



BULLITT VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY GRADES 2-8

The Bullitt Virtual Learning Academy (BVLA) is an innovative online program seeking to serve the educational needs of students in a virtual environment. Students will have Bullitt County Public School teachers and staff to provide instruction, intervention, and facilitate learning to meet the needs of the whole child.

WHY?

INNOVATION

The pandemic has opened new ideas to what school and learning can be to truly meet the needs of some of our students

STUDENT NEEDS

We have lost BCPS students to homeschool for a variety of reasons and this allows us a chance to re-engage with BCPS

COMPETITION

*Surrounding private and public school districts are planning/announced permanent virtual school options
(HB563)*

ATTENDANCE

A one-time opportunity is available to us for online learning to exist as in-person learning does for attendance and not participation

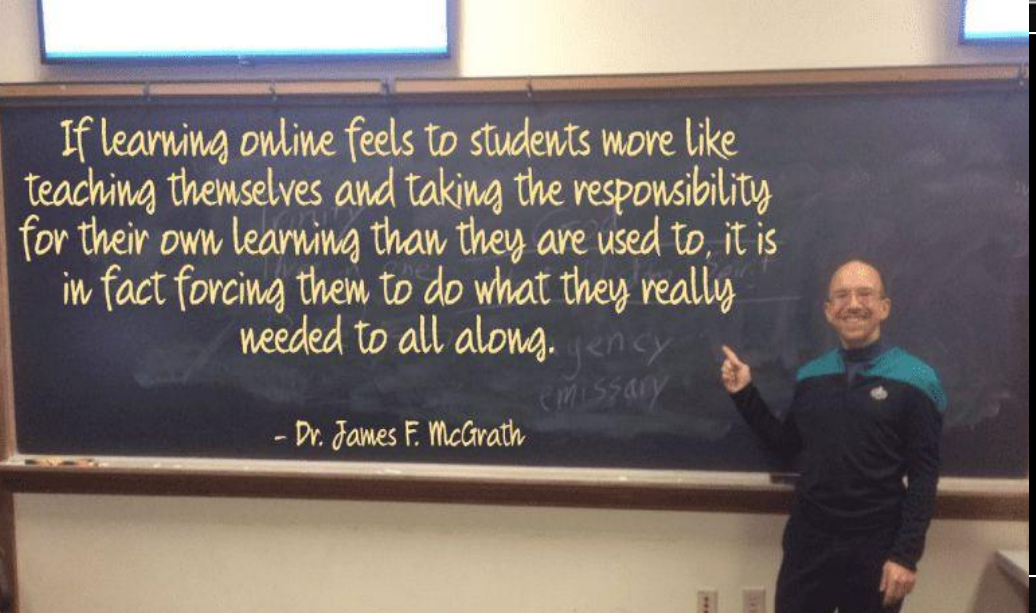
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BVLA WEBSITE

Not everyone fits into the traditional school model, and the online program provides another way for us to meet the diverse and often unique needs of our students.

— PETE CHAPIN, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND ACCOUNTABILITY, LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

A man with glasses, wearing a dark blue and teal jacket, stands in front of a chalkboard. He is pointing his right index finger towards the text on the board. The chalkboard has a quote written in yellow chalk. There are some faint, illegible chalk marks on the board, possibly "agency" and "emissary".

If learning online feels to students more like teaching themselves and taking the responsibility for their own learning than they are used to, it is in fact forcing them to do what they really needed to all along.

— Dr. James F. McGrath

POTENTIAL STAFFING

**(ACTUAL STAFFING BASED ON
ENROLLMENT NUMBERS)**

- Grade 2: 2 Teachers
- Grade 3: 2 Teachers
- Grade 4: 2 Teachers
- Grade 5: 2 Teachers
- Grade 6-8: 4 Core Teachers
- 2 Special Area/Unified Arts Teacher *(based on enrollment)*
- 1 Special Education Teacher *(based on enrollment)*
- 1 Instructional Coach

BVLA INFORMATION

- Instructional day times will follow same times as as normal BCPS elementary or middle school
 - Elementary: 8:30 AM-3:40 PM
 - Middle: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Students will be still be enrolled in their home school to allow participation in extracurricular, sports, etc.
- Students will appear in Infinite Campus in their home school, just on a drop down virtual school calendar
- BVLA teachers will communicate with parents and coordinate with schools on communication from home schools to students/families
- BVLA staff will ensure coordination with home schools as needed

