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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to prepare for distance learning, our goal is to continue to provide as much information as possible in a timely manner. Due to the pandemic, we are all faced with new problems to solve. The partnership between school and parents has never been more important than now. Communication is vital. We are providing you with some frequently asked questions (FAQs) to provide you with information on what you can expect in a distance learning program.

I encourage you to continue to check regularly the District and school web pages, social media, and emails as information is fluid and rapidly changes at both the state and county levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school if you have additional questions.

Opening of Schools FAQs

- 1. Q. When is the first day of school for students?**
A. Wednesday, August 26, 2020
- 2. Q. What if my child is not registered to attend, how do I register?**
A. You may register online at:
<https://sites.google.com/bonita.k12.ca.us/busdstusrvremoteoperations/home>
- 3. Q. When do we pick up a computer?**
A. Information about the distribution of Chromebooks will be sent home from your child's school. If your household requires assistance with internet services, please call (909) 971-8377 x8880 or email at HelpDesk@bonita.k12.ca.us.
- 4. Q. How will teachers deliver instruction online?**
A. Teachers have received and will continue to receive training delivering instruction using the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS). This online tool provides a one-stop shop for students to engage with all of their classes.

Teachers will use this platform to communicate with students, arrange online meetings, submit assignments, etc. Students will receive instructions on how to access their Canvas account in the coming weeks.

5. Q. What is the schedule of online classes?

A. Schedules vary depending on the grade of your child. Below are the schedules:

Students in grades TK-Kindergarten

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(TK) TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN	8:00-11:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-11:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-10:30 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-11:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-11:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in
	11:00-11:45 Lunch	11:00-11:45 Lunch	Planning / Professional Development	11:00-11:45 Lunch	11:00-11:45 Lunch
	11:45-1:30 Small group and 1:1 assessment	11:45-1:30 Small group and 1:1 assessment		11:45-1:30 Small group and 1:1 assessment	11:45-1:30 Small group and 1:1 assessment
	1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504		1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504

Students in grades 1-5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELEMENTARY GRADES 1-5	8:00-12:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-12:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-10:30 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-12:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in	8:00-12:00 Morning instructional time with whole group, small group, and recess built in
	12:00-12:45 Lunch	12:00-12:45 Lunch	Planning / Professional Development	12:00-12:45 Lunch	12:00-12:45 Lunch
	12:45-1:30 Afternoon instructional time	12:45-1:30 Afternoon instructional time		12:45-1:30 Afternoon instructional time	12:45-1:30 Afternoon instructional time
	1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504		1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	1:30-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504

Students in grades 6-12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SECONDARY GRADES 6-12	Per 0: 7:10-7:55*	Per 0: 7:10-7:55*		Per 0: 7:10-7:55*	Per 0: 7:10-7:55*
	Per 1: 8:00-9:25	Per 4: 8:00-9:25	Per 1: 8:00-8:20	Per 1: 8:00-9:25	Per 4: 8:00-9:25
	Per 2: 9:35-11:00	Per 5: 9:35-11:00	Per 2: 8:24-8:44	Per 2: 9:35-11:00	Per 5: 9:35-11:00
	Per 3: 11:10-12:35	Per 6: 11:10-12:35	Per 3: 8:48-9:08	Per 3: 11:10-12:35	Per 6: 11:10-12:35
	Lunch 12:35-1:20	Lunch 12:35-1:20	Break: 9:08-9:20	Lunch 12:35-1:20	Lunch 12:35-1:20
	1:20-2:15 Differentiated Instruction	1:20-2:15 Differentiated Instruction	Per 4: 9:20-9:40 Per 5: 9:44-10:04 Per 6: 10:08-10:28	1:20-2:15 Differentiated Instruction	1:20-2:15 Differentiated Instruction
	2:15-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	2:15-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	Planning / Professional Development	2:15-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504	2:15-3:00 Planning/SST/IEP/504

- 6. Q. How will students engage with their teachers for instruction?**
- A. Teachers will provide daily live virtual interaction during the instructional blocks. Teaching will be primarily conducted via live interaction. Pre-recorded lessons may be used as part of the instructional day.
- Types of instruction will vary by grade level, but may include direct instruction, discussion, guided practice, independent practice, community building, wellness activities, and other instructional strategies.
- 7. Q. How will the teachers know if my child is understanding what is being taught?**
- A. Teachers will provide instruction and/or assessments during the differentiated instructional block in the afternoon.
- 8. Q. What is the Differentiated Instruction block on the Secondary Schedule?**
- A. Differentiation means tailoring instruction to meet individual needs. Whether teachers differentiate content, process, products, or the learning environment, the use of ongoing assessment and flexible grouping makes this a successful approach to instruction.
- 9. Q. Is Differentiated Instruction (Secondary) live instruction?**
- A. Yes, the time allotted is for small group instruction. Differentiated Instruction shall be live interaction with students in groups of two or more.
- Teachers will request specific students who need additional instruction or support to meet during the Differentiated Instruction period. Not all students will be required to attend the Differentiated Instruction, but all students should be available to attend if asked.
- 10. Q. Can students ask for Differentiated Instruction if they do not understand the content being taught?**
- A. Students can ask to attend a teacher's Differentiated Instruction for additional support.
- 11. Q. Is daily attendance mandatory?**
- A. Yes, daily attendance will be taken every day.

