

LMS Eagle News

July 22

LMS Specific Information

LMS Families: We encourage you to take some time and read through the district information on our back to school plan. This can be found in the information below and in the links. We recognize the importance for clarity and transparent information. LMS will be sending you information via email with our specifics on Monday, July 27th. We will also offer parents and guardians an optional Q & A Zoom on July 29th at 3 p.m. A signup for this zoom will be sent out Monday as well. Until then if you have questions please reach out and email Chris Legleiter at clegleiter@bluevalleyk12.org.

From Dr. Tonya Merrigan, Superintendent

We have a great responsibility in front of us to provide a safe learning and working environment for our students and staff during the 2020-21 school year. While our Back to School plans have been informed by local, state and national health and education officials, our plan prioritizes what is most important for Blue Valley--the health of our students and staff.

We know that this school year will be unlike any other school year we've encountered. While this year will certainly look different, what remains the same is the opportunity to welcome 23,000 students to a new year, a Return to Learn. We encourage families to intentionally schedule a time to thoughtfully and thoroughly review 2020-21 school year information below including:

- 2020-21 school year calendar update
- Back to School plan featuring In-Person Learning and VirtualED options
- Online registration information for families
- Feedback opportunities

As we know, this is a changing environment and our team is prepared to make adjustments to our plan as needed. Thank you for the patience and support you have shown this summer as our team worked tirelessly to develop a plan that prioritized the health and well-being of you and our students. Together, by taking steps to keep everyone healthy, we will get through this and provide a positive learning experience for the 23,000 students counting on us.

School Year Calendar

We want to have the best possible start to this unprecedented school year. In order to do this, we need to delay the start of the school year until Wednesday, Sept. 9. The additional time will ensure our staff members have as much time as possible to prepare teachers and class schedules for VirtualEd and the many modifications to In-Person Learning, as well as to obtain essential products to keep

students and staff safe while at school. We also know our families need time to thoughtfully consider the options available.

To accommodate this change to the first day of school, several adjustments were made to the 2020-21 calendar including:

- All new certified staff will report on Aug. 20
- All returning certified staff will report on Aug. 26
- First day of school - Sept. 9
- Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 25-27
- Winter Break - Dec. 23 - Jan. 1
- Spring Break - March 18-19
- Last day of school - June 3 for grades EC-11 (1/2 day)

An updated copy of the 2020-21 calendar is attached.

Back to School Plan

A Back to School plan was developed to give families options for the 2020-21 school year. On the district's [Back to School website](#), you can find details about the two Return to Learn options:

- In-Person Learning with modifications
- All-virtual option, VirtualED, designed and taught by Blue Valley teachers

Families should note that high school students may take advantage of flexibility already in our high school program that allows students to take a la carte virtual courses and attend school in-person. In addition to these options, if state or local officials would provide closure or occupancy guidance, our team is developing distance learning and adjusted daily schedule models.

Registration

Online registration is open for families, including the selection of In-Person Learning or VirtualED. This is the time for families who have not registered to complete registration and make their selection for the 2020-21 school year. It is also the time for families who have already registered and would like to elect VirtualED to make that selection. Registration for VirtualED will close on Aug. 3 to give adequate time to determine staffing and prepare for the school year.

Athletics

We realize activities and athletics are a significant part of the total educational experience available to students. We are waiting on additional guidance from the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) about activities and athletics for the 2020-21 school year.



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