

BMHS Parent FAQ – August 31, 2020

- What do I do with my child's medical forms?
 - Mail or bring a hard copy to BMHS or email a scanned version to our school nurse: faccendb@norwalkps.org
- What is the breakdown of the school week for those who will be doing hybrid
 - All students who selected hybrid will be in school for two days, then remote for two days. The cycle will repeat for the near future. Once we set the schedule, it will be sent to students and families so that everyone will know which days they will be in-person and which days they will be remote.
- If your child is an incoming high school freshman and had met the health requirements for 7th grade does their health form get sent over from the middle school to the high school or do freshman still need to show up with a health form confirming such?
 - All information about physicals and health records can be found at this link: https://norwalkps.org/district/health_services/health_assessment_information
- I chose remote learning for my daughter. Can I make a change to face-to-face classes?
 - Changes can be made to in-person at the middle and end of the quarter. Changing from hybrid to remote can happen within a day or two.
- My child is an incoming Freshman and I am trying to determine if he is school bus eligible?
 - In general, anyone living within 2 miles of Brien McMahon HS is not bus eligible. Additional information about transportation can be found at this link https://www.norwalkps.org/district/transportation/bus_routes
- How do I find out which classes my children are in and what summer work needs to be done?
 - Schedules will be made live in PowerSchool later this week so students can check their classes. In general, all students will be enrolled in the core classes they selected. Summer work can be found at this link <https://sites.google.com/a/norwalkps.org/summer-work-2016/assignments>
- What will be done to clean desks in between classes.
 - The district is working on this and will have a plan this week. Once the plan is set, it will be communicated to all.
- Can a student who selected remote learning attend classes for the first 2 days of school only in order to meet the teacher in person? Otherwise, they are at a disadvantage compared to the rest who are in class all the time. It allows for a more personal rapport.
 - Unfortunately, this is not possible due to the need to reduce the number of students in the building at any time. Careful work is being done to create a balanced schedule to ensure we can keep students 6 feet apart in classrooms and in almost all cases, we cannot safely accommodate even one additional student in a room. Teachers are aware of the limitations and will take deliberate steps to meet students and create connections remotely.
- How does the music department teach the classes for Chambers?
 - The district is in the process of determining how to safely run music classes. Guidance from the state can be found at this link <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/Addendum7-COVID-19-Reopening-Considerations-for-Connecticut-K-12-Music-Programs.pdf>

- How is an art class taught remotely? How about access to material etc?
 - Teachers will provide specific information to students. The procedure will change depending on the course.
- What circumstances will dictate a partial or full school closing? How will parents be notified? What is the protocol for isolating a pod or cohort?
 - Information can be found at the Connecticut Dept of Education website <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators> and at the Norwalk PS website https://norwalkps.org/news_information/2020-21_n_p_s_school_re_opening
- Can students bring their own lunch to school?
 - Yes