

November 5, 2020

Dear BR Families,

We have just started four days of on campus learning and it's already time to begin planning for the second semester. We remain mindful that many unknowns lie ahead of us during the pandemic. Our plan at this time is to once again offer Edmentum to K-12 students for a fully remote educational experience, with a semester-long commitment. While we have just recently offered for our remote learners to return to on campus instruction, we are now more experienced in navigating the Edmentum platforms than we were in August and can provide families with a more comprehensive preview of what to expect. For that reason, when the fully remote option is chosen for the second semester, you will not be able to reverse that decision mid-semester.

To support you in that decision, on November 9 from 6-7 p.m., Paige Trimble, Curriculum Coordinator, will host a Zoom session to explain and demonstrate our Edmentum learning platforms. She has surveyed our current Edmentum learners (Knights), and will share with you comments from their experience. The session will be repeated on November 11 from 6-7 p.m. The sessions will be identical, so there is no need to attend twice. The Zoom links are provided here:

November 9 Edmentum Overview 6:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/92948207101?pwd=aFlhcEErNFFzbmpXMzdXc1RGdlRGUT09>

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November 11 Edmentum Overview 6:00 p.m.

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Families will be required to sign up to use the Edmentum curriculum for a fully remote, second semester learning experience by Friday, November 20. This will allow the district time to purchase the licenses and arrange the staff members who will provide support. The Edmentum sign up links are provided here and will be shared again with families over the next two weeks. Calvert Learning K-6 Sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLVHXJH>
Courseware 7-12 Sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F2JQ5ZD>

Those families who choose in person learning, we ask for your continued understanding that ongoing health metrics, ISBE guidance, and orders from Governor Pritzker could impact our learning models. Our goal is to remain open for on campus learning to the greatest extent possible, while balancing the health guidance. One thing in our favor is that we have practiced three different learning models in our first semester-full remote, Blue/Silver hybrid learning, and four days of on campus learning, which should allow us to move between models with minimal disruption as needed.

For high school students who will be on campus learners, we want you to know that we have recently categorized our high school courses into Level 1 and Level 2 courses. Level 2 courses require in-person learning for a majority of the course work. Level 2 courses include Behind the Wheel Instruction, English 4 Honors, Spanish 3 and 4, Biology, Advanced Biology, BSAA, Ag Mechanics, Intro to Ag, Chemistry 1, Chemistry 2, Physics of Motion, Physics of Energy, Home Maintenance, Orientation to Vocational Occupations, Carpentry and Cabinetry, Woods, Orientation to FCS, Computer Projects, Clothing, Art 1, 2 and 3, Art Appreciation, Studio Art, Senior Studio, and Band. If school is open for on campus learning, but a student becomes medically unable to attend for a significant period of time, we will do our best to assist the student in the course, but due to the Level 2 status, it may be possible that the student would be counseled into dropping a course, taking an incomplete, or receiving no credit for the course. For that reason, if you are a high school student and you wish to consider a schedule change for the second semester, please contact Mrs. Whitehouse or Mrs. Coy by November 23, 2020.

If you have questions regarding Edmentum, please contact Mrs. Paige Trimble at ptrimble@blueridge18.org. For other questions, please contact your respective building principal. Thank you.