



We want to thank you for completing registration. With the information you provided regarding preferences for remote versus on-campus learning for your students, we were able to look at the true numbers of students who will be physically in our classrooms. This has helped us to make some important decisions regarding classroom capacities while keeping the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff at the forefront of our decision-making.

Based on guidance from Ball State University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we are able to maintain seating distance recommendations in our elementary through 6th grade classrooms. This will allow our Kindergarten through 6th grade students to start, as planned, on Wednesday, August 5 with a combination of remote and on-campus learners. We will be able to provide spacing to keep on-campus students physically distanced in their classes and more easily manage contact tracing.

Due to furniture and capacity restrictions in the middle and high school, seating distance proves more difficult for Grades 7 - 12. For this reason, we are planning a phased reopening for our 7th through 12th grade students. This means that students will begin instruction remotely starting on August 5 until they are phased in by grade level.

Due to unexpected delays in receiving additional protective equipment for our classrooms, we plan to phase in 7th and 8th grade students who chose on-campus instruction as soon as all equipment has arrived. The 7th grade students who chose on-campus instruction should expect to start on August 17 (at the earliest) and our 8th grade on-campus students on September 8th. We will keep you updated often on those plans. Students should check their Canvas email for messages from individual teachers about how to engage with their course while they are learning remotely.

Our 9th- 12th grade students, regardless of selection at registration, will begin the school year as remote learners. Students should check their Canvas email for messages from individual teachers about how to engage with their course. It is our goal to have our on-campus high school students return to Burris by the end of September.

As ever, thank you for your support and flexibility as we work together to navigate this ever-evolving landscape.