



**INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE**

**Welcome back
In-person
Scholars!**



We are ONE Community
Safety is our #1 priority

Our priorities for the 20-21 School Year



★ Safety

★ Academic and
Social &
Emotional
Programming

★ Equity



Outcomes and Overview

The purpose of this slide deck and presentation is to ensure our families are well informed to the various plans and procedures we have put in place.

All decisions have been made to ensure a safe and welcoming return to the building for our in-person learners!

Return to Building Orientation

- During morning Learning Community time on Wednesday 10/14 all scholars who are set to return to the building will participate in an hour long live virtual orientation to ensure they are ready to maneuver all the new policies and procedures.
- This slide deck and presentation will be an introduction to much of the content that the scholars will receive on Wednesday 10/14.
- We will be sure to share the Orientation video/slide deck so that all families can review over the upcoming fall break.
- As always, please call the front office at 720-423-9600 with any and all questions or concerns

Celebrations!

★ **DPS Whole Child Distinguished School**

Bear Valley (in addition to our neighbors Sabin ES and JFK HS have all been named a DPS Whole Child Distinguished School. This is a HUGE accomplishment as out of the total 207 schools in all of DPS there were only 10 selected, 3 of which are in our very own South West Denver!

★ **ACCESS/English Language Development**

At the end of last year, Bear Valley's ELD scholars saw the largest student growth percentile in all of Southwest Denver. We are so YETI proud

★ **International Baccalaureate**

It's official. After a 3 year application process we have accomplished accreditation



1st Week Back into Building

Please mark your calendars!

Fall break - NO school for scholars

Friday 10/16

Monday 10/19

Tuesday 10/20



Wed 10/21 - ALL scholars return to learning

- ★ First day of 6th grade in building
- ★ 7th and 8th graders continue remote

Thursday 10/22

- ★ 6th graders return to building
- ★ First day 7th grade in building
- ★ 8th graders continue remote

Friday 10/23

- ★ All in-person learners in building!
- ★ First day 8th grade



At Home Health Screenings

Scholars will be required to complete health screenings at home prior to leaving for school.

Daily Screening Process: The student or parent/guardian must log into [Student Safe Access](#) COVID-19 screening [tool](#) before entering a school building or school activity site.

We will review this process in greater detail during Scholar Return to Building orientation on Wednesday 10/14 as well as additional communication to families with all the links.

Click here for [At-home symptom screening for parents](#)

Health and Safety Guidelines

These guidelines are given to schools by the Denver Health and DDPHE in collaboration with Denver Public Schools Leadership Team.

- ❖ Health screenings must be completed prior to entry in building
- ❖ Scholars must wear masks
- ❖ Will not use water fountains, scholars must bring their own water bottles.
- ❖ Scholars can be in ONE cohort (same group of students) of up to 35 students for an extended period of time.
- ❖ Scholars will be socially distanced at 6 feet
- ❖ Up to four adults per classroom will rotate in the in-person cohort classrooms each day. Teachers will support 2 cohorts.
- ❖ Cohorts will be assigned one entrance to both enter and exit the building.



Chromebooks

- Scholars will be required to bring in their CHARGED DPS Loaner Chromebook to school everyday. Please ensure your family has a backpack* large enough to safely transport back and forth.
 - ◆ Please call the front office if you do not yet have a DPS Loaner Chromebook
- We are requesting that all scholars practice good charging habits starting now:
 1. Plug Chromebook in everynight in a secure location
 2. Unplug when they log into their 1st Google Meet
 3. Alert the front office if this computer does not hold a charge.

*We have many backpacks at school if you are in need!

Masks ON!



Importance of Masks & Social Distancing

- When do I have to wear my mask?
 - Masks **MUST** be worn at ALL times when inside the building
 - Exception: Can be taken off to eat lunch in the classroom
 - Must be sitting & socially distancing (6 feet) from nearest classmate/teacher
 - All students **MUST** face the same direction while mask is off & eating indoors
- Masks may be taken off when lunch is outside
 - Students **MUST** be sitting in designated cohort lunch area and socially distancing (6 feet)
 - If a student stands up to move around in designated area, their mask must go back on
 - Staff must wear their masks when supervising students outside for student lunch
- Masks must be on at all other times when in the building
 - This includes: During class, in the halls, in the bathroom

Importance of Masks & Social Distancing

What is the correct way to wear a mask?

