

**Blountstown Elementary School**  
Returning to School after Hurricane Michael  
Parent/Student Questions and Answers

1. When will school begin again?

**Answer: All Calhoun County Schools will begin on Thursday, November 1. Teachers and staff will return to work on Monday, October 29, 2018.**

2. Where will Blountstown Elementary School (BES) students attend school? What are the school hours?

**Answer: The main building at BES received a lot of storm damage. Students are being relocated to other schools.**

- **PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students will remain on the BES campus in the PreK wing and portables.**
  - ✓ School begins at 7:55.
  - ✓ The parent drop-off /pick-up area will remain the same.
  - ✓ The north entrance to the Calhoun County Public Library will serve as the entrance to the school for Bus and Parent drop-off and pick-up.
  - ✓ Bus Students will be dismissed at 2:15.
  - ✓ Afternoon parent pick-up will be allowed after the buses leave.
- **Grades 1 & 2 will be housed at Blountstown High School.**
  - ✓ School begins at 7:55.
  - ✓ Bus students will be picked up and dismissed from behind the Auditorium
  - ✓ Parent pick-up and drop-off will be in front of the Auditorium.
  - ✓ Students will sit in the Auditorium in the morning until time for school to start.
  - ✓ Afternoon parent pick-up begins at 2:20.
- **Grades 3 will be housed at the CARE building.**
  - ✓ School begins at 7:55.
  - ✓ Bus students will be picked up and dismissed from beside the Blountstown Middle School Gym.
  - ✓ Parent pick-up and drop-off will be in the parking lot behind the Language Arts Building.
  - ✓ Students will sit in the Language Arts Building in the morning until time for school to start.
  - ✓ Parents will enter the parking lot from Evans Avenue only.
  - ✓ Afternoon parent pick-up begins at 2:15.
- **Grades 4 & 5 will be housed at Blountstown Middle School.**
  - ✓ School begins at 7:55.
  - ✓ Bus students will be picked up and dismissed from beside the Blountstown Middle School Gym.
  - ✓ Parent pick-up and drop-off will be in the parking lot behind the Language Arts Building.
  - ✓ Students will sit in the Language Arts Building in the morning until time for school to start.
  - ✓ Parents will enter the parking lot from Evans Avenue only.
  - ✓ Afternoon parent pick-up begins at 2:15.
- **Ms. LeTonya Reed's class will be housed at Blountstown Middle School in the Access Building.**
  - ✓ School begins at 7:55.
  - ✓ Bus students will be picked up and dismissed from beside the Blountstown Middle School Gym.
  - ✓ Parent pick-up and drop-off will be in the parking lot behind the Language Arts Building.
  - ✓ Students will sit in the Language Arts Building in the morning until time for school to start.
  - ✓ Parents will enter the parking lot from Evans Avenue only.
  - ✓ Afternoon parent pick-up begins at 2:15.

3. How do I pick my child up early from school?  
**Answer: Call the BES school office at 850-674-8169. The school will notify your child's teacher who will have your child ready for pick-up at the parent drop-off at each school. Please do not call the Blountstown Middle School or Blountstown High School offices. They will not have information concerning your child.**
  
4. What if my child is late for school?  
**Answer: Call the BES school office at 850-674-8169. The school will notify your child's teacher who will be waiting for your child at the parent drop-off. Please do not call the Blountstown Middle School or Blountstown High School offices. They will not have information concerning your child.**
  
5. What if my child's bus has to be changed?  
**Answer: Call the BES school office at 850-674-8169. The school will notify your child's teacher who will write a note for the bus driver. Please do not call the Blountstown Middle School or Blountstown High School offices. They will not have information concerning your child. Please make a bus changes before 1:30 PM.**
  
6. Will my child be around middle school or high school students?  
**Answer: Elementary students on the BHS or BMS campuses will be separated from older students at all times. Elementary students will have a separate lunch and PE schedule.**
  
7. What about the attendance policy?  
**Answer: The District understands that many of our students are without homes, power, and/or water. Basic necessities and family needs must come first. Our goal is to take a step toward restoring normalcy for as many students as possible. Once power is restored for 100% of the county, attendance requirements will also resume. Parents and students will be notified.**
  
8. Will bus transportation be available?  
**Answer: Yes, to the extent possible bus transportation will begin on November 1. Please be aware that there may be some areas that the bus may not be able to travel or turn around. If you have any question about transportation, please call the District Office at 850-674-5927.**
  
9. Will breakfast and lunch be provided?  
**Answer: Free breakfast and lunch meals will continue to be provided to all students as before the storm.**
  
10. When will report cards be issued for the 1<sup>st</sup> grading period?  
**Answer: Internet access at the schools is very limited at this time. Report cards will be issued at a later date. Parents will be notified of the date. Your child's grades for the 1<sup>st</sup> grading period will be posted on FOCUS as soon as possible.**
  
11. Will students be required to make up the days that have been missed:  
**Answer: The District is waiting for some direction from the Florida Department of Education regarding this matter.**
  
12. Will counselors be available to talk with my child if needed?  
**Answer: Yes. Additional counselors will be available on November 1, November 2, and November 5 to support students as needed.**

12. What if I have more questions?

Answer: Call the district office at 850-674-5927 ext 20 or your child's school.

Altha Public School: 850-762-3121 ext. 210

Blountstown High School: 850-674-5724 ext 20

Blountstown Elementary School: 850-674-8169

Blountstown Middle School: 850-674-8234

Carr Elementary & Middle School: 850-674-5395

Special Programs Office: 850-674-8734

*\*Phones at the schools are limited, but is 100% operational at the School Board Office.*