

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction



"Original Schoolhouse 1855"

Continuity of Services Plan: Maintaining Our In-Person Model

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Office of the Governor have determined that access to in-person learning is a priority. We have experienced first-hand that in-person instruction is the best approach for students to be educated, have equitable and effective access to educational opportunities, access good nutrition, and engage in activities which promote social and emotional wellness. We want families to feel comfortable and confident when sending all children back to in-person learning and we are prepared to keep Fields Memorial School safe.

Bozrah Public School/Fields Memorial School plans to operate with full in-person schooling for 2021-2022. The DPH and CSDE do not anticipate the need to mandate, due to public health necessity, that school districts provide a remote learning option for students and their families for the 2021-2022 school year. Therefore, the remote learning option will no longer be in place after this school year. We will continue to make excellent use of technology for innovative learning including providing avenues for personalized learning and enrichment, supporting learning acceleration, and for specialized instruction and interventions. Additionally, we will use remote learning in the event of inclement weather, primaries and elections, and emergencies.

We will deploy layers of mitigation strategies (mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-washing) as required by the DPH as we return next year. Our experience this year showed us that in-school transmission was minimal and that was likely due to the implementation of mitigation strategies. It is encouraged that families consider vaccinating their children when they are age-eligible. We will continue to follow the [Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts](#). Connecticut's contact tracing program is run by the DPH and uses recommendations that are based on guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

The Bozrah Public School/Fields Memorial School Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan is summarized in the chart below. **Please email any feedback or comments on this plan to communications@bozrah.org**

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY

BOZRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL, FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGIES	
Students and staff that are feeling sick or experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 should stay at home (unless vaccinated).	
MITIGATION STRATEGY	BOZRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL RESPONSE
<p>Morning Health Checks/Self Screening at Home</p> <p>Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks (while required by DPH)</p>	<p>In order to prevent transmission among the school population, check to ensure temperature is below 100 degrees Fahrenheit and observe for symptoms associated with COVID 19 outlined by public health officials.</p> <p>Students, staff and visitors to the building will continue to wear masks per the recommendation of the CDC and Connecticut DPH during the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>Mask Breaks will be provided throughout the day. Students and staff will be allowed to remove masks while eating, drinking, during PE or when outside effectively practicing social distancing.</p>
Physical distancing	<p>It is our priority to return all children back to school in classroom spaces that are appropriate for learning. We will continue to insist on a 3 to 6-feet distance where possible.</p> <p>Kindergarten classes will be restored to full-day.</p> <p>Students and adults are expected to practice social distancing when entering and exiting the building, in classrooms, and moving throughout the school.</p>
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Students and staff will engage in frequent hand washing and/or hand-sanitizing upon arrival, before and after meals, after bathroom use, and after coughing or sneezing.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	<p>Return to a regular cleaning schedule with emphasis on disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p>Ensure that the school air handling systems continue to meet state guidelines.</p>

Continuity of Services

Academic

- Deliver high quality in-person instruction aligned to core content standards.
- Maintain delivery of on-grade level instruction while remediating and recovering skill gaps and differentiating instruction based on student needs.
- Use diagnostic, benchmark, and screening assessments to identify strengths and next steps as well as students in need of intervention and enrichment.
- Review data systematically and adjust instruction as necessary.
- Provide afterschool tutorial program to assist students in need of intervention and/or enrichment during the school year.
- Support professional learning for educators.

Social Emotional Learning

- Foster positive, safe, and supportive learning environment and school-community.
- Promote supportive adult-student, student to student, and adult to adult discourse, relationships and a sense of belonging.
- Improve staff morale and school climate through the incorporation of Responsive Classroom strategies.
- Identify and implement strategies to re-engage populations and specific students who may be disengaged.

Public Comment & Review Process

Public comment is a key element of stakeholder engagement. This plan was developed based upon the feedback of survey responses to recent climate survey to parents, staff, community members and elected officials. To date: 19 staff members, 57 parents, 15 community members and 2 elected officials commented. Additionally, the Bozrah School Board, at their June meeting, conducted a discussion as to the priorities of services needed to recover learning loss, to provide students with high quality instruction and implementation of social emotional learning throughout the curriculum.

Parents, staff and community will be able to comment on this plan by voicing opinions during Public Comment at Board meetings; and, sending written comments to communications@bozrah.org

We are required by law to periodically review and, as appropriate, revise this [Safe Return to in-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan](#). This plan will be reviewed and updated as appropriate on the following dates:

December 23, 2021

June 23, 2022

December 23, 2022

June 23, 2023

*Stakeholders input will be requested prior and during each update.