



Bushnell-Prairie City School District #170

Frequently Asked Questions

Due to COVID-19 and Suspension of In-Person Instruction in Illinois

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This document was developed in an effort to share information with our school community. Information and guidance from the Office of the Governor and the Illinois State Board of Education in response to health and safety mandates is evolving and often comes without warning. The information provided below is as current as possible and will be updated as we receive more detailed directives. If at any time you have a question or concern, please reach out to your school office, a teacher, a principal, or the district office. We appreciate the patience and understanding that has been offered as we navigate uncertain and confusing times.

ACADEMICS

Now that in-person instruction has been suspended for the remainder of the school year, how will my child keep learning?

Students were provided with remote learning activities through the month of April. Teachers will be providing additional materials for students to be completed through the month of May.

I missed getting a Chromebook for my child. Can I still get one?

A Skylert message was sent to all parents on March 30 and distribution took place on April 6 at the Junior High. Since distribution, many families continue to call to receive Chromebooks. To continue to support remote learning, a final distribution will take place on Saturday, May 2 at the Junior High from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This coincides with Club's Choice pick-up. If you have not received a Chromebook to support your child's remote learning, please complete the following [FORM](#). All Chromebooks must be returned the last week of school, June 1 – June 4.

I work and don't have time to work with my child to complete remote learning activities. What will happen to him/her if the work is not completed or returned?

It is important for students to remain academically engaged during this time. It not only insures they are continuing to learn, but provides them with stability and routine. Teachers are working hard to stay connected with students and parents are encouraged to continue to check their email and voicemail to support these connections. Students who complete work will receive grades and can potentially improve their standing and/or grade point average. This is particularly important for students who had missing work or were at risk of not passing. Students who do not complete remote learning activities will receive an "Incomplete". School districts are waiting for further guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the significance of an "Incomplete", however have been directed that no student should experience academic harm due to the suspension of in-person instruction.

My child has finished some remote learning activities. How can we turn those in so s/he gets credit?

Students will be able to turn in any paper/pencil activities they have completed during the last week of school, June 1 - June 4. Chromebooks must also be returned that week and students will be able to

retrieve personal items from their lockers. More information regarding that process will be provided at a later date based upon current health and safety mandates and restrictions.

All of the work that is being sent home is review work. I want my child to be ready for next year. Can you send home what they were supposed to be doing 4th quarter?

In alignment with guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the understanding that learning new materials requires time and attention from a qualified teacher, all remote learning activities provided will continue to be review. If a parent/guardian would like to provide instruction in topics that would have been addressed 4th quarter, please contact your student's teacher(s) to receive more information about content standards.

How will students catch up in time for next year?

We are waiting for guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education to have a better understanding of what we are able to do for students as we look forward to the new school year. When that information is provided, we will share it with our school community.

How will students register for school and get their class schedules?

It was our intention to begin registration online and provide in-person support to complete that process. The Board of Education, who understand well the challenges faced by our school community, voted in March to eliminate school fees. Families will be notified when online registration is available for next year. It is important for students to return the Course Request Form to the High School Office as soon as possible, so that class schedules for next year can be developed.

ATHLETICS

I already paid my child's fee for spring sports. Will I get a refund?

Spring sports were cancelled by the Illinois High School Athletic Association on April 21, 2020. If you have paid a fee for a spring sport, that participation fee will be used toward any other outstanding fees/charges and the remainder will be refunded. Please be patient as the High School Office works through that accounting process.

Will summer clinics and camps still be held?

Summer contact days will be determined as guidelines and limitations change over time.

My child still has his/her uniform. When should I return it?

Coaches are keeping track of student athletes who still have their uniforms. All uniforms will be collected during the last week of school (June 1- June 4) when students will also be able to retrieve materials from their lockers and return Chromebooks.

We purchased spirit wear. When will we be able to pick that up?

All spirit wear that has been paid for will be distributed the last week of school, June 1 - June 4. Please look for more specific instructions as we get closer to that time.

How will the cancellation of spring sports impact awards for student athletes?

While coaches won't be able to recognize student athletes for spring sports, it won't impact the Spartan Award, which is given to students who have participated in 12 sports throughout their high school career.

Cancellation of spring athletics will not impact recipients who would have been eligible to receive this honor.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Will the High School Awards Night be rescheduled?

High School Awards will be provided via video on the District Facebook page on May 13 at 6:00 p.m. Some scholarship programs extended the deadline for application. Ms. Daily and Ms. Settles will work with all providers of awards to establish a list of recipients in time for the May 13 broadcast. A program with the list of awards and winners will be produced and provided to students who receive an award or scholarship as a keepsake.

When will Junior High awards be announced?

Junior High Awards will be also provided via video on the District Facebook page and will be posted on May 13 at 5:00 pm. Ms. Daily and Mr. Harrison will coordinate with teachers to establish a list of recipients. While awards have traditionally been provided for Scholastic Bowl, there were not enough contests held prior to school closings for awards to be determined.

I paid for things that were being sold through school. How do I get my purchased items?

