



## Digital Learning FAQs - Fall 2020

### **Why did BCS announce a digital learning option?**

A digital learning option is being offered to provide the best possible learning options that will allow every student the opportunity to learn in an environment he/she feels most safe.

### **The Digital Learning Request Form opens on Thursday, July 9 and closes Monday, July 15. Why is there such a quick turnaround to complete the [Digital Learning Request Form](#)?**

July 15 deadline will provide 2 weeks for master schedule modifications and additional preparations for digital learning. This will also allow time and support for teachers to develop robust digital learning assignments and assessments.

### **Who is eligible to participate in digital learning?**

All students, K-12, are eligible to participate, including tuition students.

### **If I have multiple children in the district, can I choose for my children to be on different options?**

Yes. Families may choose the option that works best for each child in their family. Please note, if you have multiple students enrolled in BCS, you will need to complete a Digital Learning Request Form for each student.

### **How long will students participate in digital learning?**

Parents will sign a Digital Learning Agreement for one full semester (90 instructional days).

### **Why do we have to make a commitment for an entire semester?**

A commitment of one semester will provide consistency of instruction for teachers and students.

### **Who will teach digital instruction?**

BCS teachers will provide digital instruction.

### **Will my student receive a device for digital learning?**

Yes. All BCS students will receive a device. Parents and students must sign a Device Agreement Form that outlines appropriate care and use. In addition, students will participate in a digital citizenship lesson as well as review device care.

### **When/where will devices be distributed for digital learning students?**

Devices for digital learning students will be distributed August 3-4, 3:00-6:00 PM @ each school. During device pick-up, students will practice logging into their assigned device as well as logging into their Gmail account and Canvas. Students and parents will also sign a Device Agreement Form and a Digital Learning Agreement Form. Face to face students will receive devices the first week of school.

### **What courses will be offered for K-5 students?**

ELA, math, science, social studies, PE, and will be offered for students in grades K-5.

### **What courses will be offered for 6-8 students?**

ELA, math, science, social studies, and limited connections courses will be offered for students in grades 6-8. Spanish I will be offered for face to face students only.

### **What courses will be offered for 9-12 students?**

English, math, science, social studies, and limited elective courses will be offered for students in grades 9-12. Digital learning students will have a 7 period schedule. Individual student conferences may be required for scheduling purposes.

### **Who do we contact for technology support for digital learning?**

Contact the appropriate school for technology assistance.

### **What platform will be used for digital learning?**

BCS has adopted a new learning management system called Canvas. Canvas will be used as the platform for digital learning.

### **Will training for digital learning be provided for parents?**

Yes. Training sessions will be provided for parents of digital learners. The training will consist of digital learning expectations as well as an overview of Canvas.

### **What will digital learning look like for students?**

Digital learning teachers will use a variety of research based instructional strategies to ensure a rigorous learning experience that parallels, to the extent possible, face to face instruction. Google Meet will be the video conferencing tool used to provide live as well as recorded lessons for digital learners. Students will be required to complete assessments and assignments. Attendance, grading and accountability expectations will be consistent for students participating in either digital learning or traditional, face to face instruction. Students may be required to come into the school building after hours to participate in summative assessments such as benchmark exams, STAR assessments, etc.

### **What happens if my student does not complete digital learning work?**

Both digital learners and face to face learners will be held to the same grading standards if work is not completed. Therefore, if a digital learning student does not complete work, he/she may receive a zero.

### **How will grades be calculated?**

Specific category weights such as daily grades, quizzes, major assessments, and benchmarks will be consistent for digital learners and face to face students.

### **What will a school day look like for digital learners?**

In order for students to be successful with digital learning, parents must commit to providing appropriate support and supervision at home. Students will be expected to participate in a structured digital learning schedule, Monday - Friday. This schedule may differ from school to school.

**If the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise, could the district shift everyone to 100% digital learning?**

Yes. If conditions worsen and the Governor or health officials call for school closures statewide, BCS could transition all students to a digital platform.

**What if my student receives Special Education services?**

Your child's IEP will be amended to include an individualized digital learning plan. In addition, the provision of FAPE and access to the curriculum will continue to be implemented and documented in the IEP by your child's case manager.

**What if my student receives accommodations through Special Education?**

The Special Education department is currently seeking further federal and state guidance and working on the details of how these accommodations and services will be implemented.

**What if my student receives Occupational Therapy (OT) services?**

Your child will receive virtual support with activities/exercises to be completed at home to support the student with occupational therapy needs.

**What if my student receives Speech Therapy services?**

Your child will receive virtual Speech services through digital lessons/activities.

**Will my English Language Learner continue to receive supplemental language support?**

Yes, ESOL teachers will provide virtual supplemental language support.

**How will my child's social emotional learning needs be addressed?**

Counselors at each school will provide support for students. Counselors will be available for support through Google Meet, telephone and email. In addition, guidance lessons will be made available for digital learners through Canvas.

**If my child plans to participate in the Digital Learning option, do I need to complete the Annual Enrollment for Returning Students form for my child?**

Yes. All students returning to BCS, both digitally and face to face, are required to complete the Annual Enrollment for Returning Students form.