

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The district policy states, "Regular school attendance is expected of all students in the Allegany County Public Schools. School attendance is directly related to school achievement. In order to maximize academic achievement, there must be a unified effort by all school staff, parents, students, and the community to improve overall school attendance. School administrators, teachers, and support staff are expected to make all reasonable attempts to assist students and parents in addressing those factors which cause students to be absent from school." Based on the law, children are considered tardy when they are not present in school at the prescribed times and considered truant when they do not attend school. A record of absences is maintained by the school and is monitored by the Pupil Service Team. Parents are contacted through automated phone calls for daily absences and then by the Board of Education attendance letters for accumulated absences.

- Children arriving at school after 8:45am will be marked as tardy. Parents must accompany their child into the main office to sign-in after 8:45am.
- Absences are required to have a signed parental note and/or a doctor note



STUDENT ATTENDANCE (CONTINUED)

- Family vacations need to receive prior approval from the principal to be considered excused absences.
- Children that attend school 4 hours or more equals a full day. Children that attend school 2 hours, but less than 4 hours, equals a half day.
- Children are expected to make-up missed classwork when they are tardy and/or absent.

FOOD AND DRINKS

If you send in food to celebrate an event, please make sure it is store bought. Water fountains will be used this year, but students may also bring in a labeled (child's name) water bottle.

Student Breakfast Prices-FREE Breakfast in the Classroom

Student Lunch Prices-\$2.65

For more information, please visit your child's Schoology page to view the Student Handbook.

Looking forward to a great year!



Vision:

Believe in ALL children
Encourage each other
Achieve goals together
Lead with great character and a positive mindset
Learn rigorously

Mission: Beall Elementary is committed to provide engaging student learning while nurturing relationships and respecting individual differences. The Beall community promotes a positive culture and mindset through welcoming our students into a happy, safe and supportive learning environment where the process to success is cultivated and achievements are celebrated.

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WELCOME BACK

Hello Beall Elementary School friends and families! As we begin this school year, I want to take this opportunity to tell you about the Breakfast in the Classroom program that will take place during the 2023-2024 school year here at Beall Elementary. All students and staff will be able to enjoy breakfast each and everyday in their classrooms free of charge. That's great news for our hungry kiddos and busy parents! Breakfast will take place from 8:25 a.m. until 8:45 a.m., but even if your child is a little late to school we will make sure they are able to eat breakfast. Healthy minds require a healthy breakfast!

Due to a reduction in our free and reduced meals program, unfortunately, Beall Elementary has not regained status as a Title I program for the 2023-2024 school year. Title I status provides us with additional staff and resources that our school can benefit from greatly. It is of the utmost importance to complete the free and reduced meals form this year in order to regain these programs for the 2024-2025 school year.

Again, thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support your child's education. I look forward to seeing each of your children in school this week!

Sincerely,

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15 Arrival-School doors are opened and ALL students report directly to classrooms.

8:30-8:45 Breakfast in the Classroom

8:45 Announcements

Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are considered **TARDY**. Please accompany your child into the main office for check in.

3:15 Dismissal Begins

- Kids Korner, Bridge Program
- Private Transportation-Parents will gather outside around the cafeteria doors on the Broadway St. side of the building for dismissal. All students on private transportation will exit the cafeteria doors to meet their families waiting outside.
- Call Buses
- West Walk Line-Exit music room doors.
- East Walk Line-Exit parking lot doors.

3:25 Final Call for all other students

ALL car riders must be picked up prior to 3:30 p.m.

Dismissal Changes- A note or phone call is required for a student to go anywhere other than their normal destination. Each day the student is to be dismissed in some other manner, ***the parent must write a note. Without a note or phone call from the custodial parent, the child will be sent home in the usual and customary manner.*** A note will help ensure that your child is safe and will reach the proper destination. Some students have different dismissal instructions depending upon the day of the week. If the instructions remain the same week to week, a single note from the parent explaining the schedule will be kept on file. In situations where the parent requests different dismissal procedures week to week, a new note will be required weekly.

Early Dismissal- Any parent wishing to pick-up their child prior to 3:15 p.m. must report to the main office upon arrival at school. Parents will sign students out using the Ident-A-Kid system located in the main office. A staff member will go to the classroom to retrieve the child.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Allegany County Board of Education policy states, "Good discipline in the school is extremely important. Without good discipline, the school cannot discharge its primary responsibility in the development of citizenship. Without good discipline, students cannot realize their greatest opportunities for growth."

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports-To help achieve our vision of a school where all adults and students feel safe and respected and all students learn, Beall Elementary School has adopted the Responsive Classroom approach. Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based approach to teaching and discipline that focuses on engaging academics, positive community, effective management, and developmental awareness. Research has shown that successful schools focus more on prevention and teaching appropriate behavior than on punishing misbehavior. PBIS at Beall includes the following:

Peace Building Rules

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful

Specific procedures and routines incorporating the Peace Building Rules are taught and practiced in classrooms, cafeteria, playground, and other school settings. Using the Responsive Classroom discipline approach, students begin the day with a Morning Meeting which is a time for students to connect with each other, share, and prepare for the academic tasks of the day. Beall staff will respond to misbehavior with logical consequences and work to meet the developmental needs of each child. Home-school communication is critical to a child's success.

Daily Behavior Parent Communication:

*Students will receive a stamp in their daily folder or assignment notebook signifying a good day.

*If a student demonstrates poor choices, the teacher will communicate with parents through a note, student reflection sheet, and/or Class Dojo message (no stamp for the day).

*Encourage parent conversation about your child's day.