

BATES MIDDLE SCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Coffee with the Principal 08/17/2020

Q: What does AVID stand for?

A: Achievement Via Individual Determination (<https://www.aacps.org/avid>)

PARENT PORTAL

Q: How can schedules be accessed?

A: Parents will have access to the Parent Portal on August 31, 2020. AACPS is not printing out schedules or mailing schedules home (as of 8/18/2020).

Q: What is the district code for the PowerSchool app?

A: LTDJ

Q: Do we need to create a new login for parent portal?

A: A new log in is not needed if you already had access.

Q: I have a parent portal account, but I need to add my Bates child. How do I add a child to an existing account?

A: That information can be found on this link:

<https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/MD02215556/Centricity/Domain/258/Parent%20Portal%20Quick%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

SCHEDULING

Q: How will student receive their schedules?

A: Parents/ Caregivers can access their students schedule on the parent portal. Here is the link if you are new to AACPS:

https://www.aacps.org/Page/1325?fbclid=IwAR31VJnpLcLulUIJNtVf4bp3LaUfO0BmmwP_4LWTZ1Gj6EKq4DC_3nW28kg

Q: How will students navigate from class to class? Will there be a bell or notification?

A: No. Students will be dismissed from the class and log into their new class.

Q: Are Science and Social Studies classes every other day or everyday?

A: It depends on the course and the students schedule.

PVA

Q: Will PVA student schedules be different from the one posted online for middle school?

A: PVA students will follow the same schedule during the school day. They will also have their Extended Day classes on Wednesdays with required attendance on Google Meet, 4:00-4:45 PM. Additional information will be shared soon.

CLASSROOM / RIGOR

Q: How will assessments be given online?

A: Teachers will go through what assessment platform will be used this year with students. They will all be online.

Q: What is the required nightly homework time?

A: 1 hour

Q: Do kids have access to Google calendar so they can see their class schedules with links in one place?

A: This is a great idea and we will be sharing it with the district for consideration.

Q: Will classes be recorded?

A: TBD

Q: Will students be able to redo assignments in accordance with the normal policy?

A: Yes. Please review the Opportunity for Mastery here: <https://www.aacps.org/Page/1634>

SUPPLIES

Q: Will the Arts Integration lessons still be implemented through online learning in core subjects?

A: Yes. Students will receive some art supplies to ensure they have materials for all AI lessons.

Q: Does every AACPS student receive a Chromebook?

A: Yes, eventually. We are working in tiers (based on need). Students with the greatest need will receive a call regarding Chromebook pick up (place, date and time). During Chromebook distribution please bring your child, know the SIF number and password.

Q: When can uniforms be purchased?

A: During School Supply pick up dates (TBA)

Q: Will students need to wear their uniform during online learning?

A: No. However, this decision is a personal one. Students should be dressed appropriately for class.

Q: Will the school be providing a backpack with supplies?

A: No, that is being offered for Elementary school students. We will have a Stuff Your Own Bag day (TBA). Students will receive the necessary materials for e-learning /e-teaching along with some school supplies.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Q: My child has anxiety especially when taking tests. Who do we contact?

A: You can contact their school counselor or the school social worker.

Q: My child does not like to be on camera. Is it required?

A: Although we encourage all students to be seen and participate in all classes, it is not required.

6th Grade Orientation

Q: When will 6th grade orientation be held?

A: 6th grade orientation will be virtual. A video will be posted on the Bates Website on August 26, 2020.

Q: Will we be able to ask questions after we view the video?

A: Yes. On August 26, 2020 you will also be able to sign up to attend a Q&A session.

Immunizations

Q: Who needs additional immunizations to attend school?

A: Although all students should have an updated physical and immunizations, 7th grade students required an additional booster immunization.

Q: How do we know if my school has information about my child's immunization? Who do we contact?

A: All students who needed additional immunizations were notified via phone.

COMMUNICATION

Bates Middle Website: <https://www.aacps.org/Page/3726>

Bates “Old Cougar Chronicles”: <https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/one-bates/cougar-chronicle>

One Bates: <https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/one-bates>

Community Resources: <https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/one-bates/community-resources>

Additional Resources:

“Parents Can Do Virtually Anything”

Tips for Managing Distance Learning and Staying Calm

Join this interactive webinar on Monday, August 24, 2020 from 5-6 pm

Zoom Log-In: <https://zoom.us/my/missadrian1>

Presented by: Adrian Stackhouse, LCSW-C

Disclaimer: This is not a therapy group. This webinar is open to other attendees and your Zoom username will be visible.