



Coronavirus: A BCS Parent Guide to Continued Learning Outside of our Schools

On March 12, Governor DeWine said, "During this extended period of closure, schools should work to provide education through alternative means." This statement indicates that schools should try to make a good faith effort within available capabilities to support continued learning outside of school. That is exactly what we plan to do.

Bellevue City Schools School Closure Educational Plan

Our objective is to offer meaningful, engaging learning opportunities to our students while not in school. With this offer, we hope students will stay engaged in learning at some level. BCS Online Learning will begin after Spring Break on **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**.

Grade K and 1 teachers will post online instruction through our webpage. Please go to bellevueschools.org and click on the Grade K or Grade 1 tab listed in the Short Cuts on the bottom left.

Grade 2-12 teachers will utilize Google Classroom to deliver online instruction. Students will utilize their bellevueschools.org email to access Google Classroom.

Technology Help Available

The district will provide Chromebooks to students who do not have a device at home to complete online instruction while school is closed. Distribution is Thursday (3/19) and Friday (3/20) at Bellevue Elementary School. Pick up times are 7-8:30 a.m., 11-12:30 p.m., and 6-7:30 p.m. There is a limit of one device per family.

If your student experiences problems with logins or needs other tech support, our Technology Department is available anytime at techdept@bellevueschools.org or 419-484-5008 from 8-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Internet Help Available

Spectrum is offering 60 days of free Internet service, where geographically available, to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have it. (After the 60 days, residents need to call to have their service cancelled or it will be renewed for the going rate.) To set up service, please call Spectrum at 1-855-707-7328.

Bellevue High School now has Wi-Fi hotspot access in its main student parking lot. Students may come to this parking lot to connect a device to our district's Internet service.

Print Materials Available

We realize that not all families have or want access to devices and/or Internet. To continue learning for students without access, please contact Kim Swartz at kimberly.swartz@bellevueschools.org or 419-484-5047.

How Can Parents Best Support Their Students?

While each family and parent is different, structure and boundaries are important when it comes to time management and screen time. Please communicate your expectations to your children and try to keep daily routines as stable as possible during this break. Help younger students (Grade K and 1) navigate the webpage for their class information and support older students (Grades 2-12) with their Google Classroom participation. We ask for your patience as we roll out the online learning model. This is new to both teachers and students. Some resources you may be interested in viewing: [Parents Guide to Google Classroom](#), [Commonsense.org Provides Resources for Parents](#), [How Families Can Make the Most of School Closures](#) [Talking with children about Coronavirus](#) (CDC).

Other Supports Available

If your student experiences any mental health issues while we are not in school, please contact Angel Young at angel.young@bellevueschools.org or text/call our Hotline at 419.318.7247.

These are unprecedented and challenging times. It is not a time to stress or feel overwhelmed; it is a time to stay happy, healthy, and connected. Please let us know how else we can help support your student(s) and family throughout this school closure. Together we will get through this as a school and as a community.