

Dear Applicant:

Bedford County Public Schools is offering the opportunity to apply for entrance into the virtual program for the 2022-23 school year. All virtual instruction is given through Virtual Virginia and **not** Bedford County teachers. It is important to read the parent and student agreements for both BCPS and Virtual Virginia in this packet to ensure the ability to comply with all expectations. Request for admittance into the virtual program is not a guarantee of acceptance.

It is important to note the following when considering applying for virtual learning:

- Your child is expected to be online for synchronous instruction for most of the day. This means they must sign on to live instruction and be present with their camera on “in virtual class”.
- High school students that would rather their classes be Asynchronous, must wait until the first interim period to make this request.
- You should have a dependable internet connection. We do not offer hot spots through BCPS although there are some community initiatives that may support more reliable internet connections.
- Once we enroll and pay the tuition, your child will have to remain with Virtual Virginia until the end of the semester. **If a change is made after the enrollment date of November 15, 2022, and before the end of the second semester, you will be required to reimburse the county for the tuition.**
 - Tuition for one course for the semester in grades 6-12 is \$125 (typically enrolled in 5 classes, totaling \$625)
 - Tuition for the semester in grades K-5 is \$1325.
- Your student will be required to come in for mandated state testing (PALS, SOLs, etc) at the Alternative Education Center.
- If your child has had or currently has truancy issues they will not be accepted into the program.
- Please visit the [Virtual Virginia website](#) for more information.
- Students will be on the [Virtual Virginia school calendar](#) and not the Bedford County calendar once they are enrolled. Please see the linked calendar above.

Please print and complete the application, answering all questions. If you have more than one student, a separate application should be submitted for each one. The student and the parent must sign the packet and it should be returned to Kate McNeely, Principal of the Alternative Education Center. You may scan and email the packet to katherine.mcneely@bedford.k12.va.us or mail it to Kate McNeely, Bedford County

Public Schools, 600 Edmund Street, Bedford, VA 24523. The completed packet can also be dropped off at the reception desk of the Alternative Education Center, which is located at the above address. **Completed packets are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th, 2022.** No late packets will be accepted.

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Base School** _____

Student Address _____

Parent Email Address _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Request Questions

1. **Was your child a student in Bedford Connects during the 2021-2022 school year?**

Yes No

2. **Will your student have access to high-speed internet that will support daily live sessions and downloading of materials, including video?**

Yes No

3. **Did your student fail any classes during the 2021-2022 school year?**

Yes No

4. **Has your student been monitored for truancy during the 2020-2021 or the 2021-22 school year? If so, circle which ones.**

Yes No

5. **Will there be someone who will be able to create a structured educational environment for your child daily? (This cannot be another BCPS student.)**

Yes No

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Date received:

Approved Denied

BCPS Remote Learning

Parent and Student Agreement

This agreement outlines the expectations for schools, parents, and students who choose to participate in Bedford County Public School's Remote Learning program.

Directions: Please read and sign this agreement. If you have multiple students, please fill out a separate request for each child. Completed paperwork and agreements must be mailed or emailed (with signatures) to Kate McNeely, Bedford County Public Schools, 600 Edmund Street, Bedford, VA 24523 or katherine.mcneely@bedford.k12.va.us by November 4th, 2022.

Student Expectations

1. Adhere to the Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy while participating in virtual instruction.
2. Be available, as directed by the teacher(s), on school days, to participate in online learning activities.
3. Read and respond to emails and correspondence from school staff daily (teachers, counselors, etc.)
4. Participate each school day in every enrolled class, including synchronous live lessons (Zoom/Google Meet) and remediation sessions during normal school hours.
5. Turn on the camera when in synchronous classes for all grades unless previous accommodations have been made.
6. Attend meetings at school, when required.
7. Seek help from the teacher or mentor, as needed.
8. Complete and submit all lessons and assignments on time.
9. Communicate with your teacher and peers in a respectful manner.
10. Ensure that you have access to online courses during school hours and can complete assignments.
11. Participate in all mandatory tests and screenings throughout the school year at the Alternative Education Center that require in-person attendance.
12. Limit distractions while participating in remote learning sessions. (appliances, TV, music, etc.)

Parent Expectations

1. Ensure that your child has the necessary internet access and capacity to participate in the online courses.
2. Provide your student with an appropriate place to work while at home. We recommend that students have an adult present or at least available when learning remotely.
3. Ensure that your student has sufficient time in his/her schedule to work each day on the scheduled courses.
4. Become familiar with Parent Portal and CANVAS and ask your child to show you their progress regularly.
5. Encourage your child to seek help from the teacher, as needed.
6. Ensure that all schoolwork and assessments are completed by your child without the aid of others.
7. Monitor your child's academic progress and ensure they are attending live lessons, completing all lessons, and submitting all assignments.
8. Communicate academic concerns with teachers as necessary.
9. Provide transportation for students when they are required to come to the Alternative Education Center for mandatory tests and screenings throughout the school year.
10. Notify the Alternative Education Center administration immediately if your child moves out of Bedford County and ensure that the Bedford County issued device and all textbooks are returned to the Alternative Education Center office.
11. Ensure that parent contact information is kept up to date.
12. Understand that submission of this request does not guarantee acceptance into Remote Learning.
13. Attend meetings, virtually or in person, as needed to discuss your child's academic success.
14. Commit to a full semester of virtual learning for your child if you sign up. If you must make a change before the end of the semester, **you will be asked to reimburse the tuition amount.**

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District Expectations

1. The school will develop and communicate BCPS Remote Learning procedures and expectations so that students and parents can make informed decisions when choosing to participate in online options.
2. Learning coaches will be available during scheduled school hours to provide academic assistance when needed.
3. Students that choose Remote Learning can participate in in-person extracurricular programs/activities if their schedule and academic success meet the VHSL eligibility requirements.
4. The school division retains the right to return a student to his/her base school if they are not successfully completing coursework and/or adhering to the attendance requirements.

Students and parents fully acknowledge the terms above and that success is largely dependent upon the work and effort put forth by the student.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

