seconds at least two times each day, in addition to being encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.



Student Attendance

- Per the Texas Education Code, students must attend 90 percent of a course in order to be awarded credit, with some exceptions. During the 2020-2021 school year, student attendance can be earned through in-person school or through virtual school.
- Students attending virtual school must make daily progress each day that school is in session in order to be considered “present” on a particular day.
- Students attending in-person school must be at school in order to be marked present that day.
- In the event that a temporary in-person school closure is needed, all students in the district will attend virtual school until it is safe to return to the school building.
- We are currently reviewing the Student Handbook, which includes attendance practices, to ensure all procedures align with conditions surrounding COVID-19.

COVID-19 Screening & Confirmed Cases

- Teachers and staff must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to school each day.
- Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to screen students in their household for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to school each day. Screening guidance will be provided.
- All visitors will be screened by the school to determine if the visitors have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Staff, students, and visitors who are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, or those who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until they have been cleared by the school.
- Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 at school will be immediately separated from other students and sent home.
- If any student or staff member at a school campus is identified as lab-confirmed for COVID-19, the district will notify the local health department as well as the parents and the guardians of all students attending in-person school at the campus.



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

Was the on-line school survey a final commitment from my family? No. The purpose of this survey was for Bremond ISD to gain a better understanding of each family's current stance and intent on returning to school this fall.

I did not complete the on-line survey for in-person school vs. virtual school. What do I do? Please review the return-to-school information we have outlined, and begin to make a decision for the students in your household.

How do I register my student for the 2020-2021 school year? New students can be enrolled at any time. Registration for returning students opens Monday, August 3, 2020. The initial deadline to register your student for Virtual School is Friday, August 7, 2020. You can officially register for virtual school by calling the school office at 254-746-7145.

Can my student start out with virtual school this fall and then change to in-person school (or vice versa)? Yes. Students who register for virtual school can change to in-person school at the close of the grading period (six weeks). Students who register for in-person school can change to virtual school at any time, but cannot switch back until the close of the grading period (six weeks). More information on this and other special circumstances will be provided in the final return-to-school overview.

How will my child be protected at school? The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority at Bremond ISD. Please see our initial list of General Safety Protocols that we have outlined for the 2020-2021 school year. As we continue to plan, and as new information becomes available, we will continue to evaluate and modify these protocols as needed.

What happens if a student or staff member contracts COVID-19 during the school year? These individuals will be required to stay home throughout the infection period and will not be allowed to return to campus until they have been cleared by the school. In the event that a temporary in-person school closure is needed due to the spread of COVID-19, all students in the district will attend virtual school until it is safe to return to the school building.



Will there be extracurricular activities next year? For in-person school, extracurricular activities will follow guidelines outlined by the UIL and TEA. For virtual school, there will be a limited scope of course offerings.

Can we have a community town hall to talk about the upcoming school year, share suggestions, and ask questions? We understand that families have many questions about the upcoming school year. Due to the nature of this pandemic, there are still many unknowns, so a productive town hall is not conducive. The district will communicate updated information to families as soon as it becomes available. Parents and guardians are welcome to set up a meeting with a school administrator or email questions or comments to dstuard@bremondisd.net.

Questions?

Questions related to COVID-19 can be directed by email to dstuard@bremondisd.net and will be rerouted accordingly.