

In response to COVID-19 closing school facilities for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System developed a comprehensive distance education model to engage students in continued education and instruction.

### Q: Is my child required to participate in distance education?

It is critical that we engage our students' minds in order to keep students prepared for the year ahead. To maintain all of the momentum and progress made toward content mastery, student participation is highly encouraged.

#### Q: How will this work be graded?

The supplemental assignments may be factored into the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-week grading period for K-8 and the final 2<sup>nd</sup> semester average for 9 - 12 students. This allows students the opportunity to improve their course grades. Distance education is not intended to negatively impact grades or academic records. Academic feedback will also be provided.

#### Q: Will attendance be taken?

Yes, teachers will track student attendance with the intent to capture student participation. Through waivers provided by the state, the necessary 63,720 instructional minutes per year requirement has been waived. Teachers have been reaching out to learn more about what barriers may prevent students from attending virtually. The district will work to assist and support students facing these virtual challenges.

#### Q: How can I track my child's progress and when will the final grades be due?

Graded assignments and academic feedback will be made available for review in JCampus in a timely manner. All assignments will be due according to the timelines listed on the corresponding promotion guidance documents found on the <u>family resources page</u>.

# Q: My child is at risk of not meeting academic requirements to retain his/her magnet status. How will the closure impact my child's magnet status?

Through the district's 'hold harmless' approach, students that were on probation or in jeopardy of not maintaining the 2.5 GPA requirement will not have their magnet status revoked. If a parent was informed prior to the COVID-19 school closure that their child's promotion to the next grade level was in jeopardy, then they should reach out to their school principal for further guidance.

### Q: Will the district be offering special education services and continued learning?

Yes, learn more about the resources available to support families here.

## Q: If my child has not met promotion standards or achieved sufficient content mastery, will summer school opportunities be available?

The district will offer summer remediation and course credit recovery programs. Individual school sites may also offer additional summer opportunities. As schedules become available, schools will communicate information to families. Additionally, the district is preparing a summer learning experience for students who wish to remain engaged and continue progressing

toward content proficiency and excellence.

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