



BASSC Learning Plan 2021-22 School Year

The BASSC community has worked very hard the past 18 months as the COVID-19 pandemic redefined how low-incidence special education services could be delivered. Special recognition goes out to our students, parents, faculty, and staff for their dedication and flexibility during this time. As the COVID pandemic extends into yet another school year, we are hopeful that the 2021-22 school year will look and feel more normal to everyone as we return to full day, full in-person instruction in all of our programs. Nevertheless, this document is intended to communicate the various mitigation measures that will be in place to keep everyone maximally safe, as well as to address how periods of remote instruction will be facilitated during certain orders of quarantine. BASSC has developed its Learning Plan in accordance with guidance and recommendations from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), St. Clair County Health Department, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The principles of this plan are as follows:

- All students and families should have access to quality educational materials and support needed for students to continue making progress on their IEP goals and objectives.
- It is possible and imperative that students access meaningful/high-quality educational materials aligned to their IEP goals and objectives as well as the Illinois Learning Standards.
- It is imperative that students and schools/teachers maintain a personal connection that supports necessary and relevant special education services in a manner which supports that whole child – their mental health, academic needs, nutritional needs, and safety needs.
- Special education and related services offered throughout the pandemic are designed to continue providing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to all students in the BASSC instructional programs.

Instructional Service Delivery

In-Person Learning: This will be the primary mode of instruction unless quarantine orders or medical circumstances dictate the need for remote instruction. A full school day will offered Monday-Friday of each week. Operations such as transportation and food service will be provided and attendance will be taken daily.



Remote Instruction: This method of instruction will be afforded to only the following groups of students under specific criteria:

- Students who are under an order of quarantine consistent with guidance from the local health department or IDPH.
- Students with a documented medical condition/recommendation who would otherwise be eligible for Home/Hospital instruction.

During periods of remote instruction at least five (5) hours of instruction will be delivered per day, including any relevant related services that may be necessary based on the student's IEP. Learning activities will consist of direct instruction, pre-recorded videos, software platform usage, independent work, remote small group work, and conference calls. Attendance will be taken daily and students will be expected to make daily, remote contact with their assigned case manager. Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) will not be implemented by BASSC during periods of remote instruction.

Safety and Wellness

The following rules are subject to change as federal and state guidelines are updated, or as local conditions evolve:

- When students are present, regardless of vaccination status, all staff and students are required to wear an approved face covering while inside the schools and on buses unless medical documentation is provided to the contrary. If a student or staff member has a specific medical condition which affects his/her ability to wear a mask, please contact a school administrator.
- When students are not present, or in BASSC office spaces, staff are required to adhere to the most current and up to date mask guidance in place according to the IDPH and CDC.
- All students and staff are encouraged to maintain social distancing throughout the day to the maximum extent possible.
- All students and staff are encouraged to complete frequent hand washing with soap and water as well as using hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.
- Visitors will be extremely limited and will be required to wear a face covering on all BASSC properties.
- Rigorous cleaning protocols outlined by the IDPH will be followed and hand sanitizer will be available throughout all buildings. Plexiglass partitions will remain in place in common areas.
- Staff and students must stay home when not feeling well. Students who begin exhibiting symptoms of sickness after already arriving at school will be sent home and the IDPH-approved protocol will be followed for returning to school in the future.
- BASSC is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy environment for students and staff, and our health



Communication and Contact Information

Mass communications regarding entire programs or building sites will continue to be sent via School Messenger. However, in the event a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, administration and the county health department will work together to identify all individuals who would be considered potential close contacts of the positive case. BASSC will disclose the potential for exposure with close contacts on an individual basis. The current definition of “close contact” involves being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes. BASSC precautions and protocols will be used for isolating positive cases at school. Depending on the vaccination status of the individual, quarantine protocols may apply. Per current CDC guidance, fully vaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic are not subject to quarantine orders due to close contact exposure.

Please contact the following program administrators with questions or concerns as needed:

Pathways Program

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Autism Program

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Developmental Disabilities Program

- David Workman 618-355-4714 Dave.Workman@bassc-sped.org

In addition, parents are advised to contact their child’s case manager via phone or email anytime the need arises.