

Bethel Public Schools

Back to School Plan 2020-2021

BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**VIRTUAL
LEARNING FAQ'S**

2020-2021

VIRTUAL LEARNING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DISTRICT-WIDE FAQ'S

Will virtual learning be different than traditional, face-to-face learning?

Yes, there will be some differences in instruction. The virtual program is designed to give well-supported and highly motivated students an opportunity to receive their education in an online environment through an online learning management system while at home. Different from traditional learning, students in the virtual program will be able to proceed at their own pace while maintaining adequate progress.

Will virtual learning look like last year's distance learning?

No. Virtual learning will not be the same experience as distance learning. Virtual students will engage in learning new content, completing assignments, and practicing skills using different learning management systems appropriate for various grade levels of students.

What platforms/learning management systems will be used?

K-5: Spark/Odyessyware, 6-12: Edgenuity, There is no virtual option available for Pre-K.

Will attendance be taken?

Yes

Is Internet access and a device required?

Yes, students will need reliable home internet access and a device (such as a tablet, chromebook, laptop, or computer). Using a phone with internet is highly discouraged.

Will the school provide a device or internet access to virtual learners?

The district will not provide individual devices and home Internet access. However, internet access will be available during restricted after school hours in designated school parking lots from 5:00 pm through 9:00 pm.

Will my child be assigned a Bethel teacher?

Yes, students will be assigned a teacher of record. A designated virtual school specialist will monitor all progress/attendance/course participation.

Will my child receive grades and/or graduation credits for virtual learning?

Yes. Required graduation credits will only be granted with a passing grade of 60% or higher when 100% of assigned coursework is complete.

Will my child's work be the same as what he/she would have done in the traditional setting?

No. Specific activities and assignments will differ, but all coursework will meet the same Oklahoma Academic Standards as in the traditional setting.

If my child has questions about virtual assignments, is there someone they can talk to?

Yes, the virtual specialist will be the point of contact in grades K-8. The teacher of record will do that in grades 9-12.

Can my student go back to face-to-face instruction when I decide it's safe?

Student initially choosing virtual learning will commit to that option through October 14th (end of first quarter). Parents must notify the school counselor by October 1st if you would like to return to in person instruction.

Can my student start school with face-to-face traditional instruction and switch to virtual if I feel it is unsafe?

Yes. If you choose to move to virtual you must commit to the end of school quarter we are in. Special circumstances may exist if graduation credit is involved.

My child is a transfer student. If we choose the virtual option, will this affect their status?

No. As always, if the student meets academic and attendance expectations, their transfer status will not change.

My student has an IEP. Can they attend virtual?

Yes.

ELEMENTARY SPECIFIC FAQ'S

Will my child have access to their teacher by Zoom, similar to their experience during distance learning?

No, the virtual specialist will be the point of contact in grades K-8. The teacher of record will do that in grades 9-12.

SECONDARY SPECIFIC FAQ'S

Will my child be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities?

Students enrolled in virtual learning are not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

Will my child still be allowed to attend prom and the graduation ceremony while a virtual student?

Yes, virtual students are highly encouraged to attend prom and graduation.

Can my junior or senior still attend concurrent college courses while being a virtual student?

Yes, if your child is eligible for concurrent enrollment.

Can my child still attend Gordon Cooper Technology Center while being a virtual student?

Yes.

What courses will my child be able to choose from in virtual school?

All core classes will be offered virtually. Students enrolled in virtual learning may be required to adjust elective choices as not all elective programs are offered in a fully online environment.

Will the virtual option affect my child's graduation status, class rank, or scholarship opportunities?

No, virtual students will still receive the same opportunities as their classmates.

Will student eligibility be taken for virtual learners?

This will only be a factor if a virtual student chooses to return to in person instruction because virtual students do not participate in extracurricular activities.

Will my senior be able to graduate midterm through the virtual option?

If all graduation credit requirements are met by the end of first semester, your child may be eligible to graduate midterm. If this is your intent, please notify the school counselor when the virtual contract is turned in.