



- Virtual Academy Orientation Meeting
- You will be muted upon entering
 - Video is not available for this meeting

Welcome to the 20-21 School Year

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Quick Tips

- If you have children at different grade levels the orientations are similar except for high schools.
- Questions will be handled through the Chat box and answers will be posted at www.wbrschools.net
- The WBR Virtual Academy Handbook will be posted on the WBR Virtual Academy Webpage by Tuesday- please review prior to Thursday

Academy Information/Regulations

- You must remain for the Fall Semester(end of December)
- We cannot make changes now- Why?
 - Schools have configured rosters based on #'s Face-to-face vs Virtual
 - Including factoring in social-distancing and CDC guidelines
 - Staffs have been configured for rosters based on Face-to-Face and Virtual
 - They cannot be changed at this point
 - Transportation logistics have been completed based on Face-to-Face, Alternate Days, Phase guidelines, and CDC guidelines
- Towards the end of the semester, we will send out a survey to determine whether your child will remain in Virtual for the Spring or opt back into Face-to-Face Instruction

Upcoming Dates

- **Distribution of School Meals Form Deadline-** August 12th, 2020
 - For those who indicated they wanted the 5-Day Meal Plan was emailed on 8/8/20
- **Chromebook Distribution Pickup, Schedules, Paperwork Day**
 - **Thursday, August 13th @ PAHS Theater-** Park in the lot by the gym
 - 8:00-12:00
 - Brusly Schools- (Brusly Elementary, Lukeville Elementary, Brusly Upper Elementary, Brusly Middle, Brusly High)
 - 1:00-4:00
 - Port Allen Schools-(Port Allen Elementary, Cohn Elementary, Caneview K-8, Port Allen Middle, Port Allen High)
 - 5:00-7:00 Pickup for All if you can't make the above times

- **Chromebook Distribution Pickup, Schedules, Paperwork Day**
 - **What will you need?**
 - Parent/Guardian must be present to sign paperwork
 - Please wear a mask and practice social distancing
 - Bring something to write with/write on

 - **What will you receive?**
 - WBR Parish Handbook- have to sign two pages
 - WBR Virtual Academy Contract- will have to sign this
 - Chromebook device- will have an agreement to sign
 - Schedule/Information from the school- in some cases materials from the school

Upcoming Dates

- **Zoom Orientation Makeup Day- If you know someone who missed**
 - **Friday, August 14th**
 - **K-5 4:00-5:00**
 - **6th-8th 5:00-6:00**
 - **9th-12th 6:00-7:00**
 - **Zoom codes were sent in an email on 8/7/20**

- **School Begins on August 17th**

Virtual Academy Structure

- Your child is a part of their school in WBR parish. Ex. Port Allen Middle, Brusly Elementary
 - Questions regarding your child's schedule, teachers will be handled by each school
- Each day is like a regular school day- except it is at home
- Instruction will take place during regular school hours
- A student week will consist of
 - Live sessions through Google Meets/Zoom
 - Individual/Group Sessions- these may vary
 - Work days- students have specific assignments
 - Teacher Office Hour Period- teachers are available for individual questions

Attendance

- Attendance is required just like regular “Face-to-Face” school
- Students must log-in everyday at specific times according to their schedule
 - Being on time is critical
- Failure to meet attendance requirements will result in Truancy proceedings in accordance with the WBR Schools Policy- Found in WBR Handbook
- If you have a doctor’s appointment or will be out, contact the school/teacher. You can give them the doctor’s note

Daily Class Schedule/Teachers

- Will receive schedules on Chromebook Distribution Day
- Class schedules and teacher assignments are determined by each school
- Classes will be staffed by WBR teachers:
- Sped and EL Services will be provided

Parents: You are the Key!!!

