

Braxton County Schools

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Schools are returning to pre-pandemic normal. Why is Braxton County Schools offering virtual school?

A virtual school option is required by law and state policy for grades 6-12. This virtual school offering is not related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What grade levels will have the virtual school option?

Braxton County Schools is required to offer virtual school to students grades 6-12 only. Virtual school is not an option for students in grades K-5.

Who is the provider of the virtual school?

Proximity Learning is the provider of Braxton County Schools virtual instruction.

Who will deliver the instruction for my student?

Instruction is delivered by master degree level teachers certified through the state of West Virginia provided by Proximity Learning. These teachers may or may not be located in the state of West Virginia. Instruction is not delivered by Braxton County Schools teachers.

How will instruction be delivered to my child?

Instruction is delivered live, online 3 days per week. Classes follow a similar schedule as traditional school. Students receive instruction in Social Studies, Math, ELA, Science, and other elective classes as required by WVBOE Policy 2510. A typical schedule:

<u>6th Grade</u>		<u>10th Grade</u>	
8:00-9:00	Social Studies	8:00-9:00	ELA 10
9:00-10:00	ELA	9:00-10:00	Geometry
10:00-11:00	Math	10:00-11:00	US Studies
11:00-12:00	Science	11:00-12:00	Biology
12:00-1:00	Lunch	12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Health/PE	1:00-2:00	Elective
2:00-3:00	Elective	2:00-3:00	Elective

Is internet a requirement?

Yes. Access to consistent high-speed internet is a requirement due to classes being streamed live and other applications required by Proximity Learning.

Who is responsible for internet connectivity?

Parents are responsible for providing internet connectivity.

Can my student begin the school year at his/her school and, after a couple weeks, transfer to virtual school?

No, because Proximity Learning classes have started and Braxton County Schools had to purchase class seats for students prior to school opening.

Is Distance Learning still an option for 2021-2022?

No, distance learning is no longer an option for students at any grade level.

Is there a cost to the parent for tuition to Proximity Learning?

No, there is no cost to the parent. Tuition is paid by Braxton County Schools.

Will my child be able to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities?

Students, grades 6-12, enrolled in virtual school enjoy the same rights and privileges as other students, which includes participating in co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

How much support will I need to provide my child with instruction and assignment completion?

Daily, parents are responsible for assisting and overseeing their student's learning.

My child receives special education services. Can he/she still participate in virtual school?

Eligibility to attend virtual school is an IEP team decision. The team will meet to determine the most appropriate, least restrictive environment and the most reasonable accommodations.

Is my child required to participate in statewide testing?

Yes, required statewide assessments must be administered to all BCS students, including students enrolled in virtual school.

What if I want to my child to return to school?

Students may opt to return to the traditional school setting at the end of each semester.

Will a technology device be provided for my student?

Yes, Braxton County Schools will provide a device for virtual school students.

What if we have problems with our technology device?

Students and parents will have technical support available for issues involving technology.

Is participation in Braxton County Schools Virtual School a good alternative to homeschooling my child?

Participating in virtual school provided by Braxton County Schools provides students the opportunities that come with public education. These benefits include instruction by licensed teachers, a variety of course offerings, participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and the ability to earn a diploma from Braxton County Schools.

Does my child have to be enrolled in Braxton County Schools to participate in virtual school through Proximity Learning?

Yes, students must be enrolled in Braxton County Schools to participate in virtual school.

Where can I find more information?

Online at Proximity Learning <https://www.proxlearn.com/> and Braxton County Schools Virtual School Policy 2326.

How do I sign my child up for virtual school?

To complete the *Virtual School Application*, go to <http://boe.brax.k12.wv.us> by 4:00 pm on July 27, 2021. Once you complete the application and click submit it will automatically be received by the school system's central office.