



BEATRICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BEATRICE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Beatrice High School Students, Parents and Guardians-

Greetings! Welcome back to school year 2020-2021. I hope you have had a great summer break and have stayed safe through the last five months of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are looking forward to starting school on August 12th with our Freshmen First Day and on August 13th with all of our scholars.

Of course, because of the pandemic, we are going to conduct school differently than what has been done previously. In order to limit the amount of contact our students will have by rotating through eight class periods, we have decided to set a schedule that utilizes a "block schedule". By using this schedule, we are having our students only rotate through four classes each day, for longer periods of time and reducing the passing period from class to class times to four. The schedule we will use is attached to this letter. (Tiers 1, 2)

If we are forced to reduce our school population to 50% capacity, we will continue to use the block schedule and also have only students with home name of A-L attend school in person on one day and students with home name of M-Z attend school in person the other day. New material and content will be taught all days, so students not attending in person will still be required to attend virtually. The schedule we will use for student reduction purposes is also attached to this letter. (Tier 3)

If we are forced to close school, as we did in March, we will teach all our scholars through a virtual format. Differences to that format from last spring's closure would include increased academic rigor and expectations, required virtual class attendance and relevant progress grading. More information on our virtual learning system will be sent to families. (Tier 4)

Besides different schedules and time frames, Beatrice High School will also operate and enforce four tier levels. Within each tier, exists limitations and procedures that will be adhered to by staff and students. For example, school doors will remain closed until 8:00 am; we will utilize one directional hallways and have restrictions at each level. Please familiarize yourself and review the limitations that will be in place at the varying levels for this school year. (Tiers 1,2,3 and 4)

We know that not all questions and concerns can simply be addressed in a letter. Therefore, please contact our school with questions and concerns you may have. Many changes are dictated to our school and we must comply. Also, health measure levels and status can change in short periods of time. We will do our best to communicate and be flexible, fair and consistent during this ever changing pandemic. Our goals are similar to yours and we look forward to students safely being back in school.

Sincerely,

Jason Sutter, Principal



BEATRICE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES 2020-2021

Level 2

ODD Week

Monday- 1,3,5,7 periods

Tuesday- 2,4,6,8 periods

Wednesday- 1,3,5,7 periods with shortened PLC time being utilized

Thursday- 2,4,6,8 periods

Friday- 1,3,5,7 periods

Level 2

EVEN Week

Monday- 2,4,6,8 periods

Tuesday- 1,3,5,7 periods

Wednesday- 2,4,6,8 periods with shortened PLC time being utilized

Thursday- 1,3,5,7 periods

Friday- 2,4,6,8 periods

Level 3

50% Student Number Reduction and Virtual Day

Monday- 1,3,5,7 periods ONLY Home name A-L

Tuesday- 2,4,6,8 periods ONLY Home name M-Z

Wednesday- 1-8 periods Virtual Learning

Thursday 2,4,6,8 periods ONLY Home name A-L

Friday 1,3,5,7 periods ONLY Home name M-Z

Time Schedules

M,T,TH,F Schedule

8:15-9:45 (90) Periods 1, 2

9:50- 11:20 (90) Periods 3, 4

11:25- 1:40 (135) Periods 5, 6

11:25-11:55 Lunch A

12:00- 12:30 Lunch B

12:35- 1:05 Lunch C

1:10-1:40 Lunch D

1:45-3:15 (90) Periods 7, 8

3:15 Dismissal

Wednesday PLC Schedule

8:15-9:25 (70) Periods 1, 2

9:30-10:40 (70) Periods 3, 4

10:45- 1:00 (135) Periods 5, 6

10:45-11:15 Lunch A

11:20-11:50 Lunch B

11:55-12:25 Lunch C

12:30- 1:00 Lunch D

1:05- 2:15 (70) Periods 7, 8

2:15 Dismissal

Beatrice High School

- **TIER 1**

- Students enter school through the Main door. Doors will open at 8:00 am
- Students proceed directly to their classroom. Students are not allowed to be in common areas (halls, cafeteria, gymnasiums, etc.) before/after school.
- Regular passing periods. Passing periods will be 5:00 minutes in length.
- No visitors to the building except under extenuating circumstances - only contracted personnel allowed in the building. Health screens will be conducted on approved visitors.
- Parents/guardians will be allowed to enter the building only by administrative permission.
- Parents arriving to pick up students will wait in vehicle or vestibule for students to exit the building.
- Parent/guardian meetings facilitated using Zoom/Video conferencing. Examples: (PTO, IEP, 504, Conferences).
- Frequent sanitizing and handwashing. Develop schedule while students in classroom.
- Large meetings will be facilitated electronically.
- In-district academic trips allowed. Education Academy Cadet Aide program allowed.
- Standard attendance policies unless a plan is developed for specific students.
- Minimize use of shared equipment and supplies and/or cleaning/sanitizing between uses.
- Students will utilize personal water bottles. No sharing of water bottles or other food items.

- **TIER 2**

- Staff/Students enter through main doors for random symptom screening while maintaining social distancing in line and upon entering. Screening system will be developed.
- Students will exit the closest exit immediately after school/upon completion of responsibilities. Students will not funnel down main staircase and out front doors.
- One-way directional movement in halls during passing periods and before/after school.
- Individualized school equipment and school supplies, sanitize between uses. (devices, PE equipment, art supplies, etc.)
- No academic trips. Administrative approval would have to be given for any outside trips.
- Increased social distancing at lunch and utilization of space for additional seating.
- Contracted personnel allowed in the building - mask and temperature check required.

- **TIER 3**

- Student population reduced by 50% capacity. A-L and M-Z home names utilized.
- Student release staggered by alpha with 6 feet of social distancing maintained at all times for passing periods and dismissal at the end of the day.
- Students will not utilize locker spaces and may not linger in hallways during passing.
- Parents arriving to pick up students will wait in vehicle and not enter school building.
- NO shared equipment and supplies.
- Students dismissed for lunch by the teacher, proceed to the cafeteria and go immediately to the assigned space/classroom to eat. Students stay in their assigned space until dismissed.