

Distance/Virtual Learning Option

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- The option is available for all Benton County Students in grades K-12 who have access to high-speed Internet.
- Please fill out the application/survey on the school website, www.bentoncountyschools.org, by Friday, August 7, 2020.
 - *Note: If you have problems with the on-line application, please call us, and we will take your information. You **cannot** fill out the application/survey on a phone.*
- If the student has an IEP, the students learning program will be an IEP team decision. A teacher from your child's school should call you by Friday, August 7, 2020.
- Students will be required to participate in 7 hours of instruction daily M – F as required by the TN State Board of Education. This includes 20 minutes for lunch and two 10 minutes breaks. A breakdown of the schedule will be provide for students at the parent orientation/training. Also, daily attendance will be required for students to participate in the Distance/Virtual Learning program.
- Assignments will be through the Edmentum Learning program and all work will be internet and online based. Grades K–5 will have a combination of Benton County and Edmentum teachers. Grades 6–12 will be all Benton County teachers.
- A Benton County Schools staff member from your child's assigned school (ex: CES, BW, etc.) will contact student's each day for an academic and attendance check in.
- Student enrolling in the Distance/Virtual program **will not** be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities (sports, band, etc.)
- Meals **will** be provided for students participating in the Distance/Virtual Learning program; however, meals must be picked up each day. Normal lunch rates apply for payment.

- Parents can visit the Edmentum website, www.edmentum.com, for more information on the system being used.
 - Grades K–5 will be utilizing the Calvert Learning System.
 - Grades 6–12 will utilize the Courseware program.
 - Parents can find a short tutorial on each program under the products tab.
- We plan on providing a parent training/orientation on the following dates:
 - August 10 and 11 @ 5 pm @ Briarwood Elementary School Lunchroom for Grades K-5
 - August 10 and 11 @ 5 pm @ Camden Central High School Lunchroom for Grades 6-12

If you have additional questions, please call (731) 584-6111.