

Bellville Independent School District

2020-2021
EXTRACURRICULAR
GUIDELINES

LEARNERS TODAY. LEADERS TOMORROW.

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In Bellville ISD, we believe that students learn best when they are connected to their strengths and interests. Extra curricular activities play a vital role in helping discover and develop their talents, interests, and passions.

BELLVILLE ISD EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES_____

Events

Please see our website for event schedules.

Event venues will be limited to 50% capacity.

Please see admission details and health protocols in place for events hosted by BISD.

Admission

Junior High & Sub Varsity events will have ticket sales at the door. Admittance will close when capacity restrictions are met.

Varsity Volleyball:

Parent/Family Entrance Cards will be issued to parents for guaranteed ticket purchase at the door. Non-card holders will be eligible to purchase onsite tickets until capacity is reached.

Varsity Football, Band, Cheer, & Brahmadoras:

Reserved Tickets: August 11-21
Parent Tickets: August 28-Sept. 4
General Admission:
Dependent upon capacity availability.



Health

Participants and fans are expected to:

- Screen for COVID-19 risk factors prior to arrival.
- Comply with requirements to wear a face covering while onsite at events;
- Comply with social distancing guidelines;
- Follow precautionary hygiene practices such as hand-washing & sanitizing.

Info

See our website at
www.bellvilleisd.org/athletic_department
for more information or call our
Central Administration Office
at (979) 865-3133.



Extracurricular Activities, Assemblies, & Programs

PROTOCOLS & OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

ASSEMBLIES, & EVENTS

Bellville ISD believes that authentic learning happens when students enjoy the learning process. We see learning come to life through the dedication and effort our students put into preparing for extracurricular and co-curricular activities, assemblies, and events.

For the 2020-2021 school year, BISD will continue to host and support student participation in all extracurricular and co-curricular activities that are orchestrated by local, area, state, and national organizations such as UIL and FFA.

We will coordinate local assemblies and events such as Grandparents Day, Constitution Day, Thanksgiving Luncheons, Band Concerts, Theater Productions, and Christmas programs in accordance with what is allowable per the guidelines published by the Governor, the Texas Education Agency, and the Center for Disease Control at the time the events are being coordinated.

ONLINE LEARNERS PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students who choose to engage in learning online will be welcome to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities including:

- UIL One Act Play, Theater Production, & Thespian Society
- Academic UIL Events
- Speech & Debate
- Athletics
- Band & Color Guard
- Cheerleading
- Brahmadoras
- FFA Judging & Leadership Teams
- FFA Stock Show Participants
- Science Olympiad
- Robotics
- FCCLA
- Skills USA
- NHS/NJHS
- Student Council
- Art Shows/Competitions

For certain activities, such as those that are heavily dependent upon team and group coordination, online learners may be required to be onsite during the period of the day assigned to the team/group for onsite learners. Example: varsity boy athletes may be required to attend onsite during 2nd and 6th periods each day. For details regarding onsite requirements for specific activities, please contact the appropriate sponsor/coach/director.

Online learners who come onsite to participate in extracurricular activities will be required to comply with all onsite health protocols including certification of COVID-19 health screening, daily temperature screenings, hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, and compliance with expectations to wear cloth face coverings when appropriate relative to the nature of the activity and presence on campus.

EXTRACURRICULAR TRAVEL

BISD will coordinate travel to and from events and host onsite events in alignment with UIL requirements and recommendations (to the extent possible). At this time, UIL guidelines include requirements for student athletes to wear cloth face coverings while on buses traveling to and from events.

Additionally, UIL recommends distancing between students on buses to the greatest extent possible. Details on how this standard will be met will be communicated out by our coaches specific to the size of our teams, availability of district drivers for additional buses, and the travel distance of off-site competitions.

EXTRACURRICULAR COMPETITION VENUES

Currently, districts must limit attendance at extracurricular activities to no more than 50% capacity for the site. While onsite, audience members from separate households must be seated with distance in between.

BISD procedures for hosting onsite extracurricular competitions and processes to limit capacities will be communicated out specific to each event. Please see www.bellvilleisd.org/athletic_department and the BISD Facebook page for the most up to date information.



Highlights from U.I.L. Guidelines

MITIGATION GUIDELINES

Changes to the public health situation may necessitate changes to this guidance. Schools should be prepared for the possibility of interruptions in context schedules. Schools should take their local context into account and follow all state requirements when considering UIL Activities.

FACE COVERINGS

All employees, parents, visitors, and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the context.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS:

- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- While a person is consuming food or drink;
- When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing.

GENERAL OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Schools must post plans to mitigate risks on the homepage of school websites or other easily accessible areas of the school website. These plans do not require UIL or TEA approval.

REQUIRED SCREENING

- Schools must require staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in UIL activities or entering areas where UIL activities are being conducted.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the below conditions for re-entry are met.
- Schools must consider screening students for COVID-19 as well which may be accomplished through verbal response to screening health questions.
- Before visitors are allowed access to areas where UIL activities are being conducted, school systems must screen all visitors to determine if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab confirmed with COVID-19.
- Schools are permitted to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into school facilities or sites where UIL activities are being conducted.

