

Bakie Tier 2 Synchronous Learning FAQs

We are working hard to prepare for school to reopen on Monday, October 26th. The procedures we have put in place are designed to ensure safety for everyone and may change based on the updated guidance we receive.

A number of families have asked similar questions as we prepare to reopen. This document is designed to answer many of them but is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Please note, we are following what is outlined in the [Re-entry Plan](#) that the Sanborn School Board approved at the October 7, 2020 meeting. If you have additional questions, please call the school at 642-5272 or email Principal [Chris Snyder](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

What time does the school day begin and end?

- Sanborn Regional High School - 7:20-2:20PM (Early Release at 12:00PM)
- Sanborn Regional Middle School - 7:20-2:20PM (Early Release at 12:00PM)
- Memorial School - 8:15AM-2:55PM (Early Release at 12:55PM)
- D.J. Bakie School - 8:35-3:15PM (Early Release at 1:15PM)

Which Wednesdays will be early release when we reopen?

- Each school will have an early release each Wednesday until January 13, 2021.

What should my child bring to school each day?

- Students should bring a backpack that includes any folders or notebooks provided by the teacher, a refillable water bottle, beach towel (for picnic lunch or snacks), Art kits that were sent home at the beginning of the year, healthy snack, adequate clothing for recess, and an acceptable mask. S.T.E.A.M. bins that students have created at home should be brought to school and will be stored in the classroom.

Will the YMCA be offering a before/after school care program this year?

- The YMCA will be running before/after school care starting Monday, October 26th. Details and registration information can be found [here](#). All questions should be directed to SACCinfo@sdymca.org.

How will bus transportation work?

- Salter Bus Company (1-800-478-6433) has published initial bus routes and they can be found [here](#). These may be adjusted once we know how many students will be riding the bus. Bus capacity will be limited to 25 students. This will allow one student per seat and only siblings will be allowed to share seats. Buses should arrive at Bakie between 8:25-8:35AM each morning. Upon arrival, students will leave the bus and head directly to their classroom.

How will car drop-off work?

- We anticipate a much higher number of parents driving students to and from school each day. Please review this [traffic pattern map](#) before driving to school Monday. Parents & guardians should keep their child(ren) in the car each morning until a staff member greets them. Students will be escorted to their car by a staff member each afternoon. ***Please DO NOT park at Swasey Gym and walk across Main Street.***

HEALTH AND SAFETY

What kind of distancing can staff and students maintain throughout the day?

- We can ensure that students will be 3-6' during instructional times and a full 6' apart when eating.

What types of facemasks are acceptable and how often will they be worn?

We are following this [guidance for facemasks](#). Please note that disposable masks are acceptable provided a new one is worn each day. Staff and students will be wearing masks throughout the day, including recess and P.E. classes when 6' of distancing is not possible. Staff may schedule mask breaks throughout the day when students can maintain a full six feet of distance. The school has purchased mask lanyards for student use throughout the day. Students will keep them at school and attach to their masks when they arrive each day.

Will temperatures be taken?

- Staff and students will have temperatures taken each morning. Anyone with a reading of 100.0°F or higher must go home and will not be able to return until the fever subsides without the use of suppressants like Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Anyone with unexplained COVID-19 like symptoms, including a fever, will be sent home and required to have a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine for 14 days before returning to school.

When will students be asked to wash their hands?

- Students will sanitize their hands at every transition time in or out of the classroom, after restroom use, and prior to and after eating. There will be other times during the day when they will be asked to sanitize hands (i.e. before selecting books from the classroom library).

What are the plans for the air circulation at Bakie?

- All of our classrooms have windows that open and close as do almost all of our instructional spaces. Commercial grade air purifiers have been installed in all instructional spaces throughout the school. Additionally, windows will be open at least 15 minutes each hour of the day.

How will recess work?

- Each grade level will have a 30-minute mid-day recess (immediately before or after lunch). Three different areas of the playground have been designated for student use - an open grassy area, the climbing structures, and the paved black top area. To keep numbers low, two classes may be paired together as a cohort and will be assigned to one of these areas each day. A common set of playground equipment has been purchased for each cohort to use when playing outside and will be sanitized each day.

STUDENT BELONGINGS & SUPPLIES

Where will students store their belongings?

- Students will store their belongings in classroom cubbies and inside individual student desks. Whenever possible, materials will not be shared. Anything that is shared will be sanitized.

Is there a school supply list?

- Classroom teachers may be sending home a wish list of items that could be purchased for use in the classroom. Purchasing any supplies is optional.

Should students bring devices back and forth to school?

- We are asking students to leave all personal devices at home. District owned iPads should travel back and forth with in-person learners each day. Classroom teachers will be providing padded envelopes to transport iPads in backpacks. District-owned Chromebooks should remain at home. We have enough Chromebooks at school for student use each day.

NUTRITION & HYDRATION

Where will students eat breakfast and/or lunch?

- Grab and Go breakfast bags will be available to all students when they arrive each morning. Breakfast and lunch will be eaten inside the classroom and/or in the hallway area immediately outside the classroom door.

Will students be able to purchase breakfast and lunch?

- Students will have the option to purchase a “grab and go” breakfast upon arrival each morning. Classroom teachers will provide a list of students wishing to purchase school lunch to the cafeteria staff each morning. Individually packaged meals will be delivered to classrooms at assigned lunch times for each grade level. Families are encouraged to add money to student accounts at the [My School Bucks website](#). Breakfast costs: \$1.50 (full price)/\$0.30 (reduced). Lunch costs: \$2.50 (full price)/\$0.40 (reduced). Please note that meals will continue to be free for students until December 31, 2020. You can access the breakfast menu [here](#) and the lunch menu [here](#). Students can always bring lunch from home.

Will students have access to water bubblers?

- All traditional water bubblers have been turned off for sanitary reasons. We do have one refillable water station already and two additional will be installed soon. We encourage all students to bring a full, refillable water bottle to school each day. We will have a number of one-time use water bottles available for students as needed.

INSTRUCTION**Which specials will students have and how will they be scheduled?**

- Students will have one of the following specials each day: Art, Music, P.E./Health, Library, Guidance or S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics). P.E. classes will be taught outside whenever possible. All other specials teachers will travel to homerooms to offer instruction. To minimize the total number of classes each specialist will see each week, each homeroom will have the same special for one full week. We are working to follow CDC and DHHS guidance for music instruction, which limits the playing of instruments and choral singing.

Are there any plans for teaching or classes outdoors?

- We have an outdoor classroom area that can be used throughout the day, weather permitting.

Will the remote learners need school materials? If so, how will they get them?

- Classroom teachers and Unified Arts Specialists will prepare materials that can be picked up between 1:00PM-4:00PM each Friday afternoon. Families of remote learners will return completed materials from the week when they come to pick up new materials for the next week.

Will students have homework?

- Daily homework may be assigned once in person learning begins. That will be included in the materials that families of remote learners pick up each Friday.

Will there be after school clubs and activities when students return to school?

- All after school clubs have been postponed until further notice.