

Hello Tiger Nation!!! I hope this message finds everyone doing well and staying healthy. I know there are a lot of questions out there about how we are going to proceed for the next six weeks. I hope this message can answer many of your questions and/or concerns. If it does not and you still have questions, please call the high school at 270-756-3080 or email me at adam.cox@breck.kyschools.us and we will get you the answers you need.

Breckinridge County Schools will follow the Governor's recommendation and start the school year in a remote learning setting on Tuesday, August 25. There is a large difference between remote learning and virtual learning. Please allow me to explain the difference between the two.

Remote Learning

- Remote Learning will be administered via Google Classroom and will have Breckinridge County High School teachers conducting the daily instruction for our students.
- Students will have their schedule and will have their teachers teaching them. This means each student will have seven classes to take care of when they are home with remote learning.
- Each day, students will go to Google and click on Google Classroom. In Google Classroom, students will have access to each of their classes.
- Teachers will be placing lectures, videos, assignments, and Google Meet opportunities to be there for their students.
- Remote Learning will allow students to take honors, advanced placement, and dual credit classes to receive weighted grade point averages, whereas the virtual program is only on a 4.0 grading scale.

Virtual Learning

- Virtual Learning utilizes a program called PLATO for instruction. It is a great program, but it is designed for credit recovery. The virtual program uses videos to introduce lessons and concepts. Also, the virtual program does not have any honors-level courses. All of our courses on the virtual program are based on a 4.0 grading scale. This is important to note because students in honor classes are based on a 4.5 grading scale and students on AP or dual credit are based on 5.0 grading scales.
- Our virtual program does not match the curriculum to the fullest extent of the curriculum in our classrooms. The virtual program does cover state standards. The reason I mention this is for the students that go virtual and then come back to in-person instruction. Those students may have missed some content during the year.

Here are some helpful links to help you with this new remote learning world.

- [Google Classroom for Parents Video 1](#)
- [Google Classroom for Parents Video 2](#)
- [Google Classroom for Parents Video 3](#)
- [Google Meet Video](#)
- [Google Meet on Your Phone](#)

The high school made phone calls about three weeks ago to every one of our students to ask if they were going to attend school in-person or virtually. We will be placing all of our students in remote learning. If you told us you wanted virtual learning, we have placed you in remote learning as well. If you think you need to remain in

the virtual program, we will need you to call the high school and talk to one of us to be placed back on the virtual program.

No Internet?

- We realize the lack of internet service and even poor internet quality will be an issue for some of our students. Please know that all Breckinridge County Schools can serve as a “hot” spot. You can pull into our parking lots and utilize our internet service. The district is also working diligently for even more options for our students.

Grades?

- One of the challenges in starting the school year remotely is ensuring all students get off to a great start. The time on remote learning will count, you will receive grades, and will be part of factoring into your grade point average. This is especially important for our freshmen. The first grading period is so important and being on virtual makes this start even more challenging.

Student Email

- Please encourage all students to be checking their school email. This is where all of our communication will be coming from. Students can go to Google.com and click on the icon with nine boxes (called the waffle). Once there, they can go to their Gmail.

Teacher Office Hours

- All of our BCHS teachers will have daily office hours where they are available via Google Meet. This will be a great time for students that are struggling with a concept or problem to meet virtually with their teacher. Teachers will also be available from 8:00 to 3:00 five days a week and you can email them anytime you need. You can find the office hours and email addresses of our entire staff at this link:

[BCHS Faculty and Staff](#)

Back to School Night for Freshmen

- We will continue with our plans of having a Back to School Night for the freshman class. We want to have this night to go over the next couple of weeks and all the important information that will go along with their schooling. This is a critical transition for 9th graders and we want to make sure each of them is as comfortable as possible. We also want our parents to be comfortable with this process as well. We will be releasing a video tomorrow covering the same topics we will be going over with the freshmen class. We will also have a Facebook Live Event on Thursday night, August 20, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. We want to encourage parents to watch and ask questions on the chat. We will answer any questions you have.

[Freshman Orientation](#)

Information Meetings for all 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders

- Our current students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades have the opportunity to attend a meeting at the high school to get information about the upcoming school year, specifically about the next six weeks. The meetings will be capped to meet CDC regulations and will be held in Tiger Arena. These meetings will be for students only and you can sign up for a date and time at the link below.

[Student Informational Meeting Sign-Up](#)

I know this is a lot of information and I am sure there are many questions still out there. That is perfectly fine. We are in this together and we will do anything to ease your mind and fears. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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In my mind, this is one step closer to getting our students back in the building. I miss them, our teachers miss them, and we want them in our hallways! Thank you for your patience and your understanding.