CRITERIA FOR RE-ENTRY:

In the case of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without use of fever reducing medications;
- The individual has improvement in symptoms;
- At least ten days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.

PERFORMANCE AREAS, BAND HALLS, LOCKER ROOMS, & OTHER CONGREGATE SETTINGS

- Schools should make hand sanitizer or similar disinfectants readily available in these areas;
- All congregate areas should be regularly and frequently cleaned;
- Any equipment and surface areas should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected each day;
- Schools should consider identifying staff to monitor locker rooms;
- Schools must require staff and students to wear face coverings while inside locker rooms, meeting rooms, training rooms, band halls, and other areas where students may congregate;
- Schools should develop a plan for mitigating risks of spreading COVID-19 when disinfecting, cleaning, and laundering items such as towels, practice cloths, and uniforms.

Highlights from U.I.L. Guidelines

GAMES, CONTESTS, AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

The following applies to games, scrimmages, and events:

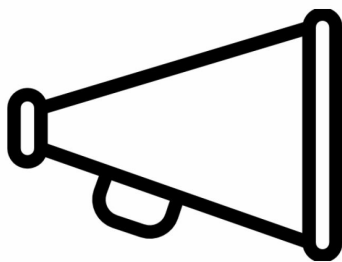
TEAMS & PARTICIPANTS

- Schools providing transportation to students should follow TEA guidelines.
- [See BISD 2020-2021 Operational Guidelines for details regarding transportation. Local guidelines including limiting to one student per seat on a bus and requirement for students to wear face coverings while riding the bus.]
- Teams and participants are required to wear face coverings.
- Host site should designate a cleaned and disinfected area for teams to unload and load buses separate from fans, spectators, and other individuals not essential to the team or group.
- Visiting team/group locker rooms should be cleaned and sanitized by the host site.
- Before each game, contest, or event, schools should follow screening protocols to screen all staff members, contractors, volunteers, sports officials, contest judges, and any other individual working the event.
- Fan and spectator areas should be at least six feet away from the team/group areas.
- Water or other drinks and/or food may be provided- schools or host sites should consider doing so in a manner that ensures students are not sharing items.
- Host sites should provide sports and contest officials an area to enter and exit separate from fans when possible.
- Pre-game and pre-event meetings between teams and/or sports contest officials should be planned to allow appropriate distancing between individuals;
- All participants should be provided with entry and exit plans for contest areas that maintain separation from non-participants and fans.

STUDENT GROUPS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE GAME OR CONTEST

Student groups such as marching bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, and other groups approved by the school district may attend and perform at games or contests in which they are not competing. Schools should consider limiting the number of participants to those essential for the performance.

- These student groups should remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times. These student groups should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest.
- Student groups are required to wear face coverings.
- Schools should consider limiting the number of students and staff given access to the playing areas and ensure protocols for entering and exiting playing areas are in place.
- Fans and spectators should be located to provide at least 10 feet of distance from bands playing instruments from the stands.
- These students should maintain appropriate distancing from game or contest participants at all times, including when on the sidelines.



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SPECTATORS, AUDIENCES, FANS, AND MEDIA

Schools may allow spectators to attend games, contests, or events within a maximum of 50% capacity limitation, provided that appropriate spacing between spectators is maintained according to the protocol, and according to the following:

- Schools and/or host sites should post visible signs and/or message stating any individual confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms or, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.
- Spectators, audiences, fans, and media are required to wear face coverings.
- Sites are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations within a maximum 50% occupancy.
- If possible, set reserved times for entry to avoid mass arrivals.
- Groups should maintain at least six feet of distance from other groups. A group is defined as no more than 10 people including members of the same household.
- Schools should not allow seating in consecutive rows, and should block off seating to maintain six feet of distance between groups.
- Pathways for spectator ingress and egress should be clearly marked and unobstructed.
- Schools should provide hand sanitizing stations at entrances and inside facilities.
- Seating, handrails, and other common surfaces, should be cleaned and disinfected prior to each game or contest.
- Press Box seating should include social distancing.
- Schools should limit access to working media providing coverage of the event to ensure protocols are followed.
- Post-game interviews should be conducted while wearing face coverings and maintaining at least six feet of distance between the interviewer and individual being interviewed.



CONCESSION STANDS & FOOD SERVICE

- Staff, contractors, and volunteers involved in food service are required to wear face coverings;
- Site should only provide condiments & flatware upon request;
- Regularly clean and disinfect areas (tables, etc.)
- Limit contact between the individuals involved in food service and patrons;
- Before each game, schools should follow screening protocols for individuals involved in food service.

BISD EVENT GUIDELINES & PROTOCOLS

Bellville ISD is committed to taking measures aligned with recommendations from UIL, TEA, and the CDC to protect and promote the safety, health, and well being of student participants, staff, fans, community, visitors and officials.

