



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Opening Plan for Central Baptist Christian Academy

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Central Baptist Christian Academy (CBCA) is a small non-public non-registered church school of Central Baptist Church, 1606 State Route 12 Binghamton, NY 13901. We have been a Christian School in the Binghamton area since 1974 and have had a great impact on the community in Broome County. Our current enrollment for the school year of 2020 -2021 is less than 90 students. Our school in the past has been as big as 340 students. Ninety students prove to be under 30% of capacity.

I believe with a lower enrollment, CBCA can open to **five days a week with in school instruction** (September 9th) while keeping the risk of Covid-19 to a minimum by following many of the guidelines put forth by the state office of Religious and Independent Schools. Our small number of student to staff ratio about 10 students to 1 teacher will allow our impact of any covid-19 illness to be quickly maintain and isolated.

Communication/ Family and Community Engagement

The following steps have begun and will continue throughout the school year to our school families, church families and posted/updated on our website as needed. (www.centraladvantage.org)

- Parent meetings on July 23, 2020: August 13th, 2020: August 27th, 2020
 - Concerning protocols and procedures as outlined in this document.
- Staff Meetings on July 24th, 2020: August 11th, 2020: August 17th, 2020
 - Concerning protocols and procedures outlined in this document.
- Communication to our school family is primarily E-mail though Ren Web and in emergency/ urgent times CBCA uses the One-Call texting system.
- Both buildings will be updated with signs of covid-19 signs of illness and proper handwashing, as well as social distancing factors of importance.
- Before the first day, parental responsibilities will be in writing in the hands of parents.

Health and Safety

Health checks:

- Parents and the Home are our first line of defense (hard copy of responsibilities outlined by the CDC protocols in the hands of the home before school begins).
- Staff will be available on a daily basis first thing upon entering either building to check student's temperature. Homeroom time will also be used to confirm the health and well-being of the students.
- Staff will fill out a questionnaire daily and email to the school office before entering the building.
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be maintained in each entrance of each building.
- Hand washing will continue to be a regular practice.
- Both buildings will be cleaned and disinfected daily at the end of the day, as has been our practice.

PPE/ Face coverings

- Students will be required to wear a face covering to and from their transportation.
- Students will be required to wear a mask in-between classes.
- Students will not be required to wear a mask during instruction times.
- Staff will be required to wear a mask to and from school.
- Staff will not be required to wear mask during instruction times.
- Students and staff must provide their own mask at this time.
- All visitors and volunteers must wear a mask in and out of the buildings and during any non-educational times.

Social Distancing

- Our small class sizes will allow for most desks to be adequately separated in the class rooms. The bigger classes may be re-located to bigger rooms or required to wear mask during the class time. This will be determined by the final numbers in each class. Class rooms are on average 700 sq. ft. divide by 36 sq. ft. allows almost 19 people in the room.
- Teachers cannot pass papers by rows. All work must be handed out by one person (teacher). Homework hand-in/hand-outs will be in a designated area per class.
- Hallway lines must be encouraged to allow as much distance as possible (mask are on during class changes).
- Physical education must keep all students at a distance during class time. Individual skills are to be developed during these covid-19 modifications.
- Locker hallway--- Students will have two empty lockers in-between each other.
- If an individual becomes ill, he/she will be isolated in the nurse's room. Cleaning of the infected area will be done and time (24hrs) will be given to clear the air.

Facilities

- Classrooms will be cleaned daily (alcohol based) and aired out overnight.
- Normal safety drills will take place wearing a mask and social distancing as much as possible.
- Signage throughout the buildings concerning covid-19 information.

Child nutrition & lunch program

- CBCA has a limited lunch program Tuesday-Friday. We will continue to serve our hot lunch program the same way as before the covid-19.
- Lunch will be in each classroom, distributed by the teacher in individual containers.
- Condiments will accompany each meal as needed.
- CBCA will meet any need for a lunch if a student forgets or has nothing.

Social health and emotional growth

- Daily interaction will be our routine to evaluate the students and their emotional needs.
- Chapel times and Biblical philosophies will be intergraded throughout our curriculum. CBCA believes that to know the Creator of the Universe is a key component to mental health and growth.

Transportation and Field trips

- Mask are required on public school transportation and entering and exiting the buildings.
- Field trips are suspended until further notice.

Covid-19

- If a student or staff is tested positive, school will be closed and go to remote learning for two weeks. CBCA will follow all requirements the local health department requires.
- Parents must keep their children home if there are any signs according to the CDC of covid-19.

School calendar events

- School specials are on hold till the pandemic is over.
- Sports will be worked out according to the NYS Athletics Association requirements.
- Arts and Music classes will maintain social distancing and be heavy on the instruction side of teaching.

CBCA is requesting to be opened five days a week with in school instruction.

A hybrid of school and at home instruction would be three days at CBCA and two days at home using Office 365, Teams and with some younger classes, Zoom.

If CBCA were required to have at-home instruction only, it may prove to be very difficult for our families. Per our survey last month many parents would remove their students and homeschool. ☹

Respectfully submitted

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