

# BTCS Parent Survey: School Reopening Summary

(Surveys Completed: 2,612)

## 1. What school does your child attend?

Grade	Responses	Grade	Responses
Anderson	181	Holston View	302
Avoca	340	Vance	390
Fairmount	222	Tennessee High	782
Haynesfield	395		

## 2. What grade level will your child be entering in fall 2020?

Grade	Responses	Grade	Responses
PreK	1.61%	6th	7.70%
K	4.98%	7th	7.73%
1st	7.54%	8th	7.39%
2nd	7.89%	9th	7.35%
3rd	8.12%	10th	7.73%
4th	8.58%	11th	6.85%
5th	8.42%	12th	8.12%

## 3. My preference for my child returning in the 2020-2021 school year is as follows:

Attend school on campus	60.89%
Participate in school online	20.48%
Undecided at this time	18.63%

## 4. Please share any additional comments or concerns you would like for us to consider.

Parents provided 1,306 comments on the survey. The comments were beneficial in helping the district understand and respond to parent concerns for each return-to-school scenario. Below is a summary of the most prevalent concerns.

Most common reasons parents will choose for their children **to attend school on campus**:

- Structure and normalcy provided to children by attending school on campus
- Work schedules which do not permit parents to be home with their children and assist with online school (For children too young to be home alone, many parents must pay for children to be in a group childcare setting.)
- Benefits of social interactions with peers and adults
- Face-to-face instruction preferred due to concerns that their children are learning less with online instruction

Most common reasons parents will choose for their children **to participate in online instruction**:

- Health concerns about their children or other family members being exposed to COVID-19 (In many cases, these concerns are based on students or family members with compromised immune systems.)
- Too soon to send their children back to school on campus

Most common reasons parents are **undecided at this time**:

- Need more information about what the schedule and school setting will be before making a decision
- Waiting until closer to the time school starts to evaluate community spread of the virus at that time
- Continuing to weigh their desire for their children to attend school on campus versus their health concerns related to COVID-19

**Other main takeaways** from the survey were that parents want the district to consider:

- Be prepared for instruction on campus and online should there be changes in the community spread of the virus in our region
- Implement reasonable health and safety measures to decrease risk, such as recommended disinfection practices
- Make masks optional and not required