



Greetings BCS Families,

We've had a "Learning Strong" summer in Birmingham City Schools, and now we are prepared for an exciting 2023-24 school year. We are looking forward to seeing all scholars in school on Monday, August 7, 2023.

About 6,000 students participated in summer learning and enrichment this year through BCS. I know this will have a significant impact on success in the coming months. I commend our scholars and parents for embracing these learning opportunities. I also appreciate the faculty and staff who supported enrichment programs throughout the summer, as well as the bus drivers and nutrition workers who provided meals for our scholars at school and throughout the community.

It's now time for us to focus on the new school year.

We will continue in-person teaching and learning, and we will offer the full range of extracurricular activities for our scholars.

Please review the information below to learn more about guidelines for the upcoming school year.

If you have additional questions, reach out to your local school.

Thank you for entrusting the education of your scholars to Birmingham City Schools – your first choice in education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Mark Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Mark A. Sullivan, Superintendent

INSTRUCTION

- We will have traditional, in-person instruction and learning at each school.
- All students will attend school five days a week.
- Afterschool programs are provided in schools with grades K-5.

DEVICES and TECHNOLOGY

- The school district provides electronic devices for all students.
- Hotspots will be available for students with limited or no access to the internet.
- Devices will be checked out to students at the beginning of the school year.
- Schoology will be used to facilitate technology engagement in the traditional school model including instructional support, communication, and collaboration with students and parents.

SAFETY AND WELLNESS

Social Distancing

- Students and staff will respect personal space in all school areas and activities.
- Students will have assigned seats in classrooms.

Masks

- Masks are optional.

Vaccinations

- All eligible students and staff members are encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Cleaning & Hygiene

- All school areas will be cleaned and disinfected on routine basis or as needed based on the spread of disease.

On The Bus

- All students will have assigned seats.

Breakfast/Lunch

- Each school will decide on meal distribution on their campus to provide the most appropriate social distancing.

Health Services

- All ADPH guidelines will be enforced.
- Students should be fever-free (less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit) without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

Athletics

- We will follow all ADPH and AHSAA policies in regard to capacity, social distancing, etc.