Baseball spirit wear was ordered and received. Coach Arnold made arrangements for pick-up. Please contact him via email at arnoldd@bpcschoools.org if you have questions or need assistance.

Spirit wear order for track and field will be distributed the last week of school, when students are able to turn in completed learning activities, retrieve materials from their lockers, and return Chromebooks.

Scholastic Book orders have been received and will also be distributed the last week of school.

Clubs Choice orders have been processed. Mr. Harrison is working with the vendor representative to organize a curbside pick-up process. Orders (if not already paid for), must be paid for that day.

The Greenhouse Sale is being restructured to insure the health and safety of staff and customers. Sales will be completed online and curbside pick-up provided. Please watch Facebook for an announcement regarding dates and times.

COMMUNICATION

When are school offices open?

All school personnel work both remotely and in offices, however school buildings remain closed to the public to insure the health and safety of employees and our school community. If you need to reach a school office or the district office, please contact via phone. All office phones are being monitored for voicemail messages. You may also email office staff directly. A staff directory can be found on the District Website at www.bpcschoools.org.

How do I contact a teacher or my child's principal?

Teachers and administration continue to work both remotely and in school buildings. If you need to reach them, please contact via email. A staff directory can be found on the District Website at www.bpcschoools.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We ordered Club's Choice items. How do we get what we've ordered?

Mr. Harrison has been hard at work with our Club's Choice representative to get these food items delivered. Curbside pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Junior High. People arriving for pick-up are asked to remain in their cars. Ms. Price is preparing invoices for students who collected orders from people and will email those to each student's B-PC email address. Families are responsible for paying for the orders in full at pick-up. Many students had already collected money for those orders and had submitted it to the Junior High Office. Students who have not received the money for the orders they collected would need to do so in order to pick up the items. Orders not paid for and picked up will be returned to the Club's Choice warehouse. Sales incentives earned by students will be awarded in the fall. Please contact Mr. Harrison via email at harrisonn@bpcschoools.org with any questions.

Has the 8th grade D.C. trip been cancelled?

The trip to Washington, D.C. has been rescheduled by the tour company for August 4 - August 9. All families were contacted by the tour company with more detailed information.

How will we get students pictures?

Life Touch is not considered an essential service and therefore have not been able to complete production of student composites at this time. Mr. Zarello will work with them to complete the ordering and delivery process.

Spring pictures at the Junior High were cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Can we still order a yearbook?

Yes, you may use the following [LINK](#) to order your 2019-2020 yearbook online from Jostens. The cost is \$55.00.

My child is a senior. How will graduation be impacted by the current health and safety mandates?

Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. A meeting to discuss and explore alternatives to our traditional ceremony will be held with senior students on Tuesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. An invitation to participate via ZOOM was emailed to students' B-PC email address. Given the number of parental contacts in our system for seniors (over 100) a written survey will be provided to parents/guardians to seek their input. An email invite was sent via Skylert on April 22. All plans developed for graduation will align with current public health safety restrictions.

My child already bought her prom dress. How will prom be impacted by the current health and safety mandates?

There is no indication that a relaxation of social distancing will be relaxed in the coming weeks and they may extend well into the summer. The lack of venues also makes rescheduling prom at this time difficult. Rather than create scheduling conflicts for students who may be moving, leaving for college, or entering the armed forces. Seniors will be invited back as distinguished guests for Prom 2021.

STUDENT MATERIALS AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

When can we clean out our lockers?

Students may retrieve the contents of their lockers/cubbies and PE lockers the last week of school, June 1 – June 4. A schedule and more information will be provided as that week grows near and we have more information regarding guidelines and restrictions that may impact that process. Please anticipate a drive up and distribution process unless the limitations on travel and group gatherings have been relaxed.

When should we return the Chromebook that was provided for remote learning?

Chromebooks and charging cords must be returned during the last week of school, June 1 - June 4. A schedule and more information will be provided as that week grows near and we have more information regarding guidelines and restrictions that may impact that process. Please anticipate a drive up and drop-off process unless the limitations on travel and group gatherings have been relaxed.

Is there any way we can pick up my child's band instrument?

Mr. Jones coordinated a curbside pick-up for Thursday, April 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Band Room. A message using Skyward was sent to all band members providing specific directions. No equipment will be accepted for return at this time. School instruments must be returned the last week of school, June 1 – June 4 when students return remote learning activities, return Chromebooks, and pick-up personal possessions from lockers.

STUDENT MEALS

How long will the District continue to deliver student meals?

We are blessed to have staff that is committed to ensuring our students have meals during these unusual circumstances. Student meals will continue to be delivered throughout the remainder of the school years according to the following schedule:

- Week of April 27; Delivered on Monday, April 27
- Week of May 4 ; Delivered on Monday, May 4
- Week of May 11; Delivered on Monday, May 11
- Week of May 18; Delivered on Monday, May 18
- Week of May 25 (Memorial Day); Delivered on Friday, May 22
- Week of June 1; Delivered on Monday, June 1

Will the District deliver meals throughout the summer?

We are exploring summer meals and working with local agencies to determine if and how providing summer meals would be possible. More information will be provided at a later date.

