



July 31, 2020

Parents and Guardians:

If you have chosen a virtual instruction for your child, you made the right choice. If you have chosen the traditional in-person instruction option for your child, you also made the right choice. You must choose the instructional option that you and your child are most comfortable with. Please know that whatever your decision, your child is a “**Brave**” and is a priority to us. You have our commitment that we will do our very best to provide your students with the best instruction possible, while making every effort to ensure their health and safety.

Many of the questions that you might have about health and safety procedures for the coming year can be accessed on the COVID-19 link on our corporation website. Please know that countless hours of research and discussion have gone into preparing for a safe reopening of school. However, as situations and guidance change, we will adapt our plans and procedures. There are also health and safety procedures that are specific to each individual school that can be found on their websites and social media accounts.

Virtual instruction will look quite different from the eLearning instruction from the spring. At BES, one teacher per grade level will be designated to provide instruction to virtual students through Google Classroom. Virtual students will be exposed to the same lessons, and have the same expectations that in-person students do each day.

BES virtual learning students will have an Open House on Thursday, August 5th at 5:30. Each student will be allowed to bring one adult with them to obtain their Chromebook, passwords, and Google Classroom information. Please wear masks to these events and practice social distancing. Information on the Drive-In Open House for those students enrolled in traditional (in-person) instruction can be found on the BES Website.

BCMS and BCHS students who choose the virtual option will be enrolled in the Edmentum on-line curriculum that is aligned with the state standards being covered in the traditional in-person classroom. There will be a \$35 fee per trimester for BCMS and BCHS students who enroll in virtual instruction.

At BCHS, virtual learners and parents must attend the BCHS virtual orientation on Wednesday, August 5th in the BCHS Cafeteria. Freshmen from 8:00-9:00 am, Sophomores from 9:00-10:00 am, Juniors from 10:00-11:00 am and Seniors from 11:00-noon. Students will receive Chromebook and Edmentum login and password information and instructions from Randy Greene.

BCMS virtual learners and parents are asked to attend one of the BCMS Open House events on Monday- Wednesday (August 3-5) between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center. BCMS Virtual Learning Facilitator, Ms. Karen Ault, will distribute Chromebooks, login information, and Edmentum program instructions. The BCMS Virtual Learning Contract will also be available for parents and students to sign.

Students choosing virtual instruction will have until August 14 to opt back to traditional instruction. After that date, virtual students will be required to wait until the end of a 9-weeks grading period (BES) or end of a trimester (BCMS, BCHS) before returning to traditional instruction.

In these uncertain times, you can be certain that your child’s education and health are our top priorities.

Tim Taylor  
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