



Bettendorf High School Covid-19 Update

Welcome Back!

I hope you and your family were able to find some enjoyment during spring break. We are obviously living in unprecedented times with COVID-19. In order to support our students as they navigate this time, our partnership with parents and guardians is immensely important. Please read this **4-page document** in its entirety and feel free to contact me with any questions at 332-7001 or jkelly@bettendorf.k12.ia.us. If there are other issues you feel parents or students have questions about, please reach out to me. Thank you!

Information on School Closure

How long is school closed?

- At Governor Reynolds' recommendation, the Bettendorf Community School District is closed through Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Will BHS activities, rehearsals and athletic practices be permitted during the closure?

- **No.** The entire campus at Bettendorf High School is closed and all IHSAA and IGHSAA sports are now in a prohibited period for practice, competition, and sanctioned activity until the closure is lifted. This prohibition means no in-person contact between coaches/administrators and student-athletes for the duration of the period.

When will school open?

- **At this time**, students and staff will report back to school on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Will Bettendorf make up the missed days of school?

- **Yes**, some of them. Legislation was passed allowing the Governor to reduce the number of instructional hours; however, we have a responsibility to ensure that all students have the skills and competencies necessary to be successful at the next level. In service of that, this school year will extend to June 12 but will not go past that date, unless required to do so by the State of Iowa.

Is it possible the school closure could be extended beyond April 12?

- **Yes**, it is a possibility. Legislation was passed granting the Governor authority to cancel school for the remainder of the year should circumstances evolve requiring that action without having to call the legislature back into session.

Online/Distance Learning Information

Can schools use online/distance learning options for students?

- **Yes.** Public districts may choose to use online learning options but may not require student participation. If used, any online learning options should be offered as **equitably** as possible. This guidance may well change.

Can BHS require students to participate in online education while school is closed?

- **No**, not at this time. Public districts may not require students to participate in online educational programming or any other services while school is closed. Since schools cannot require participation, neither can they use online/distance learning for grading or attendance purposes. If the closure extends beyond April 13, this may change.

Can BHS offer online educational opportunities while school is closed?

- **Yes.** Public districts can offer educational services and opportunities but cannot require participation. Districts choosing to offer any such options must do so in the most equitable way possible.

Will BHS provide learning opportunities during this school closure?

- **Yes.** BHS will provide supplementary materials and learning opportunities to support students during this closure. Students are not required to complete these materials, nor will they be graded.

How will the 3rd quarter end for BHS students?

- **Information regarding how the 3rd quarter will end, final exams and grading will be provided in the next day or two to students/parents/guardians via email. Thank you for your patience!**

Information on Student Assessments and ACT

Will BHS students take the Iowa Statewide Assessment for Student Progress (ISASP)?

- **Unsure.** Iowa Testing Programs has announced Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress testing is suspended until further notice.

Will BHS 9th-grade students take the spring MAP assessment?

- **No**

Will ACT still sponsor the April 4 testing?

- **No.** Students registered for the April 4 date will now take the assessment on June 13. Students scheduled to test on April 4 received an email from ACT regarding this postponement and instructions to register for June 13 or another date for free. More information can be located [here](#).

Is the ZAPS seminar still taking place at BHS on Saturday, March 28?

- **No.** This test prep seminar has been canceled.

Concurrent (Dual) Credit and Scott Community College Classes

Will BHS students still get credit for the concurrent (dual) credit course taken at BHS and taught by a BHS teacher?

- **Possibly.** Scott Community College (SCC) is still in the process of providing guidance to BHS regarding concurrent (dual) credit courses. Students should look for more information from their BHS teacher in the next week.

Do BHS students taking classes at Scott Community College this semester have to continue with the class?

- **Yes.** The Scott Community College (SCC) campus is also closed; however, students currently enrolled in classes taught at SCC will move to an online platform starting Wednesday, March 25. BHS students should look for information from SCC via email. Students who have not heard from their SCC instructor should reach out to the instructor ASAP.
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AP Course / Examination Information

During this unprecedented time, many students are concerned about AP testing and whether they will be prepared to pass the exam. Please be assured that AP College Board and your BHS teachers will do everything possible to provide that opportunity. It is with this understanding, all AP students are encouraged to access the tools and resources available on the [College Board](#) website. Students should view the webinars being offered while noting that Eastern Time (ET) is one hour ahead of Central Time (CT) therefore, subtract one hour from the times listed for our time zone. For example, a 3:00pm ET session would take place at 2:00pm in Bettendorf.

Will BHS students be able to take AP exams if school does not resume?

- **Yes.** The AP program is investing heavily in the following ways:
 - For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered.
 - For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates so students may take sooner or later.
 - To be fair to all students, some of whom have lost more instructional time than others, the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class.
 - According to AP, colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they've worked this year to earn.
 - Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to - computer, tablet or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option.
 - AP will invest to make sure all students have the tools and connectivity they need to review AP content online and take the exam. Students in need of support in this area need to complete this [form](#).
 - The exam questions are designed in ways that prevent cheating. AP will use a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software, to protect the integrity of the exams.

Are there any free AP review classes available?

- **Yes.** Beginning on Wednesday, March 25, students can attend free, live AP review courses, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. These courses:
 - Are optional, mobile-friendly, and can be used alongside any work your teacher may give you.
 - Will be available on-demand, so you can access them any time.
 - Will focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course. There will also be some supplementary lessons covering the final 25% of the course.

Is there an established schedule to check when each AP class is offering review classes?

- **Yes.** This [link](#) will take students to the AP review sessions. Students are encouraged to check this website daily.

Class of 2020 Information

Will Prom still take place on May 16?

- **Yes**, for now. An extension of the school closure could compromise this.

Will Graduation still take place on May 31?

- **Yes**, for now. An extension of the school closure could compromise this, but the District is committed to honoring the Class of 2020.

Will the school year be extended for the Class of 2020?

- **Possibly**. In order to get as many instructional days possible, seniors may go to school through Thursday, May 28. This would be the latest date as BHS needs time to finalize grades and the graduation program in time for the graduation ceremony on May 31.

If a senior was scheduled to graduate at the end of 3rd quarter will that still be possible?

- **Yes**. BHS counselors are conducting a senior credit analysis on every enrolled senior to determine the number of credits and the courses remaining that a senior still needs to graduate. Counselors will be following up with seniors and their parents/guardians.

Are the District scholarship applications still due on April 3?

- **No**. BHS is extending the scholarship deadline to Wednesday, April 15. Students should email any staff member they are wanting to write letters of recommendation for scholarships. Please reach out to the teachers as soon as possible.

Other Important Information

Can students be on BHS campus during the school closure?

- **No**. With the exception of the controlled access to lockers, students are not permitted on school campus - inside or outside. Please adhere to this.

Can I email teachers with questions?

- **Yes**. This [link](#) will take you to teacher email addresses.

Will students be able to enter BHS to get school materials from their lockers?

- **No**. Students will not be permitted to get to their lockers *at this time*. We will be working to achieve controlled access to lockers in the future. More information will be forthcoming.
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