

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

# DIVISION OF

*Academics & Literacy*

**TO: EBRPSS Parents & Students**

**FROM: The Division of Academics & Literacy**

**RE: Virtual/ Remote Learning Day**

On October 12, 2023, students will have a “Virtual Day.” We want to ensure continued remote learning is productive and both parents and students have an understanding of the virtual learning experience. During the Virtual Day,

- Elementary students will not attend school but will receive study packets to continue their learning.
- Middle and High School students will have **remote instruction** (Remote instruction is defined as an educational model in which the student and educator are not physically present in a traditional classroom environment where instruction may be facilitated by the use of computers, technology, and the internet or traditional learning resources).
- Additionally, October 12th is designated as a Parent and Teacher Conference Day. Your child’s teacher will communicate with you regarding the scheduling of a conference as needed.

When students are virtually learning, it is the goal and responsibility of the Academic & Literacy team and District leadership to ensure students have access to high quality instruction.

### **Elementary Virtual Day - Grades Pre K-5th**

Elementary students will be given study packets by their teachers by October 11th. They will not utilize Chromebooks or Microsoft Google Meets. School administration has the autonomy to provide guidance to parents regarding the elementary students' virtual day experience. Any questions or concerns about lessons and study packets should be directed to the school principal.

### **Middle and High School Virtual Day (Grades 6th-12th)**

The Virtual Day of learning on October 12th will be asynchronous for students in grades 6th-12th. Asynchronous Learning (AL) allows students to learn on their own time within the school day. Students can access and complete teacher assigned readings, homework, projects and other learning materials through Google Classroom. Middle and High school students will use Chromebooks, issued by their school, to access Microsoft Teams/Google Meets. Google Meets is the platform students can use to hold discussions with teachers in a virtual format (*Please check with your child's school for information regarding the issuance of Chromebooks*). Microsoft Teams/Google Meets is a safe and secure platform designed for remote learning education. ***(If your child does not have access to technology and internet at home, please contact the student's teacher or principal to communicate your needs. You may also request for the work to be provided in print form. Arrange an appropriate time with your child's principal so the work can be picked up based on the agreement between the parent and the school).***

Please review the videos to help students and parents understand how to access Google Meets. [How to Access Google Meets](#), [Google Meet Features for Students \(Emoji, Raising Hand and Screen Sharing\)](#) and [Google Meet \(How to Mute, Chat, and use the Camera\)](#)

Google Meet Guidelines to Consider for Middle and High School Students:

- Students should be dressed appropriately. While they do not need to wear their school uniforms, they should be in clothing that is school appropriate.
- Students should mute their microphones when not talking.
- Students should use appropriate language.
- Students should be kind and respectful when responding to each other.
- Students should sign off of the meeting when instructed by the teacher

Overall, Google Meets is a classroom setting and students should conduct themselves as if they were actually in the classroom. The guidelines listed in the EBR Technology Use policy should continue to be followed.

Please contact your child's school and/ or teacher, should you have any questions or concerns regarding October 12th Remote Learning Day.