- Your mask should cover both your nose and mouth at all times!

What does social distancing mean?

- At BVI, social distancing means that you must have your mask on and remain 6 feet away from other people (classmates, teachers and other staff)



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length)
from other people.

6 ft



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Yes to the
green checks!



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Bell Schedule

8:30 - 8:40	10 min	Safe Entry & Morning Wake-Up
8:40 - 8:45	5 min	Transition / Break
8:45 - 9:35	50 min	Block 1
9:35 - 9:45	10 min	Transition / Break
9:45 - 10:35	50 min	Block 2
10:35 - 10:40	5 min	Transition / Break
10:40 - 11:00	20 mins	Second Step w/ LCs
11:00 - 11:30	30 mins	Lunch
11:30 - 12:20	50 mins	Block 3
12:20 - 12:25	5 mins	Transition / Break
12:25 - 1:15	50 mins	Block 4

Morning Arrival

Important Times to Know:

Bell Schedule: 8:30a-1:15p

Free Breakfast: 8:15a-8:25a

Cohort Pickup: 8:25a

*Staff Supervision Begins @ 8:15am

Student Arrival

- **Drop off zones:**

- In front of the building (S Golden Way) = 6th grade
- Basketball Courts (W. Columbia) = 7th grade
- Side Entrance / Bus Entrance (W Bates) = 8th grade

- **Student Breakfast:**

- Students arriving for breakfast will be able to pick-up at their grade level entrance
- Students must eat in designated breakfast zones while maintaining social-distancing guidelines
- All trash must be thrown away

- **Student Entrance:**

- Students will arrive and walk to their grade level/cohort doors
- Students will find their cohort sign/roster and lineup on “Yeti Footprint” (6ft)
- Temperature/Symptom Checks



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Drop-Off, Breakfast & Grade Level Entrances:
8:15a-8:25a

DROP OFF

7th

7th

8th

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DSST: Henry
Middle School

DROP OFF

8th

6th

6th

DROP OFF

S Golden Way

S Golden Way

W Bates Ave

W Bates Ave

What if my child arrives late?

- Students arriving late to school will be welcomed at the main entrance doors (6th grade entrance)
- A member of the Admin Team or RCT will greet the student(s) and administer a temperature and symptom check
- Student will be checked in by the main office and have status updated in Infinite Campus
- Student will be walked to class by staff

Classroom Learning Space

Scholars will remain in the same classroom all day, less outdoor lunch breaks. A total of 4 teachers will rotate in this classroom to provide live instruction.

- Maintain 6' Distance.
- Use hand sanitizer often
- Keep a Personal Water Bottle at your Desk
- Keep your Personal Supplies Personal
- Do Not Share Materials



Bathroom Procedures

- No more than two students in the bathroom at a time
- Only one student from a cohort may be dismissed at a time
- Bathroom system/tracker will be implemented within cohorts
- Each grade level will have a designated bathroom
- Extra staff will be in the hallway to help with supervision
- Water fountains will be off limits. Please be sure your child packs a full water bottle each day.

DPS Food Services

Breakfast AND lunch will continue to be FREE to all DPS students until December 18th, 2020!

All meals will be served in individual grab and go bags/containers.

We are requesting ALL families fill out the required Lunch Application as soon as possible if you haven't already.

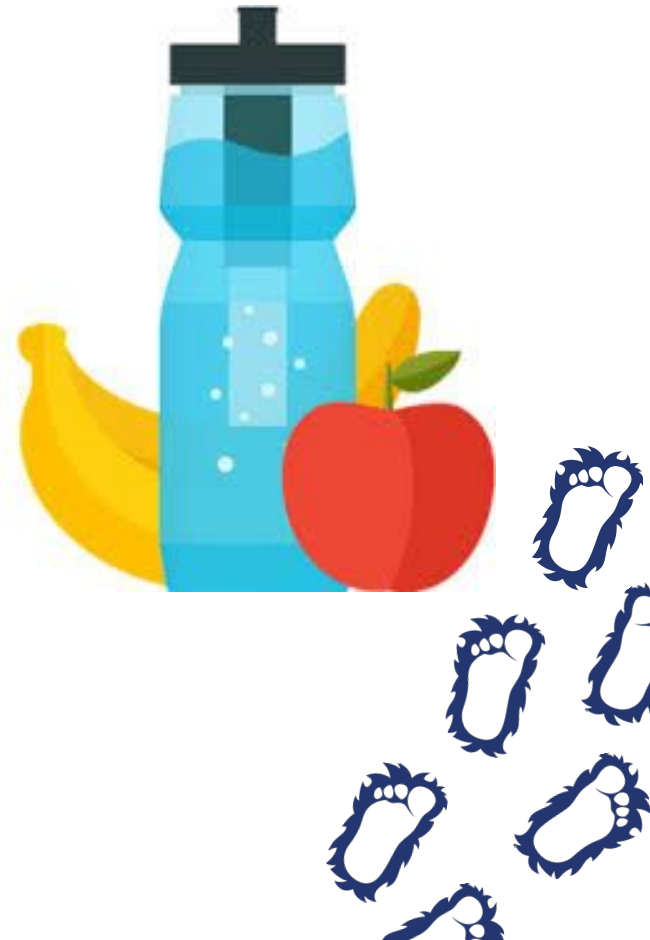
These lunch applications support direct state funding for our scholars

Feed Every Child, Every Day

Food and Drinks

- Keep Personal Snacks personal
- Have a water bottle every day
- Water fountains will be not be used
- Practice good hygiene while eating
- Wash hands before & after eating and/or use hand sanitizer
- Put mask back on after Eating

Maintain Social Distance
Wash Hands Before & After
Do Not Share



Lunch and Recess

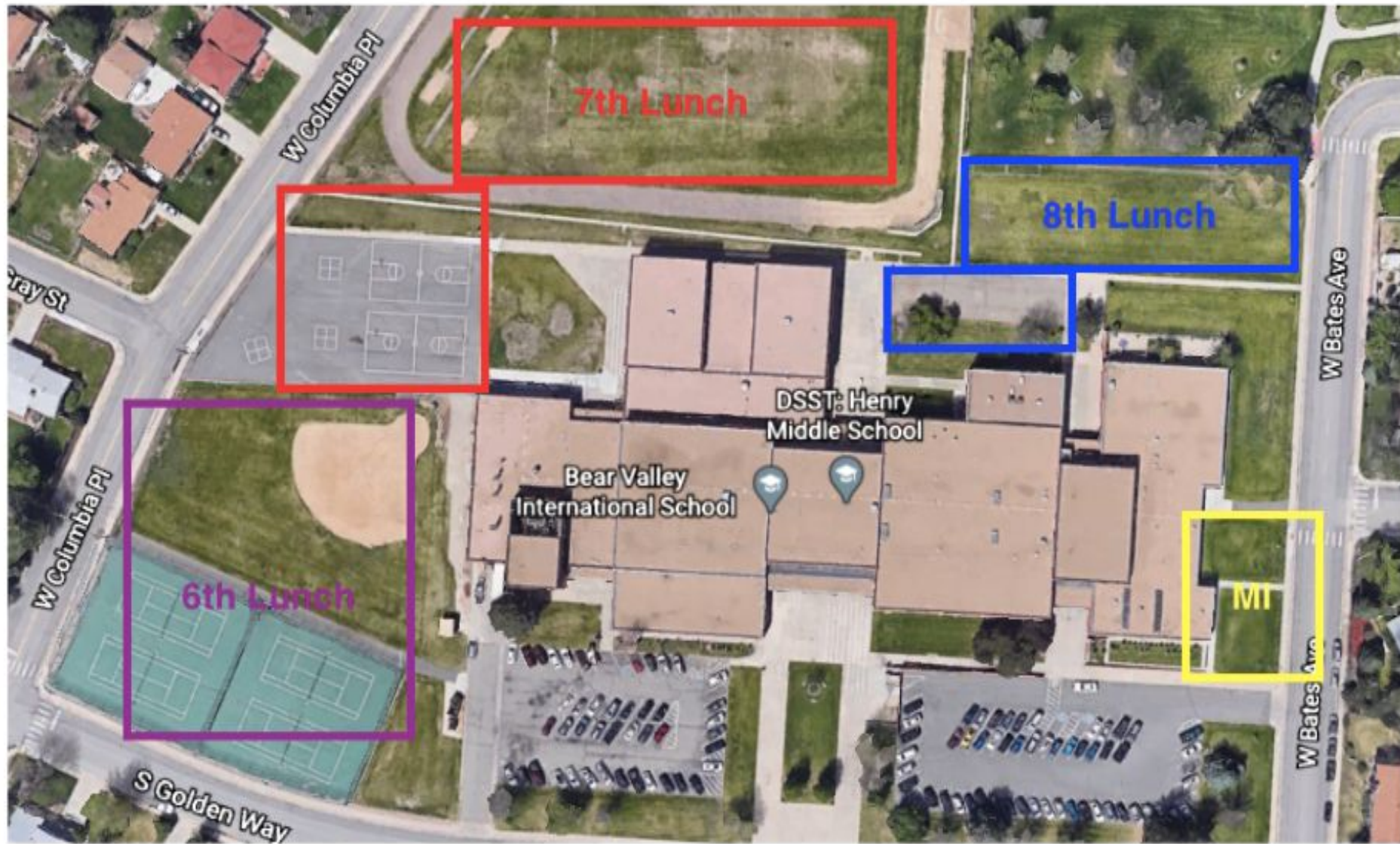
Inside: Inclement Weather Day

- Lunch stations will be set up in a central location of each grade level hallway
- One cohort at a time students will be dismissed and walk, following correct hallway and socially distant procedures, grab their lunch and walk back to class.
- Students must follow mask and social distance guidelines AT ALL TIMES!

Outside:

- Lunch stations will be set up in a central location of each grade level hallway
- Students will walk, following correct hallway procedures, grab their lunch and go through the designate grade level lunch entrance door (see map, slide 21)
- Students must stay in their designated lunch area (see map, slide 19)
- When in designated lunch area, students may take off mask if sitting and social distancing.

Outside Lunch: Map



Dismissal

All scholars will be released at 1:15pm to go home for asynchronous learning

- Students will be dismissed one cohort at a time for each grade level; Admin & RCT will be outside of the classroom door to communicate when to dismiss
- Teacher will lead his/her scholars from classroom to designated exit door (same as AM entry)
- Admin/RCT will be assigned to grade level hallway to help with dismissal
- Scholars will need to be off campus immediately to ensure health and safety
- Asynchronous learning for scholars begins when they get home

Cell Phones and Headphones

Can my child bring their cell phone to school?

YES, but :

- Cell phones must be **powered OFF** as they enter the building.
- Cell phones must **remain in scholars backpacks for the full school day**, this includes recess and lunch time.
- If a scholar is found using their phones during the school day they will be asked to relinquish it to a RCT member to safety

Should my child bring in earbuds or headphones?

YES, but :

- We will have earbuds and headphones for students who do not want to bring in a pair from home
- BVIS is not responsible for any lost/broken earbuds / headphones

What if I have to pick up my child before 1:15pm?

We kindly request you avoid scheduling appointments during the school day. However we understand that sometimes this is unavoidable and scholars will need to be picked up early.

- Office staff will alert grade level administrator of student leaving early
- Staff will pick-up student from classroom and walk them to the main entrance/exit
- Student will be handed off to the family member or guardian
- Adult must have proper identification and be listed as an emergency contact on file before student will be released



Transportation

DPS Transportation is limited to students legally entitled to transportation such as a student with documented disabilities and homeless students.

Please contact DPS Transportation directly to verify if your child is eligible for 720.423.4600



Dress Code

Thanks to the work of Ms. Leon and her scholar led Yeti Den club this year the 20-21 dress code will look different and more relaxed than in previous years.

