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BELLEVUE COMETS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Online Learning Overview for Students Registered for the 2020-2021 School Year

Online Learning during the School Year Based on a Closure

The Bellevue Community School District is starting school on August 24 with all students, yet we recognize that online learning is a possibility for the future due to a school building closure, classroom quarantine, and similar situations. If students are sent home based upon COVID-19 circumstances for a length of time over one day, the Bellevue CSD staff will provide online instruction for learning to all students through Seesaw (PK-5) and Google Classroom (6-12). This would include video teaching through Zoom with students in small/large groups, required assignments and classwork on-line to be completed, and would follow the curricular standards for the grade level and curricular areas.

Online Learning Alternative for the Semester/Year

The district also recognizes that some families may be forced to make a difficult decision about whether or not to have their students return to school during the 2020-2021 school year. Families may make the difficult decision to keep their students at home due to potential complications and serious illnesses from COVID-19, based upon significant health risks of the student or the caretaker and others who live in the household. If families have health concerns/reasons to not send their students to school, the district will make quality learning options available.

Families who are not able to send their children back to school will have the option to make a semester-long commitment (or full-year if needed) to an online educational program. After working with several other district leaders in the area and across the state in evaluating online educational programming, the Bellevue CSD and many districts are going to utilize the online learning platform "Edgenuity" as an educational option for families. The district believes this program is a quality program and can meet student learning needs for a smooth transition back to school district classrooms at a future date. This program is of no extra cost to the families who are registered with the Bellevue CSD in the 2020-2021 school year and are not attending school in a face-to-face format. At the end of the first semester, the families would have the option to return to school or stay in the online learning format.

While this is an opportunity for families, it is not without concern for our district. We take great pride in the staff and programming we have in place in our school district and it takes funding to support what we have in place. For every student that utilizes *Edgenuity*, up to half of the funding we receive for those students, will go directly to *Edgenuity* rather than supporting the programming and staff we have in our local school district. The district would never choose financial concerns over the safety of students or staff, but I believe in sharing this information in hopes you will continue supporting the Bellevue Community School District in the best way possible. For those who would like more information on *Edgenuity*, please contact the school/district offices, along with viewing some of their information at the following two links: <https://www.edgenuity.com/video-library/>.

Students and families who wish to enroll in *Edgenuity* must be registered with the Bellevue CSD, and commit to this option by no later than **August 11, 2020**.

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