

We wanted to share with the students, staff and community a list of potential scenarios that could be our reality for our “back to school plans” this fall. Please keep in mind that this situation has been very fluid and is changing every day. Our administrative team will continue to monitor the information coming from the state and adjust based on the most current health and educational information. This decision will not be made lightly and we will do everything in our power to choose what is best for our students and staff to keep them safe, healthy and happy. Further, being a government funded entity, we will be required to comply with any mandated policies that come down from the State or MDE. Some of these may be controversial, yet beyond our control. For now, we know that we have three scenarios that are likely for next year.

1. Full face to face instruction
  - a. This will be the ideal scenario and the one we are hopeful for, but it will be completely dependent on the situation and whatever guidelines are in place at the time. We firmly believe that our students will be best served in the structured environment that we can offer here at school. There is no substitute for the personal relationships that are built in this setting. Teachers are able to provide interventions and support immediately based on what they see in the classroom.
  
2. Hybrid of face to face instruction & online learning
  - a. While this is not our first choice, this could be a functional model and would be better than what we experienced this spring. Students would be in social-distanced classrooms for approximately 2 days a week. Hypothetically, half of our students would attend on Monday/Tuesday and the other half would attend on Thursday/Friday. Direct instruction and remediation would take place on days that they are here. Assignments would be delivered online for the remaining days of the week.
  
3. Full online
  - a. In the event that we are unable to return in the fall, we would continue in a model similar to what we had this spring with the use of Google Classroom and Zoom. We have learned a lot about online delivery of instruction over the past couple of months and we will continue to hone our skills and practices. In the mind of our administration, this is the least desirable option and we will pursue it only if we must.

We recognize that not all of our Aggie family may be ready to return to face to face instruction in the Fall. For any Aggies, who wish to remain an online student, they can through Beal City Public Schools. We will have this option available, regardless of the format we are in, for any families that need it.

No matter what Scenario we end up with we will continue to use Google Classroom as our Learning Management System (LMS) and Powerschool as our Student Information System (SIS) so we are ready for any change that could take place in the future, as we could have to change from one learning scenario to another. These tools also help with “School to Home” communication that we are always trying to improve upon here at Beal City Public Schools.