- Your role is probably the most important one of all!!!
- Support your child in this new learning challenge
 - Work with them and make sure they are logged in for class
 - Ask them questions
 - Hold them accountable for being on time and completing their work
 - Communicate
 - “It takes a village...” We need you
 - Communicate with the Teacher 1st
 - School Administration 2nd
 - Create a good work space for your child

Creating a Good Workspace

5 tips for Creating a "Distraction-Less" Work/Study Area

- 1. Clear off a designated table or desk for your child to make their own workspace (If you are working from home, you may want to have the workspace in an area that is in eyesight of your own desk)
- 2. Make sure the workspace is in an area where they won't be tempted to turn on the tv or play with their toys/games during academic time
- 3. Make sure the workspace is organized, comfortable and easy for the child to navigate their materials.
- 4. The student should sit at a desk in a chair if possible, as opposed to on the couch, the floor, or the bed.
- 5. If possible- wearing headphones with a microphone to help stay focused and avoid distractions from surroundings.

General Protocols for Students in a Virtual Class

- Be on time for class each day
- Remain in class for the entire class period.
- On your alternate days, you will have an assignment to complete and upload.
- Dress appropriately for class (school-appropriate attire is required).
- Be fully prepared for class by having your materials ready and accessible before class begins. Materials for each class will be specified by the teacher.
- Charge your computer each night so it is ready for class the next day.
- Always give your best effort. Assignments will be graded.
- We will ask that students have their camera on their device so we can see them and make that connection with them
- If you have to go to the restroom, raise your hand- just like in class

Daily Protocols for Students

Expectations for Virtual Classroom Participation:

- Computer on a flat surface with the camera turned on.
- Raise your hand or use the specified signal to speak.
- Respond to teacher and classmate questions using the designated method of communication (type in the chat bar, write answers on a white board, flash your paper to camera when directed by the teacher, etc.)
- Submit work as directed by the teacher. You may be asked to take a picture of your work, create a flip grid, etc. Digital work will be monitored by the teacher.

School Supplies

- Basic supplies
 - Pens, pencils
 - Notebook(s)
 - Scissors, glue, ruler (elementary)

Grades/Testing

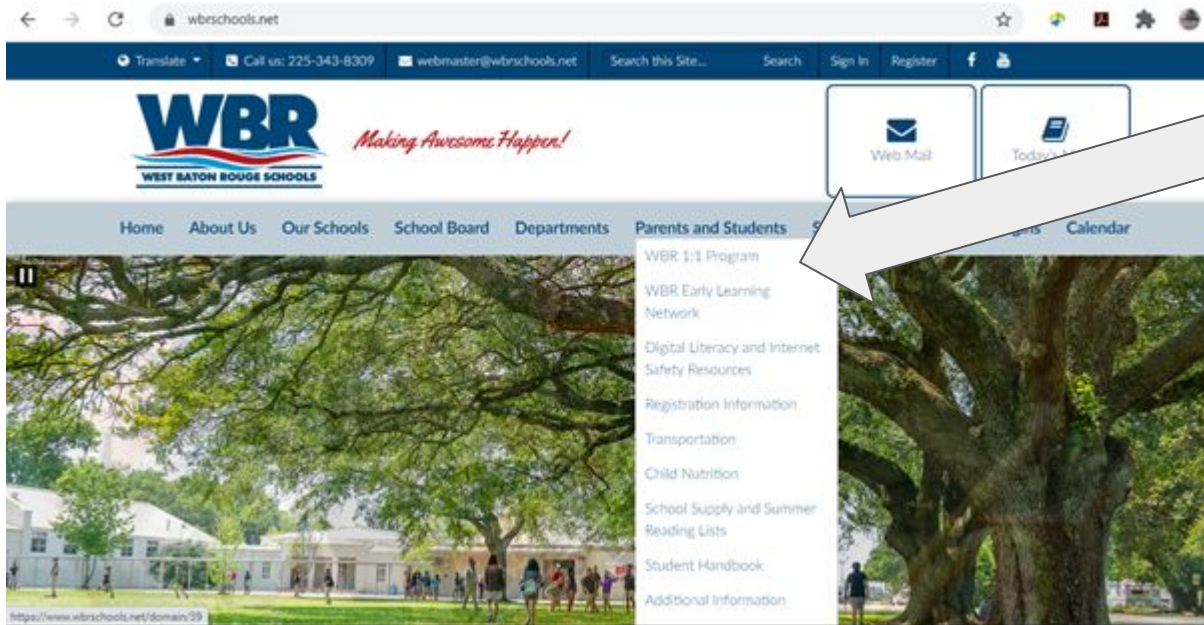
- Grades will be the same as in a regular classroom. They will be based on student work completed and participation in daily work.
- Final grades will be determined based on the grading scale consistent with equivalent courses across the school district. Refer to pages 42-44 in the Wbr Parish Handbook.
- For high school courses that have a state-mandated LEAP, the final grade shall reflect 20% of a student's letter grade in each grading period and 20% for the LEAP letter grade.
- State Testing- LEAP 2025, ACT, Workkeys- are taken at the school the student is enrolled in. As these deadlines get closer, the school will send out a schedule.
- Regular Classroom testing will take place via Google Meet/Zoom as scheduled by the teacher

