Bethel Middle School Distance Learning Family Guidance

Dear Families,

As we resume the year in Comprehensive Distance Learning for All, please use this document as guidance. We want you to know why these decisions and approaches have been made. All of our decisions will be centered in equity, community, and wellness for our students. Our shared unprecedented situation calls for an even deeper level of compassion and flexibility than has already been at the heart of our approach to education.

We hope the following sections help students and guardians become more comfortable with new circumstances. Please communicate frequently with us, as your experiences and feedback help improve the quality of distance learning.

Core Values for our Distance Learning for All:

- 1. The safety and wellness of all students.
- 2. The cultivation of connections and relationships throughout our community.
- 3. Students and equity are at the center of all decisions.

Example Student Schedule: Week at a Glance

Note: Students will follow a time schedule to access classes during the day. Each student schedule will look a little different depending on the order of classes. (Some middle school schedules will follow a block schedule variation.)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Teacher-student interactions will occur in a variety of ways	Teacher-student interactions will occur in a variety of ways	Teacher-student interactions will occur in a variety of ways	Teacher-student interactions will occur in a variety of ways	Teacher-student interactions will occur in a variety of ways
Period 1	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
Period 2	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
Period 3	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Period 4	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 5	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
Period 6	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention	Intervention

How to Access Google Classroom

All students will be enrolled in their class schedule in Google Classroom. Students and guardians will go to <u>https://classroom.google.com/</u> and log in to find all classes. (Watch for an email with detailed guidance for how to better navigate Google Classroom.)

The student user name is your Bethel Student Email: (lastname.firstname@bsd52.org) The password is your student ID followed by first initial and last initial in capital letters: (012345FL)

Please note: Student email, Chromebook and google accounts will be set up during the first week of September. For assistance with any of these technology needs, you can visit <u>https://studenthelp.bethel.k12.or.us/</u>

Wifi Access

If you are not connected to the internet, we want to assist you in getting connected. Please contact the school office to discuss options. For students who require paper versions or translations of materials, we will reach out to you to make arrangements.

Progress Monitoring/ Grading Expectations:

- Feedback for students and monitoring of their progress will take place through Google Classroom. Guardians will be invited and encouraged to view what is being shared. Additionally, you are welcome to email or call your child's teacher or school at any time for an update. Attendance and grades will be viewable in Home Access Center.
- Teachers will provide multiple methods for students to submit work and demonstrate their learning (electronic, digital portfolio, mail, picture/video, etc.).
- Courses will be using standard grading.

ATTENDANCE

Every student is assigned to and will regularly connect with a teacher. Attendance is measured by student participation in learning, by two-way communication between staff and students, and by access to and the submission of course materials. Each student is expected to attend and complete coursework daily during the assigned class time. Any student not submitting work will be contacted to address barriers and provide support.

WELLNESS, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Counselors will schedule regular check-ins with students who have self-identified or have been identified for additional support. Activities and schedules encourage ongoing student engagement and positive contact with staff. Counselors will provide students routines and activities to support healthy habits.

NUTRITION

Meals and food pantries will continue to be available at <u>District sites</u> throughout the closure. Beginning September 15, grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches will be available for registered students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will be provided hot to-go meals on those two days, and can take home meals to cover Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.