BASD Virtual Academy Update

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Board of School Directors Voting Meeting
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District Focus

Our Vision, Mission and Goals provide the guidance for all decisions we make as an administrative team.

BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Safety and Well-Being   *Acceptance and Respect*   *Communication and Collaboration*   *Learning and Growth*

Our Vision: To cultivate an exceptional, innovative learning community that enables all students to succeed in a changing world.

Our Mission: For all students to be future ready by meeting or exceeding established goals, the Boyertown Area School District will implement coordinated, articulated curricula and provide personalized, planned instruction aligned with Pennsylvania academic standards.

Our Goals:

- To ensure responsible and data-informed use of resources.
- To provide a positive, safe, and healthy learning environment.
- To offer research-based, personalized, and growth-oriented learning opportunities for all members of the BASD learning community.
- To foster open communication, active involvement, and purposeful collaboration among all members of the BASD learning community.

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BASD Virtual Academy
Planning and Implementation

BASD recognizes that families and students often seek an educational format that is more flexible yet maintains a high level of rigor with a strong connection to the school community. The purpose of the BASD Virtual Academy program is to provide a virtual learning mode to our BASD students closely aligned to our district vision and in-person educational goals. This revised virtual model replaces BOL and serves as a viable alternative for Cyber Charter Programs.

How is BASD Virtual Academy different from the 2020-2021 BASD Virtual Model?

- Teachers will be specifically designated as virtual teachers. Teachers will not be teaching both in-person and virtual students at the same time.
- The instruction will be asynchronous with optional synchronous sessions.
- Students will be able to create their own daily work schedule and pacing.
- Families will need to follow a registration process to enroll students in our BASD Virtual Academy. A part of this process will include a discussion with building-level administration, the school counselor, and/or case manager.
- New enrollments will only occur at designated transitions such as the quarter/trimester change. Continued enrollment in the BASD Virtual Academy requires evidence of active participation and academic progress.

BASD Virtual Academy Enrollment Numbers

Elementary BASD Virtual Academy Enrollment as of 7/20/21

School	Grade	BASD Virtual
WES	K	0
	1	0
	2	0
	3	4
	4	3
	5	2
Total		9
BES	K	0
	1	1
	2	3
	3	1
	4	4
	5	3
Total		12
CES	K	0
	1	1
	2	1
	3	1
	4	2
	5	1
Total		6

School	Grade	BASD Virtual
EES	K	0
	1	3
	2	1
	3	2
	4	1
	5	3
Total		10
GES	K	0
	1	1
	2	1
	3	1
	4	1
	5	3
Total		7
NHUFES	K	0
	1	0
	2	0
	3	0
	4	0
	5	6
Total		6

Secondary BASD Virtual Academy Enrollment as of 7/20/21

School	Grade	BASD Virtual
MSE	6	5
	7	8
	8	17
Total		30

School	Grade	BASD Virtual
MSW	6	3
	7	9
	8	6
Total		18

School	Grade	BASD Virtual
BASH	9	11
	10	24
	11	36
	12	34
Total		105

Total BASD Virtual Academy Enrollment as of 7/20/21

- Elementary- 47
- Middle School- 48
- BASH- 105

Total BASD Virtual Academy Enrollment- 200

As of 7/20/21:

- At least 78 students who were attending outside cyber institutions have re-enrolled back in BASD.
- Of those 78 students who have re-enrolled back in BASD, 11 of those students have IEPs.
- Our registration office is processing new enrollments and re-enrollments to BASD every day. This number is 504 students.
- The total amount of students to re-enroll from an outside cyber intuition is predicted to increase.

Elementary BASD Virtual Academy Model

- Lower than expected enrollment (47 students)
- BASD will be partnering with Accelerate Education to offer a suite of digital curriculum and tools for the upcoming academic year
- Two **BASD** teachers will facilitate the learning experience in the platform across grades 1 through 5 while students complete work asynchronously with flexible scheduling and pacing
- Some synchronous sessions will be scheduled for intervention and assessment on a student-by-student basis. BASD Virtual elementary students will continue to have access to BASD supports and extra-curricular activities. More information on the partnership between BASD Virtual and the Accelerate platform can be found at this link
- We will continue to monitor our virtual numbers closely

Secondary BASD Virtual Academy Model

- Due to the enrollment numbers, most core classes (English, Math, Social Studies, & Science) and some electives will be built into a teacher's schedule. Teachers will have 5 in-person classes and 1 BASD Virtual class that will run asynchronously. Since it is built into the schedule, teachers will be able to utilize that virtual period to plan, provide feedback, meet with virtual students, etc.
- In areas where we are unable to build the class into a teacher's schedule, teachers will be given a stipend based upon the number of students signed up for the course. The teacher stipend is provided to go above and beyond their typical school day allowing them to plan lessons and assignments, provide feedback, and communicate with virtual students.
- At the middle level, due to the enrollment numbers, only a very limited number of classes can be built into a teacher's schedule.

