

# Brecksville-Broadview Heights PreK-5 Elementary School

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-and-ANSWERS

As the BBHCS D family continues the exciting movement towards transitioning to the new PreK-5 elementary school, the district proactively shares this question-and-answer document to help address important related topics. Please review this document below and feel free to contact us at any time.

### **Is the new school following a “community” learning style where kids are all mingled together in the halls/community areas?**

*Brecksville - Broadview Heights Elementary school is set up in learning communities: Kindergarten and first, second and third, and fourth and fifth. The preschool will have its own entrance on the north side of the building. The building administrators will be housed in each learning community as well.*

### **Is part time kindergarten going to be offered?**

*If a parent options for half day kindergarten, the district will honor that request.*

### **Will Kindergarten and 5th graders be on the same bus? If yes, will seats be separated by age/grade?**

*All elementary students will ride the bus together. Typically, the youngest students sit in the front of the bus.*

### **Is the building big enough for grades K-5?**

*The building is large enough to accommodate our K-5 students in the BBHCS D.*

### **How long will lunch be?**

*Students will have approximately one hour for lunch and recess. If students need more lunch time, they will be offered more time prior to sending them to recess.*

### **Will the students be allowed to tour the new building with parents to help get acclimated?**

*We are planning events for our students and families to tour the building prior to the start of school. There will be a community event with guided tours as well as meet-the-teacher events with our students.*



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***What safety measures (e.g., doorstops, locks) will the new building employ to help guard against an active shooter?***

*The building is well equipped with the most up-to-date safety equipment. The specifics cannot be disclosed to the public. A full time Student Resource Officer (SRO) will also be housed at BBHES.*

***Will there be cameras in the classrooms to accommodate kids missing due to illness/quarantine/remote learning needs?***

*The district does not plan to have remote learning options for 2022-2023 at this time.*

***What time will school start and end each day?***

*School will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 8:45 a.m. as no supervision will be available. Beekeepers will offer before and after school care for families who may need this service.*

***How do students with mobility disabilities utilize elevators during the school day? What about in case of a fire when the elevator is not operable? How accessible will the playground be for wheelchairs?***

*BBHES is equipped with two elevators for students/staff to use if needed. Safety plans will be developed to ensure the safe evacuation of all students in the event of an emergency in the building.*

***Will students be placed with students from their current class and elementary school?***

*Classes will be created based on student need. Students from all schools will be mixed throughout the grade-level.*

***Will students on IEPs be kept with their same speech pathologist/case managers for consistency purposes?***

*Students will not be guaranteed to be with their same service provider or case manager since many of the intervention specialists will be servicing specific grades.*

***Will the staffing reductions impact my child's educational experience?***

*BBHES will continue to educate our students at the highest levels to best meet their needs and focus on academic and social-emotional growth. Enrollment and student need dictate staffing in the district. Programs and activities have not been cut due to staffing reductions.*

**Will ALL of the preschool be moving into the new building?**

*We will have more information in March. As of now, all PreK-5 students will be at BBHES.*

**Do the classrooms have solid or movable walls?**

*Each classroom will have solid walls. A few classrooms have retractable dividers in the event that teachers need to have individual spaces. Those spaces have multiple doors as well.*

**Will there be a slide from the second floor to the first floor?**

*The design of BBHES is definitely student-centered. There is a slide from the second floor of the building to the first floor. There are also activity walls and interactive floor tiles throughout the building for our students.*

**Will there be lockers for 5th graders with combination locks?**

*Students in PK -1<sup>st</sup> grade will have cubbies for coats, boots, lunches, etc. Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will have lockers. These lockers will not have locks or combinations.*

**What will class sizes be?**

*The district will continue to follow the process used in the past to determine class size for each grade level.*

**On what floor will 5th grade classrooms be?**

*Grades K, 2, and 4 are on the first floor. Grades 1, 3, 5 are on the second floor. Preschool is also on the first floor.*

**Will there still be a 5th grade social and if so, will that be held in the gym/field house in October around Halloween?**

*These events are planned by PSO. Committees will be meeting to create fun, unique experiences for our kids. Please note: The field house will be used by the City of Brecksville during after school hours.*

