

Bluestem USD 205 Continuous Learning Plan

Parent Information

- Bluestem USD 205 goals for continuous learning:
 - Keep students connected to each other, their families, and to a caring educator.
 - Support students in continuous learning to maintain their skills and provide enrichment opportunities.

Student materials Pick up Schedule

- Monday, March 30th from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
 - BES student materials and iPads have been boxed up and will be delivered curb side on the Northeast drive of the grade school.
 - BJSHS students will be allowed to enter the building to gather their belongings according to the Butler County Health Department regulations.
 - Any school property or library books can be returned at this time for both buildings.

Communication

- Primary point of contact between school and home will be each child's classroom teacher(s).
- Main communication tools will include email, Zoom (video chat), phone call, text, and Google Classroom. Teachers may choose to use established platforms they have been using already this school year, such as SeeSaw.
- Classroom teachers will communicate regular office hours. If you have questions or concerns, please communicate with teachers via email, and they will respond during office hours.
- Our official communication outlets during this time are the USD 205 App, USD 205 Facebook page, and school website at www.usd205.com.

Educational Delivery and Grading System

- Teachers will communicate through Google Classroom by posting assignments, links, documents, or other related materials. Some will prepare short videos of instruction. They will also set up Zoom meetings, which are teleconference meetings that they can hold with students or an entire class live. At any time, there is a technology problem or the teacher is unavailable, the student should shift to independent work until the next class opportunity. Due to a wide range of communication obstacles such as lack of internet access, time restraints, and educational support at home, assignments and projects will evolve throughout the upcoming weeks to best meet the needs of each individual student. The main goals going forward are to support the students' social and emotional well-being by keeping students connected with each other and their teachers; and maintain their skills and provide family-oriented enrichment opportunities.
- For Pre-K and elementary students, there will only be participation grades for the 4th quarter.
- For Jr/Sr high school students, assignments and project grades will only help to improve the students' overall grade. No individual assignment grade will negatively affect their semester grade. Teachers will work with students to improve past assignment grades and makeup any missed work.

- Students in Dual Credit courses will continue as normal through their respective college program.
- Class of 2020 graduation information will be communicated with parents and students in the upcoming weeks.
- Additional information related to student Individual Education Plans will be communicated with parents by their teachers.

Technology Support

- When technology or learning issues arise for students, please e-mail the classroom teacher directly and allow them some time to work with you to resolve the issue.
- Solutions are being developed to address internet connectivity for those student households that lack resources necessary. Several hotspots have been installed around the District for student drive-up access. Those are located in Latham, Beaumont, the Leon City Office, and all USD 205 school buildings. Parents can also contact SKT or your cell service provider to see about temporary service. If you are unable to receive internet access due to location, transportation restraints, or finances, please contact info@usd205.com for possible assistance.

To Do List for Parents/Guardians

- Drop off and pick up student materials on Monday, March 30th, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Have students pick up grab/go lunch sacks on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30 am – 11:30 am at BES or Old Gym in Leon. Rural children need to sign up for delivery service with the following link [Rural Food Service Delivery Form](#).
- Have students check email regularly. Teachers will continue to change their educational model to best fit each individual student over the next couple of months.
- Check with your internet or cell service provider for temporary service. Contact the district for needed assistance.
- Download the Bluestem App for the latest district updates.

Key Contacts

- General Questions info@usd205.com 316-742-3261
(The main phone may not be answered due to closures, but messages will be monitored daily and will be directed to the appropriate person.)
- Food Service Questions jgleason@usd205.com
- BJSHS Questions obrown@usd205.com
- BES Questions dcarpenter@usd205.com
- Finance Questions jlovesee@usd205.com