BASD Virtual Academy Timeline of Events

	Date (2021)	Communication/Documents
Preliminary Survey to Virtual and BOL Families only	February 18	
BASD Virtual Steering Team Meeting	February 26	
Initial Interest Survey to Families	March 26 - April 9	Email Survey
Virtual Teacher Interest Survey	Late March/Early April	Elementary Staff Survey

BASD Virtual Academy Timeline of Events cont.

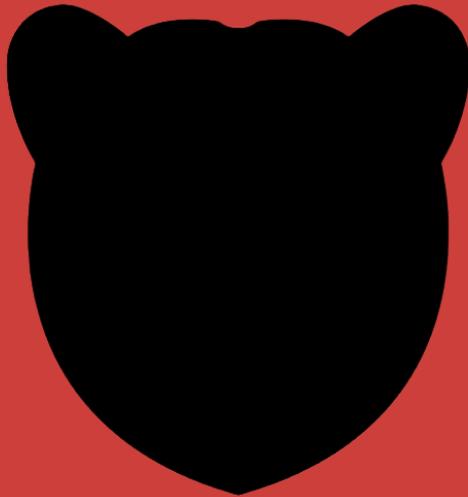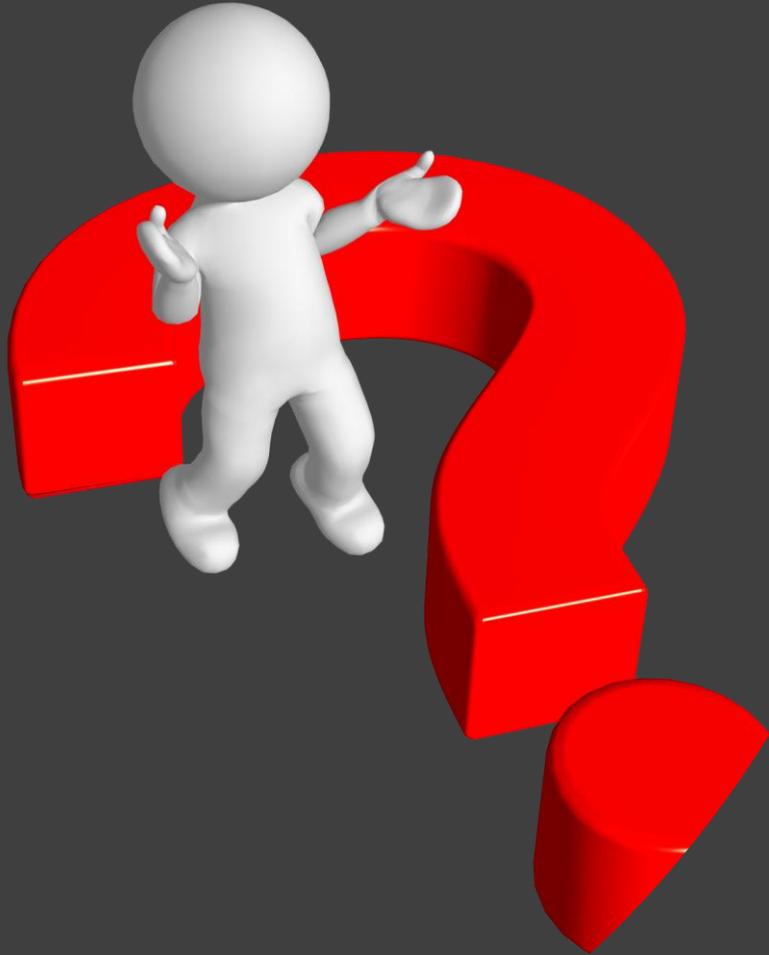|	Date (2021)	Communication/Documents
Teacher Information Sheet & Transfer Requests	April 23	Teacher Information Sheet
Official BASD Virtual Academy Enrollment Form to Parents	May 3- May 14	Email
BASD Virtual Academy Website & Parent Informational Guide Published	May 3	Parent Information Guide
Open Office Hours with OTL for interested teachers	May 5	

BASD Virtual Academy Timeline of Events cont.

	Date (2021)	Communication/Documents
Parent Q&A	May 10	Recording
Online Learner Readiness Surveys Sent to Interested Families	May 17 - June 18	Survey
Email Update to All Teachers	May 27	
Virtual Teacher Team Meeting	June 2	
Initial Draft of Virtual Schedules	Week of June 7	
Official Enrollment of Virtual Students	June 14 - August 13	

BASD Virtual Academy Timeline of Events cont.

	Date (2021)	Communication/Documents
Development of MOU	June - July 9	
Formal Notification of Teachers	June/July	
Virtual Teacher Training	June 30th, July 7th	
Asynchronous Virtual Training	July 8, July 19	
Elementary Updates Sent to Parents	July 12	
Determine if Kindergarten is Possible	July	
BASD Virtual Academy Orientation for Parents and Students	August 18th	

Thank You!

Questions?

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BASD Virtual Academy website.