



# Holly Area Schools

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Dear Broncho Virtual School Families,

Welcome to Bronco Virtual School (BVS). Your student(s) have been approved to engage in online learning for the 2023-24 school year. Our first day of school is August 28, 2023. On this day we will be having in-person orientation sessions with students and families to review BVS policies and to ensure they have access to their classes and have scheduled a HAS Chromebook.

Elementary and middle school students will be assigned to one BVS teacher mentor who will be responsible for the grading and support for all of their scheduled classes. High school students will be working with 2-3 teachers dedicated to virtual learning. While students will have access to work in their courses 24 hours a day, every day of the week, BVS will follow the HAS school calendar. During scheduled school breaks, students may choose to continue working on their courses, but teacher support will be limited. I have outlined a few items of interest as you prepare to support your student(s) with virtual learning this year.

## **Parent/Guardian Orientation**

BVS parents/guardians will be given a learning coach login information along with a video demonstrating how to navigate within the platform and monitor student progress before the first day of school. Additionally, on August 26 Holly Area Schools will be hosting a Parent Camp between 8 am- 1:30 pm at Holly High School. On this day, there will be two sessions that specifically discuss strategies for supporting students in online learning. The first presentation will run from 8:15 to 11 a.m., while the second will be between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. BVS parents and guardians are encouraged to attend one of these sessions as well as any other sessions of interest.

## **Student Orientation**

Before the start of school, students will receive an email with login credentials. During our orientation, students will attempt to log into the platform. At that time we will work with any students unable to access their accounts to ensure there are no delays in working on classes. Teachers will also be going over communication/attendance requirements, showing students how to navigate within the Stride Learning platform, and demonstrating how to submit assignments. BVS students will be expected to attend the initial in-person orientation session unless prior arrangements are made with the teacher mentor.

***Broncho Virtual Orientation August 28, 2023 Karl Richter Center***

**8:30-9:15 am- K-12 Virtual Students**

**9:30-10:30 am- EXCEL Alternative Education** (Students in the EXCEL Alternative Education program only need to attend this orientation session.)

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### **Broncho Virtual School & Excellence Center**

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### **After-School Events/Activities**

Once enrolled in the virtual program, the student's school building will be identified as BVS. It is important to note that you will no longer receive communications from your former school building. BVS students can participate in building-related after-school events such as sports and dances. BVS teachers do their best to communicate with students about upcoming HAS sporting or after-school events, but parents are encouraged to check school websites and calendars for upcoming events and deadlines. <https://www.hask12.org/schools/>

### **Course Enrollment/Access**

Each elementary/middle school student will have 6 courses consisting of; Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies, and 2 Electives. Elective courses are assigned to students based on course availability. High School students in the 9-12 Virtual Learning and BVS EXCEL pathways will be assigned 5 courses based on counselor recommendation. Students will access their courses via a Learning Management System (LMS) called K12 or Stride Learning. They will receive login information through school email.

### **Teacher Mentor**

Each student will work with a teacher mentor. The teacher mentor is a HAS teacher who will provide regular progress updates and support as your child works through self-paced online courses. The teacher mentor will also help support the student with technology needs, encourage, and answer questions. Students will receive an introductory email from the mentor teacher along with information about orientation on or before the first day of school.

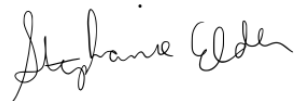
### **Progress and Participation Expectations:**

It is expected that all students attend a virtual meeting with their teacher mentor once per week throughout the year. For EXCEL students the weekly meeting requirement is met by attending weekly in-person lab sessions. Students must also participate and agree to complete required assignments in all courses. Students are also expected to attend in-person sessions on Oct. 4 and Feb. 14 for state-wide count days as well as days for required district and state testing (3-4 times per year).

### **Reminders**

- Students will be required to participate in weekly virtual meetings with their Teacher Mentor.
- Students' participation (attendance) and performance will determine eligibility to continue virtual learning. This includes required in-person sessions (4-5 times per year).
- Teacher mentors will maintain regular communication with students to provide support and discuss their progress, but it is the responsibility of parents to ensure students are engaged and working in their courses daily.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional assistance. I am looking forward to a great school year of supporting you and your students.



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