EVENT VENUES

BISD will limit capacity at all events to 50%. In accordance with this standard attendance will be limited to:

BHS Performance Gym

Home side bleachers at 50% capacity = 360 people

Visitor side bleachers at 50% capacity= 168 people

BHS Practice Gym

Combined bleachers at 50% capacity = 365 people

BJHS Gym

Combined bleachers at 50% capacity = 316 people

BISD Stadium

Home side bleachers at 50% capacity = 1130 people

Visitor side bleachers at 50% capacity= 450 people

ADMITTANCE INTO EVENTS

HEALTH SCREENING & HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- BISD will have signage posted directing individuals to abide by CDC recommended health protocols including:
 - Required face coverings for all individuals attending onsite events
 - Social distancing between groups of individuals not of the same household
 - Health screening and attestation to be free of risks of COVID-19
 - Frequent hand-washing/hand-sanitizing
- Any individual not willing to abide by the above health protocols may be denied entry into onsite events.

JUNIOR HIGH & SUB-VARSITY EVENTS

BISD does not currently anticipate that our 50% capacity limits will be reached at our junior high and sub varsity events. Therefore, we will facilitate sale of entry tickets through our traditional arrangements. If it is determined beyond the first event that capacity is a concern, measures mirror those identified below will be implemented.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The protocols below are applicable for home games only. Attendance at away games will be dependent upon capacity availability and entrance protocols established by the host site.

- Varsity players will be given up to four entrance tickets intended for immediate family members (those residing in the same household or identified as legal guardians who do not have other modes of guaranteed entry);
- Entrance tickets guarantee purchase of a ticket at the door. (Total quantity of entrance tickets issued will be deducted from onsite ticket sales to ensure capacity restrictions are honored.)
- Student athlete passes and UIL passes will be honored at the door.
- Onsite ticket sales will be counted for capacity compliance. Once capacity is reached onsite ticket sales will close.
- Please note, entry upon arrival without a guaranteed entry pass is dependent upon capacity availability.

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ADMITTANCE INTO EVENTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

The protocols below are applicable for home games only. Attendance at away games will be dependent upon capacity availability and entrance protocols established by the host site.

Advance Ticket Sales

Reserved Tickets: August 11-August 21

- Reserved ticket holders may come to the BISD Central Administration Building between 8:00am-4:00pm M-F between the dates of August 11-August 21 to claim and purchase their reserved seats for the 2020 football season.
 - Ticket cost is \$6.00 per ticket per game and is purchased for the season totaling \$30 for every seat held.
 - Seating assignments have been altered to comply with social distancing requirements between groups.
 - Reserved tickets not claimed and paid for by 4:00pm on August 21 will become part of capacity counts for general admission.

Participant Household Season Tickets: August 28-September 4

- Varsity players and student-performers involved in cheer, band, and Brahmadoras will be eligible to purchase up to four entrance tickets for immediate family members (those residing in the same household or identified as legal guardians who do not have other modes of guaranteed entry) between 8:00am-4:00pm M-F between the dates of August 28-September 4 to claim and purchase season tickets for the 2020 football season.
 - Immediate household members who are reserved ticket holders will not be eligible to purchase additional season tickets.
 - Ticket cost is \$6.00 per ticket per game and is purchased for the season totaling \$30 for every seat held.
 - Seating assignments will be issued to comply with social distancing requirements between groups.
 - Season tickets not claimed and paid for by 4:00pm on September 4 will become part of capacity counts for general admission.

General Admission:

General admission is dependent upon availability following pre-sale for reserved tickets and participant household season tickets. The criterion below will be limited to whatever capacity remains up to 50% for each home game for the 2020 football season.

- Student athlete passes and UIL passes will be honored at the door.
- Ticket cost at the gate is \$6.00.
- Compliance with social distancing guidelines is expected in all general seating areas.
- Onsite ticket sales will be counted for capacity compliance. Once capacity is reached onsite ticket sales will close.
- Please note, entry upon arrival without a guaranteed entry pass is dependent upon capacity availability.



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STUDENT GROUPS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE GAME OR CONTEST

Due to capacity restrictions, indoor events will be limited to participation from students involved directly in the competition.

For stadium events hosted at home, student groups not directly involved in the game of contest including band, cheer, and Brahmadoras will be seated on the track distanced from the players in accordance with guidelines established by UIL.

Due to transportation constraints and capacity limitations at away-game venues, larger student groups such as band, may have alternate arrangements in place to create smaller performance groups for away-games.

TEAMS & PARTICIPANTS TRAVEL

- In effort to operate as close as possible to TEA guidelines for transportation, BISD has committed to:
 - Requiring all students on buses to wear a face covering;
 - Limiting seating to no more than two students per seat unless sharing a seat with members of the same household.
- The above limitations may create the need for smaller groups assigned to perform at away-events; and/or
- Parent assistance with transportation of their children to and from events.
 - Allowances and arrangements for parent transportation of students to and from events will be determined by respective directors, coaches, and sponsors;
 - Parents willing to transport students to events should be aware that admittance to the event itself is dependent upon the capacity availability and entrance protocols of the host site.

LIVE STREAMING EVENTS

In partnership with BellvilleSports.com, BISD will work to provide opportunities for fans to virtually view events and competitions happening live. Please see www.bellvilleisd.org/athletic_department or www.bellvillesports.com for more information and viewing access.

