



Holly Area Schools

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Dear Broncho Virtual School Families,

Welcome to Broncho Virtual School (BVS). Your student(s) have been approved for online learning for the 2024-25 school year. Our first day of school is August 26, 2024. On this day we will have in-person orientation sessions with students and families to review BVS policies and to ensure they have access to their classes and have a Holly Area Schools' Chromebook.

Elementary students will be assigned to a BVS mentor responsible for meeting virtually with students each week to provide progress updates and arrange support if needed for scheduled classes. Middle and High school students will work with 2-3 teachers dedicated to virtual learning. While students will have access to work in their courses 24 hours a day including weekends and holidays, BVS will follow the HAS school calendar. During scheduled school breaks, students may choose to continue working on their courses, but teacher support will be limited. I have outlined a few items of interest as you prepare to support your student(s) with virtual learning this year.

Parent/Guardian Orientation

BVS parents/guardians will be given learning coach logins with a video demonstrating how to navigate within the platform and monitor student progress on the first day of school. Additionally, on August 3rd, Holly Area Schools will host a Parent Camp between **8 am- 11 am at Holly High School**. On this day, several sessions will be focused on strategies for supporting students in online learning. BVS parents and guardians are encouraged to attend one of these sessions as well as any other sessions of interest.

Student Orientation

Before the start of school, students will receive an email with login information. Students will use the same username and password used to sign in to their district Google account. During our orientation, students will attempt to log into the platform. At that time we will work with any students unable to access their accounts to ensure there are no delays in working on classes. Teachers will also go over communication/attendance requirements, show students how to navigate the Accelerate Education platform, and demonstrate how to submit assignments. BVS students will be expected to attend the initial in-person orientation session unless prior arrangements are made with the Broncho Virtual Director.

Broncho Virtual Orientation Monday, August 26, 2023

8:00-9:00 am- 2nd-12th Grade Virtual Students

9:15-10:15 am- EXCEL Alternative Education (Students in the EXCEL Alternative Education program only need to attend this orientation session.)

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After-School Events/Activities

Once enrolled in the virtual program, the student's school building in Skyward will be identified as BVS. It is important to note that you will no longer receive communications from your former school building. BVS students can participate in building-related after-school events such as sports and dances. BVS teachers do their best to communicate with students about upcoming HAS sporting or after-school events, but parents are encouraged to check school websites and calendars for upcoming events and deadlines. <https://www.hask12.org/schools/>

Course Enrollment/Access

Each elementary/middle school student will have 6 courses; Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies, and 2 Electives. Elective courses are assigned to students based on course availability. High School students in the 9-12 Virtual Learning and BVS EXCEL pathways will be assigned 5 courses based on counselor recommendation. Students will access their courses via a Learning Management System (LMS) called Buzz or Accelerate Education. They will receive login information through school email.

Teacher Mentor

Each student will work with a teacher mentor. The teacher mentor is a Holly Area Schools teacher who will provide regular progress updates and support as your child works through self-paced online courses. The teacher mentor will also help support the student with technology needs, encourage, and answer questions. Students will receive an introductory email from the mentor teacher with information about weekly virtual meeting times during the first week of school.

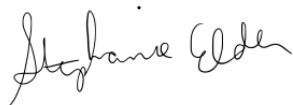
Progress and Participation Expectations:

All virtual students are required to attend a virtual meeting with their teacher mentor once per week throughout the year. For EXCEL alternative students the weekly meeting requirement is met by attending weekly in-person lab sessions. Students must also participate and agree to complete required assignments in all courses. Students are also expected to attend in-person sessions on Oct. 2 and Feb. 12 for state-wide count days as well as days for required district and state testing (3-4 times per year).

Reminders

- Students will be **required** to participate in weekly virtual meetings with their Teacher Mentor.
- Students' participation (attendance) and performance will determine eligibility to continue virtual learning. This includes required in-person testing and sessions (4-5 times per year).
- Teacher mentors will maintain regular communication with students to provide support and discuss their progress, but it is the responsibility of parents to ensure students are engaged and working in their courses daily.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional assistance. I look forward to working with our Broncho Virtual students and family this year.



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