

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH VIRTUAL ACADEMY

In our commitment to providing the best educational opportunity for all students in West Baton Rouge Parish, we are offering a virtual school option for students. The West Baton Rouge Parish Virtual Academy is an online based instructional program provided for students off campus.

This virtual option is not the same “home learning” model used during the 2020 school closure for the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Students in grades Kindergarten through 12 who are enrolled in any West Baton Rouge Parish school are eligible to participate in the West Baton Rouge Parish Virtual Academy. Students who participate in this program will receive instruction from a certified teacher through the use of online communication and web-based programs. Parents must complete an application in order for their child to be enrolled in the WBR Virtual School. You can find this application on the West Baton Rouge Parish Schools website or by contacting your child’s school.

For students participating in the West Baton Rouge Parish Virtual School:

- Students will receive instruction through this virtual platform whether schools are physically open or have to close for a period of time.
- All courses are based on Louisiana State Standards and taught by certified teachers who provide age-appropriate instruction and 1:1 support. Classes will consist of live online interactive lessons and activities.
- Students will be expected to adhere to the same attendance, assignment, and assessment expectations that students attending school on campus are held to.
- For health and safety reasons, students will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities on campus such as athletics, band, cheerleading, dance, field trips, or school clubs.
- All state mandated testing will be scheduled by the student’s school and will be taken on the school campus with a teacher.
- A student's schedule will be determined by working with the parent and school counselor.

- Students must remain in the Virtual Academy until the end of the semester in which they are enrolled in.
- Recommended Technology Specifications:
 - Internet access (WIFI for a Chromebook) which has a minimum bandwidth download of 5 mg and a 1024 GB data cap.
- Weekly Commitment(This may vary depending on the course)
 - Amount of Time- 3-5 hours per course per week
 - Assignments- 2-4 per week per subject
 - Learning Activities Expectations
 - Computer-based
 - Attending class- Google Meet Format
 - Collaborating with classmates
 - Reading
 - Watching videos,clips
 - Hands- On
 - Projects
 - Worksheets

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Success as a virtual student requires that students and parents acknowledge the need for daily engagement in courses and for completing assignments and assessments regularly. Regular communication with teachers through email and/or phone calls, attendance at the online classroom sessions, and parent supervision of student progress is a must for success.

Parent Responsibility

- Monitor Student Daily
- Maintain Weekly Progress
- Communicate with Teachers
- Help with course navigation

***Virtual School** - The WBR online based instructional platform for students to participate in from an alternate setting. Teachers will provide live instruction for students

through online platforms. Students must be enrolled in this option.

Distance Learning - The WBR online based program that will be provided for students during a school closure for an extended period of time. Typically for school closures due to weather events or health related reasons. Students attending school on campus will participate in this platform during school closures.