Ridge Ruxton School’s Opening Information

School hours 8:20-3:10

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment as we welcome students to Ridge Ruxton School. Use this [site](#) to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

### Arrival & Dismissal Procedures
- Arrival time is between 8:20 – 8:50 am. Each bus will be unloaded by Ridge Ruxton staff and students will be escorted to classroom.
- Car riders will enter through side gym door. Staff will arrange classroom staff to escort student to classroom.
- Dismissal begins at 3:10 pm. Students will be escorted individually to their bus by classroom staff.
- Car riders will dismiss through side gym door escorted by classroom staff.

### Screening & Testing (*Safety is Our True North*)
- All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.
- Please use this [checklist](#) to determine if a student should or should not go to school.
- Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.

### Face Covering (*Safety is Our True North*)
**Requirements:** All staff and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:
- The person is alone in a private space.
- The person is eating or drinking.
- The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe.
- The person is under the age of two.
- Face coverings (masks) are **required** for all persons in a BCPS facility or vehicle as well as on BCPS property. This includes Ridge Ruxton school grounds.
- Face coverings (masks) are required by staff during transportation to/from school on a bus as well as outdoors on campuses.

Each teacher and support staff member will have a supply of disposable face coverings for employees who forget their face covering or whose face covering becomes soiled or damaged.

### Social Distancing (*Safety is Our True North*)
**Requirements:** Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:
- Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.
- Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area.
- Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds.
- Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.

### Hand Hygiene (*Safety is Our True North*)
**Requirements:** Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Soap and hand sanitizer will be supplied in classrooms, restrooms, and in common areas for use (i.e., in the main office, outside of the gym, etc.). Handwashing times have been included on daily schedules.
- Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools’ offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.

### Breakfast & Lunch
- Breakfast will be eaten in classrooms and Lunch will be in cafeteria or classroom, allowing for more distancing.
- Ridge Ruxton staff will supervise classes during lunch.
- Students may bring a lunch from home.
- Students will eat during one of the assigned lunch block times between 11:20 am – 1:00 pm.

### Supplies & Devices:
- Student materials will be kept individual to the extent possible and shared materials will be minimized.
- Students will be given individual supplies: manipulatives, notebooks, pencils, crayons, scissors, whiteboard & marker, etc. in a bin or area for individual use for in-person leaning.

### Visitors (*Safety is Our True North*)
- To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment.
- Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible.
- If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing.
- The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.

### Cleaning/Disinfecting (*Safety is Our True North*)
**Requirements:** BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:
- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily.
- Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items.
- Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.

### Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars
- This [site](#) contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS.