

# **BAKERSFIELD ADVENTIST ACADEMY**

## **RE-ENTRY PLAN 2020-2021**

**PRESENTED BY  
BAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JULY 20, 2020**

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### **MISSION**

EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY

### **VISION**

EDUCATING THE WHOLE STUDENT TO THRIVE SPIRITUALLY,  
SOAR ACADEMICALLY, AND FAITHFULLY SERVE OTHERS



July 21, 2020

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students:

The Central California Conference (CCC) Office of Education recently developed a plan to operate nineteen CCC schools during the 2020-2021 school year. The goal is to reopen school in a person-to-person format with appropriate health and safety precautions. Each school is required to develop a local plan. The following BAA Plan for Re-Entry 2020-2021 provides guidance for both in person and distance learning. Key issues addressed are health & safety precautions, curriculum and instruction, and extra-curricular activities. The plan relies on the CCC re-entry handbook, Kern County Public Health Services Department (KCHD) guidance, and California Department of Public Health Framework for K-12 schools. The BAA plan has been reviewed and approved by the BAA Board of Directors. The plan will continue to be updated as conditions change throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Kern County is currently experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases. This surge has placed us back on the monitoring list. Consequently the BAA Board of Directors determined that it is best to plan for distance learning to start the school year. We are anxious to meet in person as soon as possible and will assess conditions September 10 with the intent of starting in person learning September 21. Our first day of school is August 20—our first day of distance learning.

It is important to know that Adventist education will continue to focus on the academic, physical, social, and spiritual development of every student during these challenging times. We are very proud of the way our teachers embraced and delivered remote learning during the fourth quarter this past school year. We are grateful for parents who helped us teach their students at home. Whether students are in their classroom or learning remotely at home we are eager to strengthen partnerships between school and homes, teachers and parents while we provide the best possible education for all our students. We are committed to provide consistent quality distance learning instruction for all our students when local conditions mandate students stay at home.

Whatever we encounter in the days and months ahead, know that our Lord and Savior has promised to be with us and sustain us. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Schwartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Schwartz".

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Principal

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# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## Campus Access

Access to campus is limited to students, parents or guardians, teachers, support staff, and essential volunteers and services.

- Faculty and staff will monitor their health daily, ensuring that their temperature is below 100.4. They will stay home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. All faculty and staff must wash hands when entering and leaving campus. Employees will be screened daily by office staff. Substitute teachers will be screened in the same manner as teachers.
- Parents and guardians will remain in their vehicle and maintain physical distancing when dropping off and picking up students. All parents and guardians must sign in at the office if they wish to speak with school personnel. Parents and guardians will be limited to waiting in the office unless they have an appointment on campus with an individual. Family member visits are limited to one at a time and must have an appointment. Parents are expected to screen students before leaving for school and keep students at home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or have had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19. Parents must use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving campus facilities.
- Students will be screened daily for symptoms upon arriving at school. Students will be asked about COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in their home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test. A no-touch thermometer will be used to ensure that temperatures are below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Students must wash hands when entering and leaving the campus. Students will be dismissed from the classroom at the end of the school day. Students who develop symptoms during school hours will be isolated in designated health and safety rooms in the elementary and high school. Parents will be contacted to immediately pick up their student.
- Volunteers and essential services personnel will be screened upon entering the campus. Volunteers will be limited to assisting as directed by administration with the understanding of limiting interaction with students unless otherwise instructed.



**< 100.4° F**  
**< 36° C**

## Hygiene

Staff and students will receive training for hand washing, hand sanitizing, cleaning and disinfecting, and covering cough and sneezes.

- **Handwashing** is required upon arriving and leaving home or school, after playing outside, after having close contact with others, using shared surfaces/tools, after blowing nose, coughing, and sneezing, and before and after preparing food.
  - Scrub with soap for at least 20 seconds
  - Opportunities for frequent handwashing will be provided
  - Paper towel dispensers are provided in all restrooms, labs, workrooms, and elementary classrooms. Hand blowers in restrooms are disabled.
  - Fragrance-free hand sanitizers will be provided in classrooms, offices, workrooms, and chapel.
- **Sanitizers** should be used before entering school, the classroom, and between classes.
- **Cover Cough and Sneezes**
  - Use tissue to wipe the nose
  - Cough and sneeze into tissue



- Throw tissues in the trash
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if water isn't available.
- In the event that tissue is not available cough or sneeze inside of your elbow

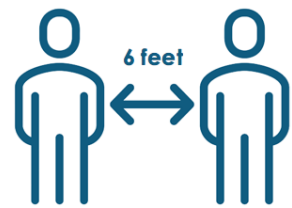
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

- Custodial staff will daily clean and disinfect all areas used by students and staff. After disinfecting, outside air will be circulated in classrooms and offices.
- In addition to daily cleaning and disinfecting by custodial staff, all employees and students in upper grades should clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces including desks, tables, door knobs, light switches, countertops, handles, phones, keyboards, faucets, sinks, and playground equipment.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them with detergent or soap and water prior to disinfecting.
- Cleaning and disinfecting solutions and towels will be readily available in every classroom, office, and common area.
- Upper grade students and staff should take precautions to wipe down their areas after use.



## Physical Distancing

- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet in all campus spaces.
- Minimize movement of students, educators, and staff as much as possible between rooms.
- Separate areas outside the classroom will be designated for each elementary classroom.
- All individuals must wear face coverings that cover the mouth and nose consistent with public health guidance. Masks are required to mitigate virus spread.
- Face coverings will be available to guests.
- Where necessary, physical barriers will be installed.



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## Personal Protective Equipment

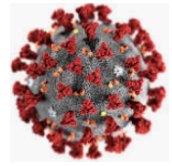
A high quality face covering shall be used as a form of personal protective equipment. All students, staff, and visitors must cover mouths and noses with a high-quality cloth face covering in accordance with California Department of Public Health. Two face coverings will be provided for staff and students. Face coverings will be provided when staff or students arrive on campus without a face covering. Training will be provided to staff and students on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings. Face coverings protect other people in case the wearer is infected. They should not be used during strenuous exercises such as Physical Education classes or recess. They are not recommended for those with trouble breathing, unconscious, incapacitated, or unable to remove the covering without assistance.



- Faculty and staff will wear face coverings. Surgical masks, face shields, and disposal gloves will be provided for staff conducting symptom screening. Custodial staff will be provided with equipment and PPE for cleaning and disinfecting. Gloves will be provided for regular surface cleaning and disinfecting. For deep cleaning and COVID-19 disinfecting, disposable gown, gloves, eye protection, and mask will be provided. Training on hazardous chemicals will be provided for those using cleaning and disinfecting products.
- Students will use face coverings upon entering the campus, while on school grounds, while leaving school, and while on school transportation. Physical distancing is required when eating, drinking, and during strenuous activities for P.E. and recess, at which time masks are not required.

## Positive COVID-19 Cases

When a student, teacher, or staff member or member of their household tests positive to COVID-19 and has exposed others at the school:



- Seek medical care from health care provider in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and KCHD guidelines.
- Alert the school office as soon as possible to ensure the individual can be provided with resources, and in the case of a student testing positive provide distance learning.
- Administration will communicate with KCHD to implement local protocols.
- In accordance with standard guidance for isolation at home after close contact, the classroom or office where the COVID-19 positive individual was based will be closed temporarily as students or staff isolate.
- Additional close contacts at school outside the classroom should also isolate at home.
- The area(s) exposed to the COVID-19 positive individual will be disinfected in accordance with CDC and KCHD guidelines.
- Additional areas of the school visited by the COVID-19 positive individual may also need to be closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfection.
- Administration, in consultation with KCHD and CCC Office of Education, will assess when school closure is warranted and the length of time based on the risk level within the school or community. The BAA Board will approve the school closure plan.
- Distance learning will be provided for students when in quarantine.

## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

BAA will continue to provide quality education both at school and when students are required to be at home. The curriculum will remain the same whether in school or at home, emphasizing meeting the adopted standards. From the beginning, students will be familiarized with delivery platforms used for distance learning to provide for easy transition should students be required to be at home due to COVID-19. Distance learning will be provided for students with related underlying health risks.

### Delivery Platforms

A variety of digital and virtual resources will be used to provide quality online education including the following and others to be adopted as needed.

- Google Classroom
- Seesaw
- Zoom
- GoGuardian
- IXL Math & Language Arts
- Raz-Kids
- Spelling City
- Email
- YouTube
- Hard copy learning packets



### Equipment

- All students using electronics at school are required to agree to and sign the Acceptable Use Policy as published in the School Bulletin.
- On campus, Chromebooks are deployed one-to-one for grades 1-12. Chromebooks remain at school for in-person learning.



