

2014 National Blue Ribbon School

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Bonner Elementary School 2020-2021 Distance Education Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What will my child's instructional day during distance education look like?
- We are striving to create a school experience that is as similar to the traditional in class experience. Each class has a set schedule that is similar to their regular school day, including a lunch period and attending specials. Our students will receive daily live instruction from our teachers in the core subject areas, will engage in small group instruction, and complete independent assignments and assessments. We will do our best to ensure that instruction is rigorous, relevant and meaningful for all students.
- 2. How long will the school day be? How long will students be on their computers? We will follow our standard bell schedule. Students will say the pledge with their teacher at 7:55am and will begin instruction at 8:00am. The school day will end at 2:11pm. Students in PK-2nd will receive between 60-90 minutes of direct video instruction from their teacher, which will be supplemented with small group instruction and independent work for the remainder of the day. Students in 3rd-5th grade will receive 90-120 minutes of direct video instruction, as well as the supplemental small group and independent work. While students will be on their computers for much of the instructional day, there will be time for independent work that is offline. Note: Please review the Bonner Weekly Instructional Plan, which outlines when real time instruction will take place throughout the day.
- 3. What if my child cannot participate in the live lessons due to being in childcare or due to my work schedule?
 - We understand that many of our parents will have the challenge of balancing work and school responsibilities for their children. As such, all of the daily live lessons will be recorded by our teachers and posted for playback at a later time. All assignments will be available in canvas and can be completed within a flexible timeline. However, we do expect all videos of instruction to be viewed and all assignments and assessments to be completed.
- 4. How will my child access these videos and online curriculum? Our teachers will meet with students via Google Meet and will provide all curriculum, links and materials within Canvas, which is CCSD's learning management system. Canvas can be accessed at clever.ccsd.net
- 5. How will my child get help from their teacher?
 - All teachers will have office hours daily from 7:25am-7:55am in which they can virtually meet with students or parents who need assistance or clarification. Some Wednesdays we will have staff meetings during this time. Students will also begin to work with their teacher in differentiated small groups during the independent practice block based on their





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demonstrated need for support. Of course, teachers are also available to be reached through their nv.ccsd.net email account or on Class Dojo. Additionally, our teachers will also administer diagnostic assessments at the beginning of the year to determine students' instructional levels and will remediate or enrich as necessary. This will take place in small groups during the instructional day, as well as within the intervention block. We will also use the results from the MAP fall benchmark assessment to determine additional support.

- 6. What about the instruction our students may have missed due to the closures in the spring?
 - In April, our staff met with their grade level colleagues to review their long range plans and identify standards that may not have been taught, as well as standards for which students may not have had the opportunity to demonstrate mastery. They also pulled accompanying resources that corresponded to those standards. They then met within a vertical alignment structure in late April to receive this information and resources from the grade level below them and then also presented their information and resources to the grade level above them. Our teachers have taken this information and have informed their planning accordingly. CCSD has also provided bridging documents for instructional planning.
- 7. How will students complete assignments? Will we be printing work out at home? Our teachers will provide all instruction online and students will have the opportunity to complete work online, as well as work on prepared materials that have been deployed to families. There is no expectation that any family will need to print any materials.
- 8. What about my child's social and emotional wellbeing? What supports are in place? The social and emotional wellbeing of our students is incredibly important, especially in these uncertain times. During distance education, all CCSD schools will utilize site-based teams and mental health professionals in the planning, development, and implementation of support during distance education. At Bonner, our counselor Mary Kaskie will be leading this work. She will conduct wellness checks for students whose attendance and course progression are suffering, as well as provide tiered support, including evidence-based, high-quality social and emotional instruction for all students through her counseling lessons. She will also provide interventions for students who show signs of mental health concerns, including trauma. And, of course, this work will continue whenever we transition back to instruction within the school building, as it is in line with the social emotional supports we had in place previously.
- 9. When will we meet our teacher? Will there be an Open House this year?

 There will not be an in person Open House this year, but our teachers will be sending a pre-recorded video that outlines their classroom expectations, procedures, etc. on Tuesday, August 18th. They will then host a virtual Q&A session on Friday, August 21st. PK-2nd will be from 8:00am-9:00am and 3rd-5th will be from 9:00am-10:00am. Your child's teacher will send a link to attend the virtual Q&A session. The links to both the pre-





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recorded video and to the Q&A session will be shared on Class Dojo, so please be sure to accept your invite to Class Dojo and check the app regularly.

10. When is the first day of school?

The first day of school is Monday, August 24th, 2020. You will follow the specific schedule your teacher provides. All instruction begins ONLINE at 8:00am daily. Please do not bring your child to school on August 24th.

11. What about school supplies?

We still encourage our parents to obtain the supplies outlined on the teacher supply list that will be sent home with class placements and can be accessed on the Bonner website. You can order a complete Bonner Elementary supply kit and have it shipped directly to your house at https://www.snapbackschoolsupplies.com/shop. You may also make your \$30 donation on the Snapback site or via the Bonner webstore: https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/bonner-bobcat-web-st/

12. How will I report my child's absence if they are sick and unable to participate in class? Regular attendance is not only important to your child's success in school, but it is a state law and district policy for all students to attend virtual learning during all times that public school is in session. Evidence of work completion and attendance in live sessions will be used to determine attendance. Please complete your absence notice online within three days of the absence via this link: https://www.bonnerelementary.com/student-absences-infinite-campus

13. How will I keep up to date with my child's progress and grades?

The Clark County School District student information system, Infinite Campus, allows parents to view their child's academic information in real time through the Parent Portal: campus/cesd.net/campus/portal. If you need help logging into the Parent Portal, or with the information you see in the Parent Portal, please contact our school office at 702-799-6050.

14. Is the Bonner front office open?

Yes, we are open Monday-Friday from 6:30am-3:00pm. However, we cannot accommodate walk-ins. Most help can be provided over the phone by calling 702-799-6050, but if you need to visit the front office, please call to schedule an appointment. All visitors must wear a mask and complete a health questionnaire.

15. How will I get updates from the school?

We will be updating parents frequently as we navigate distance education. Please be sure to check your email and <u>Class Dojo daily</u>, as well as visit the Bonner website. We have created a page on the website to house helpful links and documents for distance education: https://www.bonnerelementary.com/distance-education. You can also stay up to date by following Bonner on Instagram @BonnerElementary, on Twitter @BonnerCCSD and on





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Facebook at Bonner Elementary PTO. Bonner PTO will be sharing some information about some upcoming family nights soon!

16. What if my child has an IEP or 504?

Your child's special education teacher of record or Ms. Kaskie will be communicating about necessary revisions and the delivery of services. All Special Education Teachers will be working with classroom teachers to ensure students are continuing to work on goals and benchmarks that are in their IEPs. All IEP meetings will be held virtually at this time and until further notice.

- 17. What if my child attends GATE? What if they were supposed to be tested for GATE? Our GATE specialist, Mrs. Jasmin Churchill, will be providing services during distance education. She will work with our teachers to create a schedule and will hold a Q&A during Virtual Open House as well. We are awaiting direction from CCSD regarding testing students and she will be in touch once we know more about the process.
- 18. What if I have questions that you didn't answer here?

Please do not hesitate to contact the front office at 702-799-6050 or email Ms. McCarty at mccare@nv.ccsd.net or Mrs. Keener at keenem@nv.ccsd.net. We may not have all of the answers but we will try our best to find out! We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate this new structure!

