



## End of School Year 2019-2020 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Baldwin County leaders and teachers have been in ongoing collaboration about how to best assist the remote learning process and to answer questions from our families and students during our remote learning days. Our goal is to provide you with a guidance document that you can refer to for assistance in answering questions you may have in the next few weeks.

### FAQ - School Items and Activities

#### Should we be working online even though Governor Brian Kemp canceled school for the remainder of the school year?

- Yes, the Baldwin County school district is still continuing with the Remote Learning Plan for the remainder of the school year. The school district is not using our physical school facilities, but the district is focused on creating the best educational experience for our students under the guidelines of the mandated shelter-in-place orders. Student assignments that are submitted will be graded.
- Students who are able to continue remote learning are expected to continue participating and completing assignments based on their individual teacher(s) and school schedule. You are also encouraged to access additional digital resources by clicking the parent tab on our website or the following link [Baldwin Digital Learning Resources](#); [Clever](#).

#### When will the last day of school be for students in good academic standing?

The Baldwin County School District has modified the school calendar for students in good academic standing. The the last day of remote learning for the school year will be as follows:

- High School Seniors: Friday, May 8, 2020
- Grades PreK-11: Friday, May 15, 2020
- Students in grades K-12 needing additional academic support will continue through May 22, 2020.

#### How will my child receive a final report card?

The Baldwin County School District's goal has been to find a balance between honoring students' time and effort while acknowledging that not all students have the same degree of access to learning. All student work submitted during the school closure (March 16th through May 22nd) will be applied to a student's overall grade if it **adds** value to the student's numeric grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s).

Primary Grades (K-2): Final report card grades will be based on a scale of "Proficient", "Developing" or "Beginning".



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Elementary (3-5) and Middle Grades (6-8): Final grades will be based on a scale of Pass (P - average of 70 or above); Fail (F - average below 70; or Incomplete (I - for students who lacked access to digital lessons and assignments) in all courses except for those that are taken for high school credit.

High School (9-12): Students will be awarded numerical grades for course credit.

For students in grades 3-12, the minimum score to receive a passing grade or course credit is 70.

Report cards will be mailed to residences on June 1, 2020. Please make sure that you have updated your contact information in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please click on this link: [infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) to create an account. If you need assistance, please email the help desk at [helpdesk@baldwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:helpdesk@baldwin.k12.ga.us).

### What criteria will be used to determine promotion and retention?

Only a student who has been on a school's academic concern list during Quarter 3 or before can be considered for retention. As such, no new student can be added as a retention candidate, so absence from school or inability to participate in remote learning experience will not impact retention. Students who are recommended for retention will be offered a face-to-face summer learning program in July. For special education students, an IEP team can make decisions in the best interest of students. Placement committees made of teachers, principals, counselors and parents will have the flexibility to make placement decisions for students who do not meet traditional promotion criteria. In the event a parent requests retention, a committee composed of the child's teacher(s), parents, counselor and administrator will be brought together to evaluate the child's progress and present levels, the parent's concern, and make a decision based on the recommendation of the majority of the committee.

Students who end the school year with a "Beginning" grade, a "Failing" grade, an "Incomplete" or are recommended for retention will be invited to participate in the Baldwin County Schools 3 week, face-to-face summer learning program in July if it is safe to do so. Students who attend will be re-evaluated at the end of the Summer School term to determine if they meet the criteria to move on to the next grade level.

#### Summer Program Operations:

- July 6 - July 23, Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 2:30pm
- Students will be given the opportunity to participate in our STEAM and YES after school programs from 2:30-5:00 pm.
- Transportation will be offered.
- Breakfast and lunch will be offered through the Summer Meals program.

An individual learning plan for Quarter 4 unit-recovery will be provided by the student's teacher in the course denoted as an Incomplete based on units needed for recovery, and the retention plan provided by the school committee will determine the plan for students who have been retained.

K-8: Virtual modules will be available in June for specific units of instruction. This will be available to students who earned an "Incomplete" because they were unable to complete assignments during remote learning.



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9-12: Virtual modules will be available for specific units of instruction beginning in May for students needing credit repair or credit recovery.

### **How will I return books, uniforms, and needed items? How will I retrieve my belongings, medicines, and needed items? How will I pay my debts and get reimbursements?**

Pending the lifting of Governor Brian Kemp's Shelter-In-Place Executive Order, all Baldwin County Schools will designate appointment hours in May for students, teachers, staff and parents for the purposes of retrieving personal items as well as returning textbooks; graphing calculators; Chromebooks/computers; inventorying of equipment; fee collection; refunds/reimbursements; counseling and course scheduling; medicine retrieval; locker clean out; etc. The District will communicate all pertinent information as details develop.

### **What is the best way to get updates related to school activities?**

Visiting the Baldwin County Schools website at <https://www.baldwincountyschoolsga.org/> or our social media sites will provide access to the most recent information updates. You may also check your school's website or social media sites for information related to rescheduled school activities and appointment hours. If you are not receiving information and updates shared via Infinite Campus, please click on this link: [infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) to create an account. If you need assistance, please email the help desk at [helpdesk@baldwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:helpdesk@baldwin.k12.ga.us).