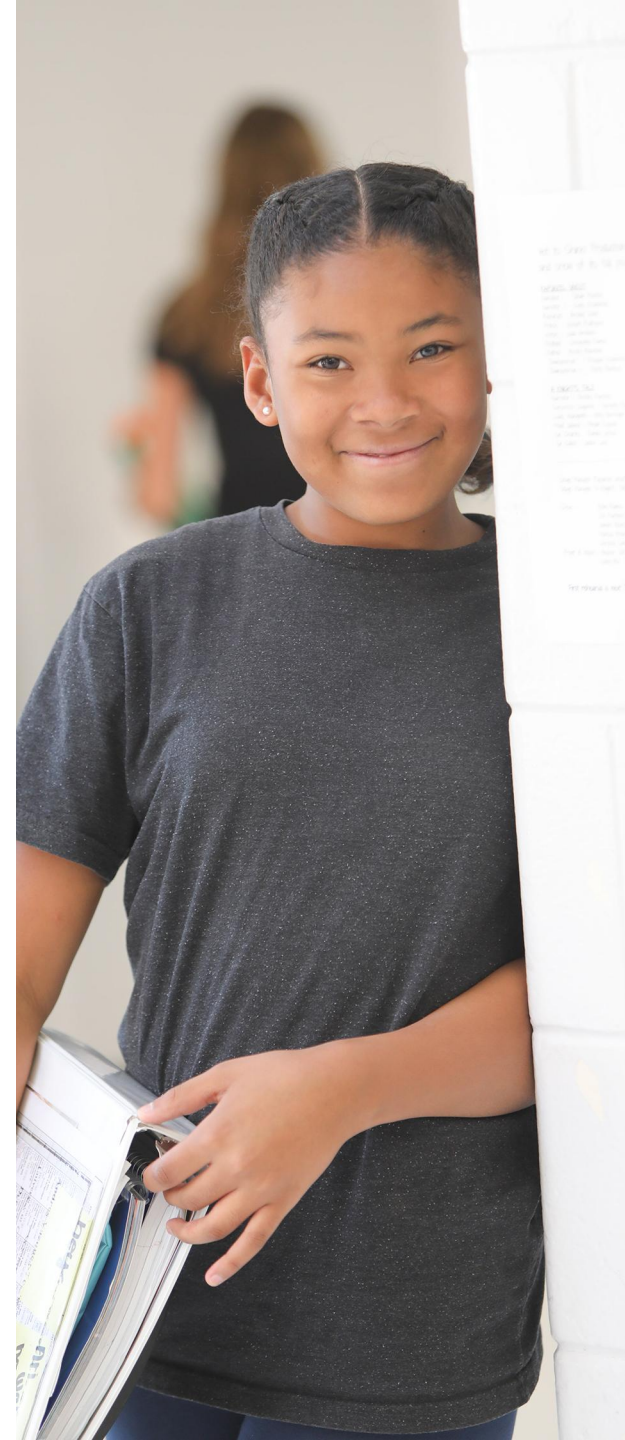
All scholars were able to fill out a dress code survey to ensure we are honoring all voices as we adjust our policies.

Final details will be sent soon but for now know that the decision will be scholar lead with a focus on respect and kindness.

Supporting your scholar at home

Resources to strengthen the school to home connection

- Parent Portal Registration
- Schoology Parent Guide
- [Schoology Parent Video](#)
- Student Schoology Supports



Engaging Our Families & Community

The goal of our engagement opportunities is to ensure families are informed and feeling supported as we continue to serve you and your children

Collaborative Opportunities

- PAC

Principal Advisory Committee meets every month to check in with Principal Leon and make important decisions to continue to strengthen our programming and opportunities for our scholars.

- Check your emails every week
- Reach out if you need help connecting to information!

Communication

- School Messenger
 - voice/email and text
- Flyer App
 - Go to your iTunes or Google App store to download this FREE APP
 - Search Flyer School. Once you have downloaded the app search for Bear Valley International, and look for the BV Crest image
- Facebook @bearvalleyinternational
- Instagram @bearvalleyintl
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