

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the course of last week and this past weekend I have received many questions that you all may be having. I wanted to create a document that could hopefully answer many of those questions. Bernalillo Public Schools will be out for the rest of the school year, the education and well-being of your students is still very important. Even as I have been writing this document, things have been changing and I've had to update it many times, so please understand that these answers are just catching you up to the current situation, and if there is any changes I will send out that new information via Call, Remind App, and Email. The following questions are common ones that I am receiving from not only my advisory students but other parents as well and I hope I can clarify for you as much as possible, please be aware this is for Bernalillo Middle School, I do also work at the High School so if you have any questions about your older students please feel free to contact me for that information as well.

1. How will my student's Final Grades look?
 - A. Student's Grades will be based on a Pass/Fail system, unless they are in Honors class, then that class will count as a Letter Grade. Students will have their Semester 1 grades averaged out with their Quarter 3 grade and the first week of Quarter 4. If these grades average out to a Passing grade which is a D (60% and above) then they will Pass the class, if the grades average out to a failing which is an F (59% and below) then your student will be failing, however they both have the opportunity to bring that grade up.
2. How can my student bring up their Grade?
 - A. Bernalillo Public Schools have been passing out Remote Learning Packets, these packets have assignments for students K-12 grade in them. Your student can turn this work in to either their specific teachers for Math, English, Science, and Social Studies. Or send all that completed work to myself. These worksheets and packets will not be graded, but can be put in as a completion grade. These packets will be handed out at the Food Distribution, and will include all grade levels within the packet, so if you have multiple students in the district you don't need to go to multiple schools to pick up the work. However there is also a link on Bernalillo Public Schools website where you can also get the packet. Here is the link to that: <https://www.bernalillo-schools.org/Page/4427> . A new packet is being passed out Wednesday April 8th from 9-11 at the Middle School.
3. Should my student complete the Remote Learning Packet?
 - A. Even though the Remote Learning Packet is not mandatory, I suggest that all students work on portions of it as we go through the final 5 weeks of "school". Many students are enjoying this brain break, however when we come back in August, that routine of learning will be completely gone for many of them. This packet may be seen as a keeping them 'busy', but it really is jammed packed with great assignments. I've even had students from 7th grade trying their hand at the 8th grade work, or the work that their older brothers and sisters are doing. If your student has a failing grade I highly encourage working with them on that information and getting that work turned into parents. If your student has my class, or any other electives that they are worried about, we hope to have some enrichment assignments up on Bernalillo Middle School's website by the end of the week. Attached is more information on the Remote Learning Packet that was sent out to teachers.

4. Are there any other opportunities for my student to engage in learning?
 - A. Many teachers are creating google classrooms which your student has already been given a username and password to use. If you do not have that information please contact me and I can give you the email/username for the, however if the password needs to be reset you will have to call or text technology at (505) 738-3441. Technology support is available M-F 7:30am-4:30pm. Google classroom will be linked to your students account so as soon as they login they can see all of the classes that their teachers have created. This will have specific information for your student's classes that they can engage in for additional learning.
5. What if my student left items in their locker that they need to get?
 - A. Unfortunately all items in the school are unable to be returned to students at least until the state wide Stay-At-Home mandate is out of affect, it was just extended to April 30th as well. Teachers are not allowed in the building as well, and due to the fact that we had to rush out of the building by 4:00 on that last Friday of school I left many important items at the school one being my laptop charger, so I unfortunately had to go get a laptop charger. So I am completely feeling the frustration and anxiety of this question as well. We are probably looking at mid to end of May before we can have anyone get these items. If there is something highly important in the school such as medicine, please contact me or Mr. Sais and we can try to get that to you.
6. What will summer school look like?
 - A. If the virus has passed by the time June rolls around, we will be holding a K-8 "summer school", this will look different than past summer school at the middle school because it will be held much like more school where the kids will have passing periods and go to different classes, as well as have extra-curricular classes. It will be held from June 22nd -July 24th, however depending on how long this Virus goes we cannot know for sure if this will be canceled or not as well. If you have any more questions on this, Mr. Sais or Mrs. Abeyta can answer them in full detail. Their emails are jsais@bps.k12.nm.us and jabeyta@bps.k12.nm.us
7. What if our family needs support during this time?
 - A. I would like to say that if you guys need anything at all, please ask even if you are worried about food, or a new mandate, or anything. Please, please, please just contact me I will do everything in my power to help. We are in crazy times right now and many people are going through harder times than the 2008 housing crisis, and 911 put together. Bernalillo Public Schools and myself are here to help all that we can. We care deeply about the wellbeing of our students and their families, work and education aside we are keeping in contact with you all to be someone to lean on. There is also food distribution if you have not heard yet, Monday-Wednesday of this week from 9-11 the school is giving out breakfast and lunches. On Wednesday they will be giving out eight breakfasts and eight lunches for your student for over the course of Spring Break. At this time Mr. Sais will also be at the middle school giving out the Remote Learning Packets as well.

These are all the questions that I currently could put on here, but if you have any more please contact me at any time. My Google Voice number is (505) 738-6957 you can call or text me, as well as email me at hbergeron@bps.k12.nm.us I have also attached a copy of Mr. Sais weekly email that he sends out. If you are not receiving this or the All-Calls please let me know and I can add you to those things. Thank

you for your continued support of your student's education, and thank you for reading this. Have a wonderful rest of your day and don't hesitate to contact me for anything at all.

Sincerely,

Heather Bergeron