



April 8, 2020

Bondurant-Farrar Parents/Guardians

With the Governor’s announcement that Iowa Schools will remain closed through April 30, 2020, we want you to know that Bondurant-Farrar Schools remain committed to helping students and families during these challenging times. Pending any further Governor orders, we will plan to re-open on May 1. Even though the Bondurant-Farrar Community School District doors are closed, our schools’ heart is still going. While academics are very important for our students, we don’t want this to become added stress for you and your family. There is no greater time for all of us to extend care, grace, and understanding toward each other. We WILL get through this together. Based on the current Iowa Department of Education Guidance on what districts can and can not do, our district will continue to provide K-12th grade Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities. This means the learning options are available but not mandatory for students to participate. Per the Iowa Department of Education, this option will count as instruction and no days through April 30th will need to be made up. The chart below will provide specifics.

	Morris	Anderson	Middle School	High School
<b>Communication</b>	Grade level sending out one/week. Teachers will touch base with families who have questions or concerns.	Communication once a week with parents via email or Infinite Campus. Teachers are available to families who have questions or concerns.	Communication once a week with parents and students through Infinite Campus. Teachers will work with students through email and Google classroom.	Communication once/week with parents & students through IC with updates and weekly info. Teachers will only be reaching out to students.
<b>Primary Content Delivery Platform</b>	Email/See saw/various applications	Google Classroom and email	Google Classroom	Canvas w/ some Google Classroom
<b>Secondary Content Delivery Platform</b>	Packets (hardcopy of activities) <i>*Available upon request for those who don't have access to the internet or have a specific accommodation.</i>	Packets (hardcopy of activities) <i>*Available upon request for those who don't have access to the internet or have a specific accommodation.</i>	Packets (hardcopy of activities) <i>*Available upon request for those who don't have access to the internet or have a specific accommodation.</i>	Packets (hardcopy of activities) <i>*Available upon request for those who don't have access to the internet or have a specific accommodation.</i>
<b>Feedback</b>	Provided on submitted work	Provided on submitted work	Provided on submitted work	Provided on submitted work

<p><b>Content Area and Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Total: 30-45 min. Per day</b></p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Encouraged to read 20-30 min. Daily;</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> various writing choices are offered (1-2 per week; 15-20 min)</p> <p><b>Math:</b> 3-5 math choices offered per week; 30 min.</p> <p><b>Science/Social Studies:</b> One time per week for each subject (20-30 min. each)</p> <p><b>PE, Art, Music, Guidance:</b> 30 min. each day in one area</p>	<p><b>Total: 60 min. per day</b></p> <p><b>Classes:</b> <b>Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, Art, Music, Guidance, Library:</b> The recommended time spent daily is 60 minutes in total for a combination of the subjects listed above.</p> <p>Teachers will share a suggested schedule with parents.</p>	<p><b>Total: 75 min. per day ^</b></p> <p><b>Core Classes:</b> <b>Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies:</b> Two times per week. Up to 60 minutes per week, per area.</p> <p><b>Elective/Others:</b> <b>Spanish, Chinese, FCS, Music, Band, Choir, STEM, Fin. Literacy, PE, Health, Art:</b> Amount of time will vary per week depending on course.</p> <p><i>^a sample/suggested plan for parents and students on what a week will look like will be shared with families.</i></p>	<p><b>Total: 90 min/day</b></p> <p><b>All Current Courses:</b> One educational review or new learning opportunity per course per week (1 hour each)</p> <p><i>*Options will vary by course/departement</i></p>
<p><b>College Coursework: Concurrent Enrollment, Advanced Placement, Online Courses</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>DMACC:</b> Continue Per DMACC Guidelines <b>AP:</b> Resources/Test Prep</p>
<p><b>How can parents or guardians assist in their child's education during the closure?</b></p>	<p>Parents, please encourage your child to participate in the voluntary opportunities made available.</p>	<p>Parents, please encourage your child to participate in the voluntary opportunities made available.</p>	<p>Parents, please encourage your child to participate in the voluntary opportunities made available.</p>	<p>Parents, please encourage your child to participate in the voluntary opportunities made available.</p>

- \*Elementary requests for packets need to be made to your child's teacher.
- \*Middle School requests for packets need to be made to Megan Kula ([kulam@bfschools.org](mailto:kulam@bfschools.org))
- \*High School requests for packets need to be made to your child's counselor. Contact: Tammy Kaufman ([kaufmant@bfschools.org](mailto:kaufmant@bfschools.org)) or Casey McMurray ([mcmurrayc@bfschools.org](mailto:mcmurrayc@bfschools.org))

**Students Receiving Special Services (Special Education, English Language Learners, 504, TAG):** Your child's special services teacher will reach out to work with you to discuss how to best support your child during the closure.

## **Technology**

If your child does not have a device to use at home please contact your child's teacher. At this time we do not have any hotspots for students to checkout. We have been able to put in an order with both US Cellular and T-Mobile. We expect those orders to begin arriving around the week of April 6th. Once they arrive the tech department will send out an email. MediaCom is offering a reduced price for families that qualify. Families can go to the [website](#) to start the process.

## **ACT Preparation (Juniors):**

This would be a fantastic time for students to prepare for ACT tests if they are planning to take the test in the next year. Don't forget you have free Method Test Prep access through your Career Cruising account to continue preparing for the ACT. This is a great resource to help get ready for the test. Also, <http://www.act.org/> has many free resources.

With schools closed through April 30, our goal is to support all learners as best we can. We understand there are challenges and we appreciate the opportunity to work thoughtfully together. Thank you again for your support, grace, and understanding. We appreciate all the positive feedback. We are proud to be a part of the Bondurant-Farrar Community, EVERYONE is pitching in and working hard to support every student under these most unusual circumstances. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need assistance.

## **If You Have Question Here is Where You Should Start:**

- Technology support contact: [helpdesk@bfschools.org](mailto:helpdesk@bfschools.org)
- Instructional questions: contact your child's teacher
- Process or support questions: contact your child's building administrator
- COVID-19 school-related questions, visit [our website](#) or the Iowa Dept. of Education <https://educateiowa.gov/article/2020/04/03/covid-19-guidance-and-information>

Please submit any other questions through our form: <https://bit.ly/39zbWQX>. Using this form allows us to provide timely and accurate responses. Responses will typically be provided within 24 hours.

Thank you again. We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Bondurant-Farrar Administrative Team