- Distance learning activities are accessible by personal computers, tablets, and cell phones.
- During distance learning, Chromebooks are checked out to go home with students who need them for their schoolwork.
- Personal devices may be used in school for educational purposes. Refer to the Bring Your Own Device Policy in the School Bulletin. Parents and students are required to agree to and sign the Bring Your Own Device Policy form prior to bringing the device to school.

### **Spiritual Programming**

Worships provide an essential venue for supporting spiritual and emotional health of students and teachers in these challenging times. Regular worships for spiritual nurture will be coordinated by teachers and administration during distance learning. Worships will include Zoom sessions, spiritual online resources, pastor and guest presentations, and hard copy packets for students who need them.

### **Testing**

The MAP test will be administered online three times during the school year. Should it become necessary to administer the MAP test while students are distance learning, teachers will proctor the tests through Zoom.

### **Scheduling**

Consistent instructional schedules, published well in advance, will be followed when students are at home during distance learning. When possible, schedules will be coordinated to accommodate families with two or more elementary children in different classrooms.

### **Communication**

- Teachers will communicate with students and parents via email, Google Classroom, Seesaw, and Zoom.
- Teachers will foster a solid working relationship with parents, especially during distance learning.
- Teachers will regularly communicate with parents via phone, text, email, and Zoom. During distance learning Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be conducted on Zoom.
- Administration will communicate with parents through Parent Alert that utilizes email and text messages. Parents may contact the principal, Mike Schwartz, any time at 661.859.8715.S

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **Back to School Events**

Gathering events on campus are suspended until further notice. Events such as Back to School Open House, classroom orientation meetings with parents/students, and other events will be conducted virtually.

### **Virtual Gatherings**

School assemblies, rallies, weeks of prayer, and other school similar student activities may take place in accordance with CDC and KCHD guidance.

**Music Classes and Programs** Choir and band are not permitted until further notice. CCC is facilitating a special virtual meeting with a select group of music teachers and a designee from the Education Department to make music instruction recommendations to the CCC Extra-curricular Taskforce.

### **Athletic Events**

A special virtual meeting will take place with a select group of CCC Friendship Games Commissioners and a designee from the CCC Education Department to recommend procedures and protocols for athletics and physical education. The virtual meeting will take place after the California Interscholastic

Federation and National Federation of High School Association produces protocols concerning interscholastic athletics.

### **Field trips**

Off-site field trips are suspended until further notice. Teachers will arrange for virtual field trips aligned with curriculum and traditional off campus activities.

### **Transportation**

When off campus events are approved, physical distancing and masks are required on transportation provided by the school. It is recommended that families transport their student(s) for extra-curricular activities. Physical distancing is required when loading, unloading, and congregating during the event.

### **Out-of-Union Trips**

Planning for Out-of-Union/Overnight Trips within the United States of America is permitted. The formal trip request to CCC Board of Education may be made when the destination is open for visitors as stipulated by the health department and civic authorities at the destination. Any approved trips planned must be fully refundable.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

### **Food Service**

Preparing and serving lunches on campus is suspended until further notice. Families will provide lunches for their students. In the rare case that a student arrives on campus without a lunch, administration will make certain the student has lunch.

### **Before and After School Care**

Before and after school supervision will be provided. The playground will not open for before school and after school supervision.

- Students may arrive on campus no earlier than 7:00 a.m. Students must wear face coverings and maintain physical distancing. Students will be assigned spaces by the supervisor in compliance with physical distancing.
- Parents should pick up students at 3:15 p.m. (elementary) and 3:30 p.m. (high school) Monday through Thursday and 12:00 p.m. (elementary) and 12:15 p.m. (high school) on Fridays. Students will remain in their classroom until dismissed by the teacher. Physical distancing must be maintained. Students remaining after 3:45 p.m. will be placed in after school supervision. The after school supervision fee is \$50 per month and \$5 per day for occasional use. Students remaining after 4:00 p.m. will be charged a \$10 late pick up fee for every 15 minutes remaining in after school supervision. Parents who need additional after school supervision services should apply to administration for those services.

## **CHANGES & UPDATES**

This plan is subject to change as conditions and guidance require. Updates will be communicated via email and text message. For more information contact principal Mike Schwartz by email at [mschwartz@bakerfieldacademy.org](mailto:mschwartz@bakerfieldacademy.org) or by text or cell phone at 661.859.8715.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31