Towson High School’s Opening Information

**THS School Bell Schedules**

**A/B Calendar**

**BCPS 2021-2022 Calendar**

In addition to the *Operating Procedures* document (accessible on our website) that was disseminated earlier this summer, please reference the information below for updates. We look forward to a year marked with excellence as we continue to excel beyond tradition.

**Use this site to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.**

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<td><strong>BUS RIDERS</strong></td>
<td>All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.</td>
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<td>• All bus riders are dropped off in the bus loop in the student parking lot off Aigburth Ave.</td>
<td>• Please use this checklist to determine if a student should or should not go to school.</td>
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<td>• All bus riders will report directly to the auditorium in the morning until dismissed unless needing breakfast in cafeteria.</td>
<td>• 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.</td>
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<th>Students that Walk/Transported by Parents</th>
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<td>• Students who are dropped off by parents must be dropped off on Cedar Avenue. Cedar Avenue is a one-way street for this purpose and must be accessed from Hillside Avenue only.</td>
<td>• All student drivers must have a school issued ‘Student Parking Permit.’</td>
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<td>• Car riders will enter the building through the Cedar Avenue entrance.</td>
<td>• Student drivers must apply for a permit using the attached link. <a href="#">Student Parking Permit Application</a></td>
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<td>• Car riders and walkers will report directly to the gymnasium each morning until the first bell unless needing breakfast in the cafeteria.</td>
<td>➢ Students must be logged into their BCPS Google Account to access this application.</td>
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<td>• Cedar Ave doors will be open for students at 7:20 a.m.</td>
<td>➢ Permits will be issued within the first two weeks of school.</td>
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<td>• Students should never be dropped off in the school parking lot unless they need handicapped access.</td>
<td>• Student drivers must park in the student lot only which is located off Aigburth Avenue between the tennis courts and the softball field.</td>
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**Arrival & Dismissal Procedures**

**Screening & Testing** *(Safety is Our True North)*

**Social Distancing** *(Safety is Our True North)*
### Requirements:

All persons, 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.
- The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.

#### 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.

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

- There will be no exchange of money this year, paper or credit. Consequently, snacks will not be sold.
- All breakfast and lunch meals will be provided without cost for all students this school year. Consequently, student lunch accounts will not be needed or used.
- Towson High School has 4 lunch shifts every day. All lunches occur within 3rd period.
- The assigned lunch for A/B days is listed on the student schedule. Lunch times are as follows.
  - Lunch A 11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
  - Lunch B 11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
  - Lunch C 12:00 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
  - Lunch D 12:30 p.m.- 12:55 p.m.
- Students are not permitted to leave the building during their lunch.
- Outside food deliveries are not permitted.
- To facilitate the ongoing need for contact tracing, students will access a QR code as a record of where they sit each day.
- The small cafeteria will be reserved for students that wish to work on assignments.
- Outdoor seating is permissible in the designated patio area.
- At the discretion of a teacher, students are permitted to eat lunch in a classroom when permission is granted, and adult supervision is possible.

### Supplies & Devices:

- Individual teachers will advise their students on what is necessary for classes.
- Students should plan on bringing a pen and pencil and paper to class on the first day of school. All BCPS students use an HP device.
- Students who are new to BCPS and incoming 9th graders will be issued a BCPS student device by September 8th.

Students who are experiencing issues with their device should visit the BCPS Tech Support website to troubleshoot their device.

**BCPS Tech Support Website**

- Students who are unable to resolve an issue with their device through troubleshooting can submit a BCPS Technology Support Ticket or call the Help Desk.
  - **BCPS Technology Support Ticket**
  - BCPS Help Desk Number & Hours:
    - 443-809-4672; M-F 7:00am - 4:15pm
- Students who need their password reset should submit a BCPS Technology Support Ticket.

### 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.
### BCPS Technology Support Ticket

- For all other tech inquiries, contact Mr. Ickes, Towson High School Technology Liaison.

  Contact Mr. Ickes: bickes@bcps.org

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### Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars

- Towson High School has a variety of after-school clubs and student organizations. We encourage all students to get involved as much as possible socially as well as academically. Please access our website for a list of Clubs/Activities.
- Any student who is in the building beyond regular school hours is expected to be in the presence of and supervised by their club sponsor.
- All students are expected to be outside the building after dismissal if waiting for rides.
- Upon completion of practice and/or meeting, students should exit the building immediately.
- This [site](#) contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS.

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### 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.