



August 16, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

School starts in just three and half weeks on Tuesday, September 8th. This is a good time to check your child's/teen's iPad and charger to ensure that both are in working condition and ready for the start of the school year.

iPad Update:

If you find that your child/teen's iPad is not working, please reach out to our Student Tech Help Desk at (608) 361-4071 or send a tech request to this [LINK](#).

Some families have shared with us that they need an iPad for fall distance learning. Please reach out to your child's/teen's principal to arrange to pick one up. You can email or call the school for this request.

- Converse Elementary: (608) 361-2100
- Gaston Elementary: (608) 361-2300
- Hackett Elementary: (608) 361-2400
- Merrill Elementary: (608) 361-2600
- Robinson Elementary: (608) 361-2800
- Todd Elementary: (608) 361-4200
- Aldrich Intermediate: (608) 361-3600
- Cunningham Intermediate: (608) 361-2200
- Fruzen Intermediate: (608) 361-2000
- McNeel Intermediate: (608) 361-3800
- Beloit Learning Academy: (608) 361-4300
- Beloit Memorial High School:(608) 361-3000

Digital Platforms for Distance Learning: Tutorials and Help

All elementary students will be using **Seesaw** this fall for the delivery of curriculum during Distance Learning. We have set-up a great page of resources that include video tutorials for parents/guardians and students to preview the platform; instructions on how to access and use Seesaw; a family resource help page; and more. Please access these resources by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Our intermediate and high school students will be using **Google Classroom** for the delivery of curriculum during Distance Learning. As with Seesaw, we have set-up a resource page with video tutorials for parents/guardians and students; a student's quick reference guide; and much more. Please access these resources by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Distance Learning: Four-Day Instructional Week

The four-day instructional week for Distance Learning will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be for students to review curriculum and assignments and complete homework assignments. During this time, teachers will be working on professional development,



working in professional learning communities, and prepping for weekly delivery of Distance Learning.

Grab and Go Meals:

Since March, the School District of Beloit has provided Grab and Go Meals for any individual between the ages of one and 18. Grab and Go Meals will continue to be available for pick-up Monday through Friday at all our elementary schools and at our High School from 11 am to 1 pm through August 21. **Our final distribution of Grab and Go Meals will be on Monday, August 24th.**

On Monday, August 24th, you will be able to pick up five breakfast meals and five lunch meals for the entire week. These meals will be provided in "grocery style" meaning that instead of five individual servings of an item, you will receive an entire package of that item. For example, instead of five individual servings of fruit cups, you will receive a full can of fruit.

There will be **no** Grab and Go Meals after Monday, August 24th.

Meal Distribution During Distance Learning: To Begin on Tuesday, September 8th

The district will resume food service under the National School Lunch (NSL) and National School Breakfast (NSB) programs on Tuesday, September 8th. Students enrolled in the traditional School District of Beloit model, regardless of in-person or distance learning, are eligible for a breakfast and lunch meal.

Meal distribution will continue at all six elementary locations and the high school between the hours of 11 AM and 1 PM. Individuals must supply the student's name and the name of their SDB school location to receive a meal under the NSL and NSB program. The meal hotline (361-3136) is still available for students unable to pick up meals from a distribution site.

Beloit Memorial High School Fall Sports:

All fall sports have been postponed until the spring. For follow-up questions, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Mr. Joel Beard at jbeard@sdb.k12.wi.us or visit the Athletics and Activities page on the [Safe to Learn website](#).

Please feel free to reach out to your child's/teen's school principal, should you have any specific follow-up questions. Together we will be #SafeToLearn and #BeloitProud.

Stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
Interim Superintendent
School District of Beloit



Previous Updates:

New Students to the School District of Beloit:

New students to our district can enroll online by accessing this [LINK](#). If you are unable to enroll online, please call our Central Enrollment Office at (608) 361-4023 or (608) 361-4171.

Returning Students to the School District of Beloit:

Returning students to our district can register online by accessing this [LINK](#). If you are planning to register your child/teen into Beloit Virtual School (BVS), you must still register your child/teen at their home school; you will be prompted to answer a question on whether you are selecting BVS or Distance Learning for the fall.

The district is committed to keeping our students and staff safe during this pandemic. As part of our registration process, families will be required to view a few videos that share an overview of COVID-19, as well as discuss hand washing, face coverings and social distancing.

If registering your child/teen online, or you have specific questions related to online registration, please reach out to your child's/teen's school office.

Distance Learning:

School District of Beloit teachers (your child's/teen's classroom/subject teacher) will provide curriculum and instruction that includes virtual face-to-face learning, a common digital platform, video instruction, flexible office hours, and off-line learning materials. Distance Learning is available for 4K through 12th grade students.

- Four-Day instructional week
- iPads and chargers will be provided
- Parent/Guardian training on common platforms and IT will be provided
- Integrated social and emotional support provided
- Printed materials will be available
- Common digital platforms
 - Elementary: Seesaw
 - Intermediate and High School: Google Classroom

Beloit Virtual School (BVS):

The School District of Beloit offers a tuition-free, comprehensive virtual school administered by an outside vendor, K-12, Inc., and overseen and supported by School District of Beloit staff. The program recommends that students have internet access, are currently performing at grade level in math and reading, and are not credit deficient.

- Administered and taught by K-12, Inc. teachers
- Students must commit to one hour of studying/work per course, per day
- Students will be able to switch out of this program and return to distance learning at the quarter, if requested

Safe to Learn Website:

You can access this [SITE](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding Distance Learning and the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The Safe to Learn website is available on every school's homepage and on our SDB App.