



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR GLENMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S REOPENING

February 21, 2021

WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to have your child return to our building. Enclosed in this Q&A is some helpful information for you to understand our current plans for our reopening.

We are committed to making the return to the school building a safe, welcoming and positive experience for all our learners, those participating in the virtual or hybrid manner.

1. What is the phased-in process?

If the survey was already completed by the original deadline of February 8th, students in grades Pre-K-2 will return in the hybrid model on the Week of **March 1st**. If a request has not been completed, you may still complete one, but your child's entry will be delayed.

Students in grades 3-5 will return in the hybrid model on the Week of **April 6th**. **In order for Grades 3-5 to return on April 6th**, the survey has to be completed by March 12th. If it is completed after March 12th, your child's entry will be delayed.

Below please find the request link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3cPDSRs_g0GOdLONSDpa_Yk-Ag9vIhRMqxEiiAwoLXZUNjINWVZZQkJRvVpNM1AzODhFVzQwVVMzOC4u.

(after requesting hybrid learning, you will be notified of an entry date)

2. What are the school hours?

In-person Learning 8:30am-3:15pm

Virtual Learning – 8:45am-3:15pm

3. What are cohorts?

After making a request to return to school, your child will be assigned to a cohort or group by BCPS. They are assigned A or B. Students in Cohort C will continue to learn virtually. All siblings attending BCPS public schools will be assigned the same cohort.

Cohort A

*Attends school Monday and Tuesday

*Learns virtually Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Cohort B

*Attends school Thursday and Friday

*Learns virtually Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
Cohort C
 *Learns virtually everyday

4. If I did not request that my child return to in-person instruction yet, can my child return later?

i Yes, your child may return to in-person instruction in the hybrid form by filling out the request (see question 2). The start dates are outlined below.

Audience	Request Date Window (Window closes at 5:00 pm on Fridays)	Start Dates (Start dates applicable to the start day of the individual phases)
Phase 1 - Public Separate Day Schools and	Survey window- February 5	Week of March 1
	February 6- February 19	Week of March 8
Phase 2- Pre- School through Grade 2	February 20 – March 5	Week of March 22
	March 6 – March 12	Week of April 6
Phase 3 – OGE Special Education programs Grades 3 - 12 and Select CTE programs	Survey window- February 12	Week of March 15
	February 13- February 26	Week of March 22
	February 27 – March 12	Week of April 6
Phase 4- Grades 3 through 12	Survey window – March 12	Week of March 22 (Grades 6 & 9 only) Week of April 6
ALL	March 13 – March 26	Week of April 19
	March 27- April 9	Week of May 3
	April 10 – April 23	Week of May 17
	April 24 – May 7	Week of May 31

5. What health and safety protocols are in place at Glenmar Elementary?

Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the building and hand sanitizer will be available in the classrooms. Soap and water for handwashing will also be available. High touch areas will be cleaned frequently. PPE has been purchased for the staff and building. Classroom furniture is arranged to provide 6-foot separation between students, when possible. Also, ventilation systems have been checked and are functioning as designed. Lastly, an isolation room has been established for students that demonstrated Covid-like symptoms until he/she can be picked up by their parent or guardian.

6. Will my child have to wear a face-covering all day?

Face coverings are required for all persons in a BCPS facility or vehicle as well as on BCPS property. Face coverings are required during transportation to/from school on a bus as well as outdoors on campuses. The only exclusion from the face-covering rule is when the students are eating or taking a brief face-covering break outside.

Each school, office, and school bus will have a supply of disposable face coverings for students and employees who forget their face covering or whose face covering becomes soiled or damaged.

If your child's mask does not meet the CDC guidelines, a disposable mask will be provided for the day. Students should not wear masks with vents or bandanas.

7. Will breakfast and lunch be served at school?

i *Glenmar scholars will benefit from the Universal Meal program. **All scholars will be given breakfast and lunch free of charge each day.** Although it is not mandatory, it is a wonderful chance for your child to begin and end each school day with a nutritious meal. A detailed menu will be posted on the school's website.*

8. What does my child need to bring to school each day?

- *Students are expected to bring their **fully charged device along with charger** to in-person learning on their scheduled cohort days.*
- *All students should bring their bookbag along with a pencil case (pencils, highlighters, headphones or earbuds, and dry eraser markers).*
- *Bring a change of clothing, headphones, labeled water bottle, tissues, personal hand sanitizer, and an extra mask.*
- *Lockers will not be available. All bookbags will be placed on the students' chair to access materials as needed.*
- *Students can bring one book from home to read during recess or lunch.*

9. How can I prepare my child for his/her return to school?

- *Let your child know that school is still a safe place. Things may look different, but they are still safe at school.*
- *Explain social distancing and the importance of wearing a face-covering. Have them practice wearing a face covering for several hours at a time if they have not already been doing so.*
- *Set up a routine for sleep and being prepared to leave the house to go to school.*
- *Pack their bookbag the night before (besides the device that should be charging overnight.)*

10. Are visitors allowed in the building?

- *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 covering and practice social distancing.*
- *The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.*
- *Please call the office for assistance at 410-887-0127*

11. What happens if my child is exposed to Covid-19?

If a child develops symptoms, he/she will be removed from the classroom and cared for by the school nurse in the isolation room. The parent will be contacted and the student will be sent home immediately and excluded from in-person school per the Covid-like Illness Protocol. School exclusion will occur for up to 10 days. The school nurse will provide additional information regarding the process. Any person in close contact of a child with Covid-like symptoms will be notified and excluded from school as well. The school nurse will provide additional information regarding the process.

12. What will the school day look like for my child?

During some of the school day, both student in-person and those working virtually will receive instruction at the same time. However, there will be times when the teacher will work with the students in-person, while the students receiving virtual instruction work independently. There will also be times when the students in-person work independently while the students receiving virtual instruction work with the teacher.

13. Will my child have recess if he/she is in-person?

Yes, students will receive recess on a daily basis. Recess will take place outside as long as the weather conditions allow it. Students will not access the playground equipment. It will consist of activities that allow some exercise and some measure of socialization.

At Glenmar, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes that arise in our hybrid process. We appreciate your patience, as we work through the challenges presented and the significant changes to our regular school routines. Thank you for partnering with us.