



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL 2020- 2021

Blenman Elementary School
Principal: Kelly Mack

From the Principal

- Welcome to the 20-21 school year! Even though we are starting the year in unusual circumstances, I am committed to making everyone successful. In my 4th year at Blenman, I could have never imagined that we would be launching the year this way, yet here we are! We will use our creativity and perseverance as we teach and learn with online platforms. When we have in-person learning, we will maintain safety and instruction. Thank you for your understanding and support of our fine school!

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Our Promise...

TUSD has worked hard to create an environment where students can learn at school in a manner that is as safe and healthy as possible. To that end, the following measures have been put in place:

- Signage in hallways and common areas and monitoring by staff to ensure social distancing and one-way traffic flow is adhered to
- Learning spaces are arranged with social distancing in mind; materials that are used only by one student (no sharing); furniture is spaced accordingly with no more than 15 students to classroom
- Procedures are put in place that promote health and safety, such as schedules for handwashing and sanitation, and limiting transitions to other areas of campus
- Ensuring that all staff, students, and visitors on campus follow health and safety guidelines (wearing of masks, use of hand sanitizer when entering the learning space, social distancing)

Areas of Focus for In-Person Instructional Procedures



Arrival to
School and
Breakfast



The Learning
Environment



Transitions



Healthy Play
and Recess
Procedures



Lunch Safety
Procedures



Dismissal

Arrival to School by School Bus

*Things to know
if your
student(s) ride
the bus to
school...*



Buses will arrive to school as close to the morning bell as possible (8:26 am is the current scheduled time)



Upon arrival, students will follow a designated path to their assigned Learning Space (social distancing and one-way directional flow of paths will apply)



Signs will be posted indicating how students should proceed to their Learning Space and staff will be present to direct students to designated paths



Students will pick up their Grab-and-Go breakfast on the way to their Learning Space and eat in their seat.

Arrival to School by Parent Drop Off

Things to know if your student(s) get dropped off at school in the morning...

- Students should be dropped off in the morning as close to start time as possible (no earlier than 8:15)
- Upon arrival, students will follow a designated path to their assigned Learning Space (social distancing and one-way directional flow of paths will apply)
- Signs will be posted indicating how students should proceed to their Learning Space and staff will be present to direct students to designated paths
- Students will pick up their Grab-and-Go breakfast on the way to their learning space and eat in their seat.

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Arrival to School by Walking

- ✓ Students should arrive to school as close to the morning bell as possible (8:15)
- ✓ Upon arrival, students will follow a designated path to their assigned Learning Space (social distancing and one-way directional flow of paths will apply)
- ✓ Signs will be posted indicating how students should proceed to their Learning Space and staff will be present to direct students to designated paths
- ✓ Students will pick up their Grab-and-Go breakfast on the way to their Learning Space. Students will eat at their seat.

The Learning Environment



Students will be assigned to a learning space where they will have access to the technology needed to participate in online learning



A staff member will be assigned to each learning space to monitor and support technology and health and safety practices (wearing of masks, social distancing, facilitate hand washing breaks). **This staff member may or may not be a certified teacher.

