

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 2: RISE Academy School of Science & Technology

1. When will schools reopen?

Online virtual learning for BCPS begins on Monday, March 30, 2020. Currently, physical distancing protocols will keep regular school buildings closed until at least April 15, 2020. It has not yet been decided when, or if, normal school operation will return this school year. The next update on school building operations will occur prior to April 15.

2. When learning through virtual school begins on March 30, how do students access their course work?

Students report to class by logging into the various platforms (Google Classroom, Zoom, etc.) set up by their teachers and classes. Directions, including when the teacher will be online, has been emailed to each student/parent. Parents/Students must check email several times a day for updates.

3. When will the school year end?

At this time, the last day of school for students is scheduled to be Tuesday, June 2, 2020. If school is able to operate virtually beginning on March 30, 2020, until either a return to normal operations or until June 2, 2020, the school year will not need to be extended. The need to extend the school year may change as events unfold.

4. Can I contact my school?

Yes, schools will be operating using a variety of technology-based supports. School phone messages, emails will be answered. Students will be able to request counselor and other support from contact through email. PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS UNLESS EXPLICITLY DIRECTED TO DO SO.

5. What if my home needs internet access?

Comcast - Information on how to get two months of free internet access is available at internetessentials.com. The website also includes the option to video chat with customer service agents in American Sign Language.

Internet Essentials - There are two dedicated phone numbers:

1. 855-846-8376 for English 2. 855-765-6995 for Spanish

AT&T - Information on how to get two months of free internet access is available at att.com/shop/internet/access

6. When is the conclusion of the third (3rd) quarter marking period?

Instruction will continue until the last day of the 3rd quarter, which will be Friday, April 3. However, the last day for students to submit work for the 3rd quarter marking period will be Wednesday, April 1, 2020. The 4th quarter marking period begins Monday, April 6. This will be the first day of virtual attendance in any new courses or specials for students in schools that operate on an accelerated block schedule or a specials rotation.

7. How will students be eligible to graduate?

Student eligibility for graduation in Spring 2020 is dependent only on credits earned and minimum GPA. All state testing and concordance requirements have been waived. Community service hours requirement will be waived for graduation and promotion this school year.

8. How will students be promoted to the next grade level?

Promotion decisions to the next grade level will be based on teacher professional judgment, discussions with parents and principal recommendation under School Board Policy 6000.1. All state testing and concordance requirements have been waived. All FSA and EOC exams for Spring 2020 have been canceled. Third grade promotion will be a team (principal, teacher, parent) decision.

9. Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Services

Support for ESE students will continue through classroom teacher instruction. Please see the ESE resource page for more information to help support students on their remote learning venture. Parent Resources and other online resources are available.

10. Bilingual/ESOL Services.

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