Communication

- We will use a variety of methods for communicating with you.
 - Oncourse System
 - We can send messages through this format
 - WBR Blackboard Connect
 - These are the calls and messages that you receive from Mr. Watts
 - Email
 - We are currently using this format
 - WBR Virtual Academy WebPage
 - We will update this regularly. Here is the [link](#)

Chromebook/Device Information

- All information is housed on the WBR Parish Website - www.wbrschools.net
 - Under the WBR 1:1 Program. Here is the [direct link](#)



Additional Information on the 1:1 Program Page

Home ▶ Parents and Students ▶ WBR 1:1 Program

WBR 1:1 PROGRAM

- [WBR 1:1 Program](#)
- [What is a Chromebook?](#)
- [WBR Tech Department Help Desk](#)
- [Logging into Your Chromebook](#)
- [Chromebook Care: General Precautions](#)
- [Carrying Your Chromebook](#)
- [Chromebook Screen Care](#)
- [Chromebook FAQ](#)
- [General Google Information](#)



One-to-One Program

Chromebook and
Galaxy Tablet Information

WBR ONE-TO-ONE PROGRAM

Background Information

West Baton Rouge Parish Schools endeavors to prepare our students for an ever-changing world where technology advancements occur at a rapid pace. The purpose of our one-to-one (1:1) student Chromebook program is to continue to create a collaborative learning environment for all of our students. This program is designed to enable our students and teachers to implement transformative uses of technology to enhance and support the curriculum. We hope that this program will also promote the development of self-directed lifelong learners who are able to keep pace with the rapidly changing technological landscape.

Goals for Student Users

Other Website Features for Information

Oncourse- There will be a direct parent/student link. It's under Academic Logins

This is where you will check your child's grades and much more.

You received a letter in the mail with log-in information



Meal Distribution

- Those who requested the 5 Day Meal Plan
- Starting on Sunday, August 16th, 2020
 - Pickup Times: Always on **Sundays from 2:00-4:00**
 - Locations
 - Brusly Middle(The old BHS)
 - Port Allen High School
 - Person picking them up must be the one designated on the consent form
 - You must pick up from the location you designated on the Distribution Consent Form
 - You will receive Breakfast/Lunch for 5-Days

Well... Are we Ready?

- Be patient this is new for all of us
- There will be glitches and setbacks
- But there will be greater positives
- As Mr. Watts says, we'll #figureitout
 - It won't be perfect to start
 - We will work through any problems
- Your child is our 1st concern :)

Questions- Chatbox

- We will answer some, depending on time
- The rest we will post on the Virtual Academy Website

“See You” on August 13th for Chromebook Pickup

Then we will “See You” in the Virtual World!!!