

Bethany Middle School Distance Learning Plan 2020-2021

Hello Broncho Family,

We wanted to reach out and provide you with our middle school Distance Learning Plan for this coming school year. It is my sincere belief that there is no substitute for being “in person” with our teachers, but we will do the best job possible to make Distance Learning an effective and successful option for your kids and our students. Our goal is to duplicate “in person” learning for Distance Learners, by providing a similar pace, frequency, rigor, and curriculum, to the best of our abilities.

Expectations/Overview

- Grades will count. This component is different from last year and should be noted because academic growth in our students is vital to their development and progress through school.
- For Distance Learners, your support and role as a parent/guardian will be extremely important. An at home adult will sign a commitment form to be an “Academic Coach” to monitor the progress of the Distance Learner and ensure work is being completed.

Schedule

- The schedule for Distance Learning will be the same as our daily bell schedule.
*Please see the attached schedule for each grade.
- Students will predominantly receive educational services through Edmentum Courseware technology. It will be set up and assigned by our teachers and students can and will still receive feedback from them. There could be supplemental information on other platforms but that would be communicated through Google Classroom or their email. Reminder, students should check Google Classroom and email daily.
- Distance Learners should check their Edmentum Courseware, email, Google Classroom, and BMS Path daily for teacher instructions and assignments.
- Flex (Wednesdays during 3rd and 4th hour) will still be on the schedule so that teachers can meet with their teams.
- Late start, 8:30, will be moved to Wednesdays so that teachers can still meet with their PLC teams. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will all start at 8:00 until communicated otherwise.
- Due to scheduling and the way middle school grades are posted, if the choice is made to utilize Distance Learning, it is a semester long commitment. If your family is going to choose Distance Learning, please let the school know by emailing Kristie Escoe at kescoe@bethanyschools.com by August 12th. School will begin on August 20th, there will be a seven day period before Distance Learning gets locked into place. At the end of the school day on August 28th, the semester long commitment will be in effect.

Lunch

- Distance learners can receive lunch everyday of the week. It will be served out of the elementary gym doors on the west side of the building by the middle school marquee. Students should come during their designated lunch time on the schedule located at the end of this document if at all possible.

Technology

- All students will use a computer daily. In the event your child does not already own a device at home, one will be made available.
- Additional technology requirements may be utilized by the teacher, depending on course needs. Each teacher will provide information on how and where to access work.
- **Edmentum**, Google Meet, Zoom, or another virtual platform will be used when Face/Face interaction is needed or required.

Grade Requirements

- Distance Learners will complete equivalent assignments as students who are physically at school.
- Distance Learners will also receive the same number of grades per week as students who are physically in class.
- If for any reason your child is sick or unable to complete work at home for Distance Learning, it is extremely important to contact the MS attendance secretary at 405-787-3240. We will work with absences at home, just like we do at school. With Excused Absences, discretion and reason will be utilized for make-up work. Unexcused Absences may be entered as zero credit. Teachers are granted discretion in determining the amount of time needed for make-up work.

Attendance

- Daily attendance will be taken at the end of each week for Distance Learning, based upon the completion of assignments for the week. For example, if a student fails to complete an assignment for Tuesday, they will be marked absent for Tuesday.
- Work for each week will be due Saturday at 11:59PM, unless the teacher specifies a different due date for an assignment.
- If a student fails to turn in an assignment by the deadline, they will be counted absent. In regards to turning in a late assignment (if allowed by the teacher), a student may get credit for the assignment but their attendance would not be changed to present.

System in Place for Academic Assistance

- As needed, teachers will make additional resources available for students to clarify and assist in academic assignments and expectations.
- Teachers will make every effort to communicate expectations, respond to requests and needs, provide support, and be proactive to ensure all students' academic success. Communication with teachers during the school day will be addressed as soon as possible. Communication outside of the school day will be returned when the teacher is available to do so.
- Communication is an essential part of education. If a student or parent has a question, they should email the teacher of that class. All of our teacher's emails can be found on the school website bethanyschools.com under the middle school tab.

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Bell Schedule

8th grade		7th grade		6th grade	
1st	8-8:50	1st	8-8:50	1st	8-8:50
2nd	8:55-9:45	2nd	8:55-9:45	2nd	8:55-9:45
3rd	9:50-10:40	3rd	9:50-10:40	3rd	9:50-10:40
4th-a	10:45-11:15	4th	10:45-11:35	4th	10:45-11:35
R/L	11:15-11:55	R/L	11:35-12:15	5th-a	11:40-11:55
4th-b	11:55-12:15	5th	12:15-1:15	R/L	11:55-12:35
5th	12:20-1:15	6th	1:20-2:10	5th-b	12:35-1:15
6th	1:20-2:10	7th	2:15-3:00	6th	1:20-2:10
7th	2:15-3:00			7th	2:15-3:00

Wednesday Bell Schedule A/B

8th grade		7th grade		6th grade	
PLC	7:45-8:25	PLC	7:45-8:25	PLC	7:45-8:25
1st	8:30-9:10	1st	8:30-9:10	1st	8:30-9:10
2nd	9:14-9:54	2nd	9:14-9:54	2nd	9:14-9:54
FLEX	9:55-10:25	3rd	9:55-10:35	3rd	9:55-10:35
3rd	10:30-11:10	FLEX	10:35-11:05	4th	10:40-11:20
R/L	11:15-11:55	4th	11:10-11:50	FLEX	11:20-11:50
4th	11:55-12:30	R/L	11:55-12:35	R/L	11:55-12:35
5th	12:35-1:25	5th	12:35-1:25	5th	12:35-1:25
6th	1:30-2:10	6th	1:30-2:10	6th	1:30-2:10
7th	2:15-3:00	7th	2:15-3:00	7th	2:15-3:00