BVLA INFORMATION

Enrollment/Orientation-

- Application process will be used to identify potential student enrollees; applicants will apply for the full 2021-2022 academic year
- A variety of sources will be used (assessment data, teacher input, etc.) to identify if potential enrollees are a good fit for BVLA
- A mandatory parent/guardian meeting will occur; if parent does not attend student will not be enrolled in BVLA
- If a new student transfers into the district from another district they can apply at the start of the second semester
- Students that are not successful in BVLA within the first grading period will transition to their home school for in-person learning the beginning of the second grading period

BVLA ENROLLMENT CRITERIA

For students to be considered for enrollment in the Bullitt Virtual Learning multiple sources of data will be evaluated and analyzed:

- **Trend Attendance/Participation over 2019-2020 and 2020-2021**
 - Limited to no evidence of attendance interventions over the past two years
 - Attendance/Participation rate at 90% or above
- **Academic Progress**
 - High School students with a 2.0 grade point average or higher
 - High School student has to be on pace to graduate with cohort
 - Middle school students with a "C" average or higher
 - Elementary report card must indicate 70% of standards are frequently mastered and above (*Academic Performance Level: 3 and up*)
 - Assessment data will be reviewed at the appropriate level (CASE data, Pre-ACT/ACT Data, DRA data, PASS data, Brigance data, etc.)

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- **Teacher Input**
 - Teacher feedback form will be send to current and/or former teachers
- **Special Education**
 - Students that have an IEP will have their application reviewed by the Admissions and Release Committee (ARC)
 - Placement in BVLA will be determined by ARC

BVLA REQUIREMENTS

Learner Independency-

- Students will be expected to take initiative and be independent learners, with parent and teacher support, in the BVLA.
- BCPS Graduate Profile competencies and demonstration of learning will be embedded into the BVLA for students to showcase learning and skills.
- Students must be able to know how to use learning resources available to them, ask for help when needed from parents/teachers, and be able to manage their time for learning and assignment deadlines.
- Students will be held to the BCPS Code of Conduct.

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Instructional Expectations/Resources-

- A student device will be issued to all students.
- Students will be expected to be available for instruction and engagement with teacher during normal school hours.
- Students will be expected to complete grade-level curriculum.
- Students will be expected to take part in formative and summative assessments for teachers to progress monitor student learning.
- Students will be subject to the same grading utilized in the traditional classroom.
- Students will have a BCPS certified teacher to provide and support learning along with web-based software programs and learning platforms.
- Students will be expected to participate in project-based learning experiences at home.
- Students will be provided with special area/unified arts experiences through certified teachers and/or digital platforms.

Parent Involvement-

- Parents are expected to participate in a minimum of 2 parent-teacher conferences during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Parents must be available for students and school staff throughout the day through phone, email, etc.
- A Parent Contract and a Student Pledge with Bullitt County Public Schools must be signed, adhered to, and kept on file for academy participation.

BVLA REQUIREMENTS

Attendance-

- Daily attendance will be required or an absence will be recorded against student's attendance.
 - Attendance taken in morning and afternoon for elementary students.
 - Attendance taken for each course for middle and high school students.
- Truancy procedures will be implemented by the district when students become non-compliant with attendance policies.

In-Person Learning Experiences-

- If a student-teacher meeting is needed or a "field trip" is planned, families and students will have to provide their own transportation to and from the location.

Student Services-

- Most services will be provided virtually for students with disabilities, gifted and talented, and English Learners.
- Students may be required to meet with their teacher/provider in-person on an individual or small group basis for related services, academic services, etc.
- Students will be required to come in-person for district or state assessments.
- Families will be responsible for providing food and feeding their child breakfast and lunch.

BVLA POSSIBILITIES...

- BVLA Grades 2-8 allows students to naturally progress into BVLA Grades 9-12
- BVLA teachers and our BVLA families will be more connected for a more positive school experience for students throughout their virtual learning experience
- Ability to embed existing technologies within the virtual classroom
- Working with existing partners and meeting with potential new vendors to provide additional instructional digital courses for our Grades 2-8 BVLA students in coding, robotics, etc. along with hands-on kits for students and families



**QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS,
SUGGESTIONS....**