12. **Q. What if my child misses a lesson time because he/she is sick?**
A. You should email an absence note to your child's teacher or school attendance clerk. An absence is excused if the reason is due to an illness or medical appointment during school hours.
13. **Q. Can my child make-up online lessons that were missed due to an illness?**
A. For extended absences, please contact your child's school.
14. **Q. If my family already has a home computer, Chromebook, or device, do I need to have one from the school/District too?**
A. Yes. Until we are able to safely return to school, students will need a district-issued device that can be supported through our infrastructure to access required curriculum.
15. **Q. How will students be graded?**
A. Grades will be issued based on assignments and assessments provided by the teacher. Unlike the Emergency Distance Learning Plan implemented from March - June 2020, failure to complete assignments or assessments will impact students' grades. Teachers retain their rights to issue grades as afforded them by the California Education Code. Please communicate with your child's teachers for specific grading information for each course.
16. **Q. What technology will be available to students?**
A. All students will have access to a BUSD issued Chromebook. Similar to your textbooks, the Chromebook is property of BUSD and a cost will be incurred if lost, stolen or damaged. Students can access most of the BUSD resources using a personal device, however, it is recommended for students to use the BUSD Chromebook. Chromebooks will be distributed at your child's school.
17. **Q. Will there be extracurricular activities?**
A. Yes! Currently schools are planning for virtual events. Stay tuned for more updates from your child's school.
18. **Q. Will there be a Back to School Night?**
A. Yes! BUSD strongly believes that a strong relationship between the school and the parents is necessary for the success of our students. We want our parents to have an opportunity to hear from his/her child's teachers regarding class expectations. Schools are in the process of finalizing a date, time, and structure for Back to School Nights across the District.
19. **Q. How will the schools communicate with parents?**
A. As we prioritize the safety of students, their families, and our staff, we will limit face-to-face interactions between our community and our staff. However, we are committed to serving our community by providing excellent communication through emails, phone calls, and virtual meetings. Please make sure we have your correct email address and phone number on file as much of our mass communications will use one or both of those mediums. Teachers will also be available via email and will respond within 24 hours (excluding weekends & holidays).

20. Q. What other supports or services are available to students?

A. BUSD understands that this is a very difficult time for our students, families, and community. Each student has different needs to flourish and thrive during this time. We are committed to meeting the needs of our students and families. Our counseling staff, IEP case carriers, and other support staff are still available to our students. We will continue to create and be flexible to serve the needs of our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email to your child's school/teacher.

Additionally, we are working on an after school and weekend tutoring programs for all students who need the additional support. Stay tuned for more information as this is still in the works.

21. Q. Will there be waivers to open elementary schools?

A. No, unfortunately the Los Angeles County Department of Health has decided that until the transmission rate throughout the county decreases, they will not be issuing waivers. We will continue to update the community if this changes in the near future.

22. Q. Can I pick up meals for my child(ren)?

A. Yes. Meals will be available for pick up at the following locations. Pick-up times are Monday - Thursday, 11:30-1:30. Double meals will be served on Thursday.

1. Central Kitchen -125 W. Allen Avenue, San Dimas 91773 (currently serving summer meals)
2. Roynon Elementary – 2715 E. Street, La Verne 91750 (currently serving summer meals)
3. Ekstrand Elementary -400 N. Walnut Avenue, San Dimas 91773 (bus drop off site)
4. Lone Hill Middle School -800 West Covina Blvd, San Dimas 91773 (staff parking lot)
5. La Verne Heights -1550 East Baseline, La Verne 91750 (staff parking lot)

Additional information will be forthcoming regarding the meal pick-up process.

23. Q. Do I need to fill out a National School Lunch Program Free and Reduced meal application?

A. We encourage all families to fill out the application, especially if your financial situation has changed recently. Meal applications for the 2020-2021 school year can be completed online at <https://mealapps.bonita.k12.ca.us/>

24. Q. What if my child displays signs of anxiety about learning online?

A. All schools have wellness resources available as well as staff who are available for parents to contact. Please reach out to your school principal.

25. **Q. What if I need additional school supplies such as pencils and paper?**
A. If you are in need of required school supplies, please contact your child's school and the items will be provided.
26. **Q. How can I support my child's school?**
A. Please support your child's school by becoming a PTA or PTSA member. Parents can also join the [La Verne-San Dimas Educational Foundation](#) (LVSDEF). Both organizations give tremendous support to teachers and staff and rely on parents to join. Remember, online instruction is only temporary. Parent involvement plays an important role in the success of your child's education.

Sincerely,



Carl J. Coles
Superintendent