## What does Distance Learning Option mean?

K-12 students have the option of participating in a Distance Learning Option where students learn off-site during the regular school day. As a student of Badger Public School, all applicable policies apply.

**Daily Schedule** - Students will follow their regular schedule during the regular school day. Teachers will connect with students through digital means during the day's lessons at the elementary level or class period at the secondary level (7-12). A variety of synchronous (live time) and asynchronous activities will make up each class session. Students must show their faces during synchronous learning sessions. Distance learners will be held to the same coursework expectations and deadlines as in-person learners.

**Attendance** - Teachers will take attendance following state guidelines. Elementary students will be considered present when they participate in morning and afternoon lessons. 7-12 students will be considered present during each period when they participate in the class lessons. If your student is ill or needs to be absent for the day, a call must be made to the school in order for it to be considered an excused absence. Students with excessive absences will be referred to the principal as stated in the student handbook.

**Assessments** - Teachers may schedule assessments before or after school in order to provide online monitoring of testing, or they may be monitored by a different school staff member. During state-wide testing, your student will need to come to the school building to complete testing, per guidelines by the Minnesota Department of Education.

**Student Services** - Students in the Distance Learning Option have access to school support staff, and school social worker.

**Grading and Report Cards** - The school handbook outlines the grading policies of the school. Students will receive a report card as scheduled by the school.

**Learning Materials** - Badger School has a one-to-one program that provides technology for students. In addition, textbooks, packets, handouts, and class-specific materials will be provided to the student on the designated pick up date. Supplies typically supplied by the student, such as pencils, highlighters, and notebooks, will still be requested to be provided by the family.

**Course Options** - Due to the format of instruction, some courses at the secondary level might not be available. These may include items that require specialty equipment such as some industrial technology or FCS classes. Your school's counselor will help build a schedule that meets your academic and graduation requirements.

**Meals** - Meals are Grab & Go. Families are able to access lunch and breakfast from the school's meal program. Meals prices are the same as for students onsite, including the availability of free or reduced lunch prices based on the family's eligibility for that program. More information will be provided once you are enrolled in the Distance Learning Option.

**Media Center (Library)** - Students will have access to materials that are available online through their media centers using login credentials provided by the Media Specialist at their school. Materials available for loan may be requested and picked up in the school office, utilizing regular check-out timelines and policies.

**Athletics and Activities** - Students choosing the Distance Learning Option ARE eligible to compete/participate in Athletics and Activities.

## **Badger School Distance Learning Option**

The following agreement must be signed and returned to any school office by Tuesday, September 1, 2020 for fall quarter.

I request that my student participate in the Distance Learning Option.		
Student	(1)Name	Grade Level
Student(2) Name		Grade Level
Student(3) Name		Grade Level
Student(4) Name		Grade Level
Student (5) Name		Grade Level
Students are not able to move back and forth between Distance Learning Option and face-to-face instruction during the quarter, unless the school district determines that elements of the agreement are not being met, or by parent-school mutual agreement.		
Please indicate by checking the boxes below that you understand and agree to the following:  I am applying for my child to receive distance learning instead of an in-person classroom setting.  I understand that my child is still responsible to follow the school's handbook.  I understand that by choosing Distance Learning Option, my student will have to remain a distance learner until the close of the 9 week grading period.  If I do not have Internet capabilities at home, I will contact the school to determine the best method of providing access to instruction. I will ensure my student is present for daily learning sessions via digital means such as Zoom, Google Classroom, etc.  I understand that my child is responsible for completing all classroom assignments and returning completed work on time, or their grades may be negatively affected as outlined in the school handbook.  I will ensure the work and all assignments are completed and returned.  I will ensure academic integrity.  I will contact the school in the event of my child's absence from learning to provide an absence excuse as required by the student handbook.  I will be responsible for picking up weekly distance learning materials when applicable.  During State-wide testing, I understand that my child will need to come to the school building to complete testing, per guidelines by the Minnesota Department of Education. Teachers may schedule assessments before or after school in order to provide online monitoring of testing.		
Parent S	Signature Dat	e
Request	r period for Distance Learning Option (check box)  1st Quarter (starts September 8): forms due by September 1, 2020  2nd Quarter (starts November 9): forms due by October 26, 2020  3rd Quarter (starts January 26): forms due by January 11, 2021  4th Quarter (starts March 29): forms due by March 15, 2021	