

Continuity of Education Plan

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Goal of Plan

Provide students with review, enrichment and planned instruction opportunities during the closure of schools due to Covid-19. Keep students connected to the school community and each other through teacher outreach initiatives.

Overview of Plan

All staff will provide students with weekly enrichment, review and planned instruction through activities posted online through the district website and/or Google Classroom. Printed materials will be made available to students without reliable internet and for grades K-3.

Expectations for Teaching and Learning

The expectation is that all teachers post weekly materials for students to complete at home. The goal is that students will participate in the activity and communicate with staff if assistance is needed. The focus of the material will be on continued education. Feedback will be provided to all students.

Communication Tools and Strategies

Communication has been provided to students through email, phone calls, district website, and social media (Facebook). Students without reliable internet or electronic device access will be provided with printed materials.

Access (Devices, Platforms, Handouts)

Students in grades 7-12 have access to 1:1 devices in the form of a Lenovo laptop. Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade will be provided with access to 1:1 devices in the form of Google Chromebooks. K-3 students will rely on home provided devices combined with printed materials.

Staff General Expectations

Staff are required to make a good faith effort to reach out to all students via phone, email, social media or through the district website. Each week staff are posting activities for students to complete on the school district's Google site.

Student Expectations

The expectation is for students to participate in as many activities as possible. Students are assessed and given feedback on materials completed. Students will be encouraged to continue to participate in learning throughout this process.

Attendance / Accountability

Teachers are required to reach out to students weekly and document how that was done. If teachers are not able to get in contact with students they need to inform administration and a second outreach will be made to those students. Completed work will be counted as attendance. Teachers will reach out to parents if students are not participating to encourage engagement.

Good Faith Efforts for Access and Equity for All Students

Teachers are providing accommodations to the activities that are posted. Special education teachers are also reaching out to families to provide assistance when possible.

Special Education Supports

The special education department is working as a team to develop a plan to reach as many students as possible. On our webpage each special education teacher will provide activities that are diverse and leveled to meet as many needs as possible. Teachers are also reaching out to families individually to help support them.

EL Supports

The district has a limited number of EL students to support. The teacher will reach out to these families individually to meet their needs.

Gifted Education

Extension activities are posted on the school district's website.

Building/Grade Level Contacts

Jen Allen-MS/HS Principal 7-12
Jill Shupp-Elementary Principal K-6
Lindsay Rado-Special Education Director K-12

Resource Links

www.bentonsd.org

* enrichment and review tab

* planned instruction tab

Teacher email

BASD building websites

*We will be continually updating our website with links to sites containing important COVID 19 information, educational enrichment opportunities, information from PDE, and the Governor.