### **Will my student graduate if he/she has met state and district requirements for graduation?**

Yes. This will be recognized on their transcript at the end of the scheduled school year (after May 22, 2020). In the coming days, you will continue to receive detailed information as the Baldwin County School District prepares for the end of the year activities, prom, and graduation. Based on the feedback received from the senior survey and the current restrictions on social distancing, the district is planning to have a virtual graduation on Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00 AM and a traditional graduation on Saturday, June 27 at 9:00 AM with a contingency date of July 18th at 9:00 AM. If the prom cannot be held on May 29th, the plan is to have the prom on Saturday, June 20th. Senior activities such as the senior picnic, Senior Honors Night, and graduation practice will take place the week of June 22-26.

### **What about the seniors who paid for their senior dues and prom?**

Pending the lifting of Governor Brian Kemp's Shelter-In-Place Executive Order, the school will hold prom on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. If the school is unable to hold the prom on this date, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. Depending on the Tier (Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, or Tier IV) that was purchased the following items/events are included: yearbook, senior lunches and picnic, t-shirt, prom, and graduation.

### **Are all field trips cancelled?**



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Yes. All field trips scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year have been cancelled. Details and guidelines for reimbursements are under development and will be communicated as soon as possible.

### **If I owe money, how do I make a payment?**

Schools will conduct office hours in May/June for the purposes of fee collection and reimbursements.

### **Will I be reimbursed for events and items that did not happen? How do I get this?**

Yes. Details and guidelines for reimbursements are under development and will be communicated as soon as possible.

### **How do I get a transcript or a letter of recommendation?**

Students should contact their school counselor via email to request either an official or unofficial transcript. Students should contact their counselor and/or teachers to request a letter of recommendation.

### **What if I am new to Baldwin County and have planned to enroll my child into school during this closure?**

Parents will be given an opportunity to register their child(ren) for school. The Baldwin County School District is exploring a variety of options to meet this need. Further details will be communicated on the district website in May.

### **How will we register for Pre-K/Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 School Year?**

Parents will be given an opportunity to register for Pre-K/Kindergarten. The district is exploring a variety of options to meet this need. Further details will be communicated on the district website in May.

### **Will Proof of Residence deadlines be extended?**

All families who submitted a Proof of Residence for the 2019-2020 school year and who will reside at the same address will not need to renew their proof of residence for the 2020-21 school year. Families who are new to the district, or who have moved will still be required to provide proof of residence by July 24, 2020.

### **How can I pay my out of county tuition fees?**

The administrative office will conduct office hours in May/June for the purposes of (OOC) fee collection.



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### **Will schools continue to hold IEP meetings?**

Yes, IEP teams will proceed with virtual IEP meetings, including meetings to discuss transition (ex. 5th grade to 6th grade, 8th grade to 9th grade, etc.) during remote learning days. Teams can hold a phone and/or video conferences to complete required meetings. All required team members and the parent must agree to have a virtual/teleconference meeting and be able to participate. If a parent does not agree or does not have access to participate, the meeting will need to be rescheduled for when school reopens.

### **How will my child's IEP services be made-up for these remote learning days?**

Remote Learning can serve as a model to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The IEP team can consider any additional supports your child may need once school reopens.

### **My child was in the process of having a hearing & vision screening done as part of an evaluation. When/how will this be completed?**

If an evaluation requires a face-to-face assessment or observation, the evaluation will be conducted once school reopens.

### **If I was scheduled for an evaluation, when will my child's evaluation be completed?**

If an evaluation requires a face-to-face assessment or observation, the evaluation will need to be conducted once school reopens.

### **My child has a new medical diagnosis or has new prescribed medication. How do I tell my school now?**

Email your child's counselor or email the school administrator.

## FAQs - Instructional Technology

### **What if my student has a technology issue with her/his assigned Chromebook?**

Your student should report any technology issues to his/her teacher. The teacher will then report these issues to the appropriate contact.

### **Will the district forgive fees owed for broken, beyond repair, and/or lost devices, chargers?**

Families are financially responsible for loss and damages to Chromebooks and signed a user agreement to this effect when the device was checked out.



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### How and when will seniors and/or withdrawing students return their Chromebooks?

Further guidelines will be given for this process. Pending the lifting of Governor Brian Kemp's Shelter-In-Place Executive Order, all Baldwin County Schools will designate appointment hours in May for students, parents, and staff for the purposes of retrieving personal items as well as returning textbooks, graphing calculators, Chromebooks/computers, inventorying of equipment and uniforms; fee collection, refunds, and reimbursements; counseling and course scheduling; medicine retrieval; locker clean out; drop off completed work, etc. The district will communicate all pertinent information as details develop.

### FAQs - School Meals

#### Will curbside, pick-up school breakfast and lunch continue over the summer break?

Starting on Monday, April 20, the Baldwin County School Nutrition Department will provide meals for seven days. Students will receive multiple meals on Mondays and Wednesdays during our school closure. The "drive-thru" sites are Midway Hills Academy, Baldwin High School, Boys and Girls Club, Ray Homes and the Mary Vinson Library will continue as well as delivering meals to 39 bus stops.. A detailed schedule has been posted to our district website at [www.baldwincoutyschoolsga.org](http://www.baldwincoutyschoolsga.org) and social media sites. Any person 18 years or younger may receive meals. They do not have to be enrolled in our school district. The BCSD School Nutrition Department will continue to follow all CDC guidelines and adhere to social distancing.

The Baldwin County School District will continue with meal delivery through the summer. All questions related to summer feeding should be addressed to Susan Nelson, [Susan.Nelson@Baldwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:Susan.Nelson@Baldwin.k12.ga.us)