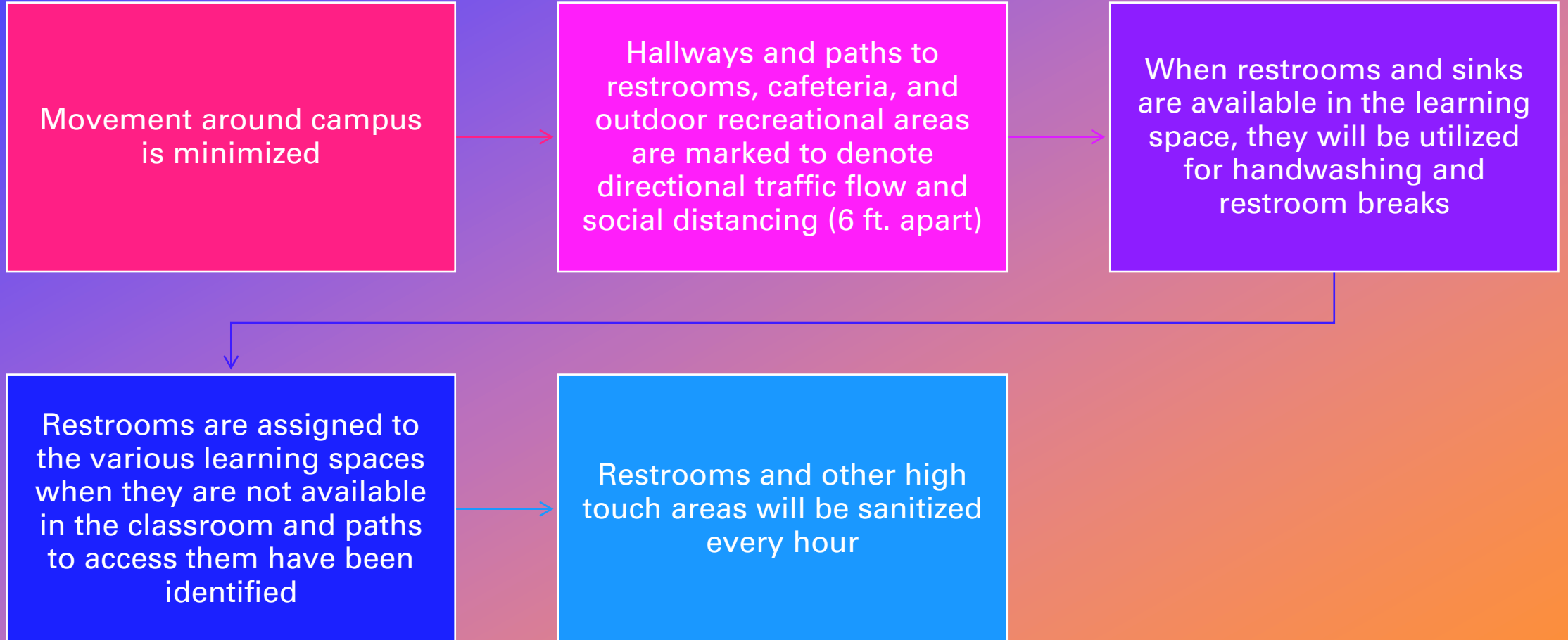


Brain breaks for handwashing and stretching will be facilitated at a minimum of every two hours.



Materials, technology, and work spaces will not be shared among students.

Transitions



Healthy Play and Recess

Areas of the campus have been divided into zones for students to access during recess and breaks – no more than one group will inhabit a learning space at a time

A menu of appropriate activities that encourage social distancing and prohibit sharing of equipment has been created for learning space proctors to use in facilitating activities

One-way directional paths from learning spaces to play zones have been identified and will be used while transitioning to and from these areas

Lunch Procedures

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Students will be escorted to the cafeteria to eat lunch.



Any students that bring their own lunch will be immediately seated at 6 ft placemarkers to eat.



Students needing a Grab-and-Go lunch will line up at 6 ft. markers along the wall, go through the touchless point of sale, get their lunch, and be seated at 6 ft. placemarkers to eat.



The cafeteria and outdoor patio tables will be used to ensure social distancing. No more than 15 students will be in either area at one time.



After eating, students will be escorted to an assigned zone for outdoor play for the remainder of their lunch period. Students will be escorted back to the Learning space after lunch.



Dismissal From School

- ✓ **Students that walk home**
 - Students will be directed to follow the fire evacuation path to the nearest campus exit and proceed home
- ✓ **Student that get picked up by parent/guardian**
 - Students will be assigned to a staff monitored zone near the parent valet line (south of the bus bay on Bentley Ave) to wait for their ride to arrive
 - Once a ride arrives, student(s) will be released to the vehicle via the purple playground gate
- ✓ **Students that ride the bus**
 - Students will be taken to the cafeteria or breezeway to wait for the busses to arrive
 - Once the busses arrive, students will be escorted to the bus bay for departure



Questions?

- Please email Ms. Mack at Kelly.mack@tusd1.org or call the front office at 520-232-6500.

Thank you for choosing Blenman Elementary for your child's education!

