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To: Barbour County Parents of School Age Children
From: David Neff, Director – Barbour County Schools
Re: Virtual School Opportunity
Date: 7/21/2020

Barbour County Schools will be providing a virtual school opportunity for all students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

- Course work will include all required WVDE required subjects.
- High school students will earn credits toward a Philip Barbour High School Diploma. Students will need to complete all graduation requirements. Philip Barbour will be able to share graduation requirements upon request.

Virtual school is offered free of cost. Students will be required to be enrolled as a Barbour County Schools student. The complete virtual school policy is posted on the Barbour County Schools website under Policies and Procedures. Look under the link titled Instruction for Policy 7610 – Distance Learning and Virtual School Courses. The course catalog for the virtual programming can be found at the WVDE Virtual School site. The school will facilitate the enrollment in classes.

High school age students enrolled with the following providers will also be able to count courses previously completed in their online programs toward high school graduation if the course appears in the WV Virtual School Course Catalog.

What you will need:

- Dependable internet access.
- Independent work ethic to work online. The teachers for the courses are employed by the virtual providers and are not located locally. Tutoring is not available from a Barbour County teacher.

What Barbour County will provide:

- Enrollment in the courses without charge
- The curriculum needed at each grade level.
- Chromebook laptop.
- A local teacher to proctor tests required by the virtual school providers. Service will be available on site at PBHS by appointment.
- Counseling and enrollment for required course work at each grade level.

Enrollment forms can be returned through August 14th to dbneff@k12.wv.us, faxed to 457-3559, or turned in at the board of education office. More information can be requested by calling the Barbour County Schools' board office at 304-457-3030.

Programs Included in the WV Virtual School



Personnel, Secondary Improvement, Attendance, WVEIS

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Extension 1011

Distance Learning and Virtual School Courses

The following procedures will be followed to enroll for virtual and distance learning courses offered by Barbour County Schools through the West Virginia Virtual Program. This document supplements county policy as a supporting document.

Virtual programming is offered as an online alternative to traditional brick and mortar instruction. Students may take a complete program of virtual instruction or a blended approach of virtual classes and traditional classes.

It is required that:

1. Students enroll in the school attendance area in Barbour County,
2. The home has adequate internet service,
3. The parent and student understand that virtual programs require a higher level of dedication and self motivation.
4. Sign a release of information that will allow the WV Virtual School to share student information with third party vendors that provide the courses.
5. Sign an Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement at the school.

Registration process:

1. Applications for Virtual School should be submitted to the board office by Friday, August 14, 2020. Email applications to dbneff@k12.wv.us (Enrollment form is below.)
2. Parents will enroll their student for virtual programs at the school in their attendance area.
3. Enrollment information will be collected at the school.
4. Parents and student will participate in an orientation to virtual school presentation. The virtual school facilitator for Barbour County Schools will provide information to clarify expectations and requirements.
5. Students will be enrolled as a student at the school and will be able to participate in all curricular and extra-curricular activities.
6. To maintain a consistent educational setting, students will be required to maintain enrollment in classes for the duration of the semester. Students will not be able to switch back and forth between virtual and traditional settings.
7. Students who have an IEP will be required to meet with their team to approve an individualized plan.

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Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I **hereby consent** to the WV Virtual School's collection, use, and/or disclosure of information about my child through the course registration process and other manual and/or electronic procedures of the WV Virtual School or associated course providers. I understand that my child is registering for a virtual course, and that the information collected is needed for both course registration and grade/progress reporting to my child's school and to the WVVS.

This consent form covers all forms of distance learning courses, included but not limited to satellite courses, video courses, and web-based courses. Your child's image may be transmitted during video portions of distance learning and online courses.

The information supplied to the course provider and/or the West Virginia Virtual School may include, but not be limited to: student name, address, phone number, age, gender, school name, student grade in school, student email address, student progress and grade in course/s.

Please complete the following and return to your child's school:

Child's Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

Address: _____

School _____ Grade _____

I have adequate internet that will allow video viewing: Yes No

Full Virtual School Option, *or*

Blended Virtual Option

Parent/Guardian's Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian's Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address (if available, and if you want to receive progress reports that may be available from the course provider): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (signature indicates approval to transmit needed student information to the course provider and/or the West Virginia Virtual School):

Signature: _____

Date _____

The WV Virtual School has taken this step in order to be in compliance with federal legislation for child protection, including The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA - <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/ferpa.html>) and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA <http://www.ftc.gov/os/1999/9910/64fr59888.htm>).

All students using computers from school locations must agree to abide by school, county, and/or West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2460 (Safety and Acceptable Use of the Internet by Students and Educators). It may be viewed online at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p2460.html>, or you may request a copy from your child's school. It is the intention of the West Virginia Department of Education to filter and restrict access to controversial materials from school computers.

However, since the online courses are web-based, content accessed from home or elsewhere outside the school could put the student in contact with objectionable materials via the World Wide Web. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the student to restrict any access to materials deemed inappropriate by the parent/guardian.