



# Bristol Tennessee City Schools

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## COVID-19 Communication

### Choosing In-Person vs. Remote

We are excited for the opportunity to welcome students back for in-person learning beginning August 24. However, we understand the difficulties parents and guardians are facing when making the decision whether to send their child back in-person or continue with remote instruction. In order to help parents make a more informed choice, we have a detailed [In-person Learning Guide](#) and a [Remote Learning Guide](#), as well as the checklist included in this document outlining some of the major considerations of each pathway. As a reminder, preschool students do not have the option to participate in remote learning.

#### ELEMENTARY (K-6)

Elementary in-person instruction will take place five days per week on a regular schedule.

#### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL (7-12)

Vance and Tennessee High in-person instruction will be on a hybrid schedule.

Monday/Tuesday: Students with last names beginning with A-L will attend in person.

Thursday/Friday: Students with last names beginning with M-Z will attend in person.

Wednesday: All students will be remote with a combination of asynchronous learning, synchronous learning, and small group support for at-risk students.

#### DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR LEARNING PATHWAY?

**If you would like to change your original learning pathway selection for your child**, you may call your child's school. Or, each school has a link on the home page of the school website for parents to complete a form to indicate their desire to make a change to learning pathways. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the school. The deadline to make a change is **Friday, August 28**.

**DON'T NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE?** If you plan to continue with the learning pathway selection you originally made for your child in July, you DO NOT need to do anything additional.



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### Considerations for Parents When Choosing In-Person or Remote Learning

IN-PERSON instruction may be a good choice for your child if ...	REMOTE instruction may be a good choice for your child if ...
<input type="checkbox"/> My family understands and is willing to accept the risks associated with being in a social situation due to COVID-19.	<input type="checkbox"/> My family is not willing to accept the risks associated with being in school buildings due to COVID-19.
<input type="checkbox"/> My child is in kindergarten through third grade. (Younger learners are not as independent as older learners making online learning more challenging for some of them.)	<input type="checkbox"/> My child or a household member is medically at-risk.
<input type="checkbox"/> The benefits my child receives from face-to-face support at school—academically, socially, or emotionally outweigh the risks associated with the virus.	<input type="checkbox"/> My child is not willing to follow the safety protocols, such as wearing a mask and social distancing.
<input type="checkbox"/> The caregivers in our home have work schedules that prohibit my child from following the expected schedule for remote learning during the day.	<input type="checkbox"/> My household has reliable internet service.
<input type="checkbox"/> My household does not have reliable internet service.	<input type="checkbox"/> My child can be successful maintaining a schedule independently and staying on-task in a remote learning environment.
<input type="checkbox"/> My child has difficulty maintaining a schedule independently and staying on-task outside of the classroom setting.	<input type="checkbox"/> My child prefers remote instruction.
<input type="checkbox"/> My child prefers in-person learning.	