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.
  o 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](http://www.edmentum.com), for more information on the system being used.
  o Grades K–5 will be utilizing the Calvert Learning System.
  o Grades 6–12 will utilize the Courseware program.
  o 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.