



Remote Learning – Frequently Asked Questions

Will my scholar begin the school year remote learning?

Phase 1 of Ascend's reopening plan will begin on Tuesday, September 8th (the 1st day of school). All BACS scholars (K-4) will begin the 2020-21 school year with 100% remote learning instruction. As per the family letter sent on August 11th, all **students will learn at home through October 16**.

When will my scholar begin in-person learning?

At the end of September, we will review and adjust this plan based on community health status and guidance from public health officials. We will communicate any changes to the next phase of our plan no later than October 2.

When are family orientation sessions?

To prepare you to support your scholar for remote learning, Virtual Family Orientation Sessions are planned for grades K-4 beginning the week of August 24th. **One Virtual Family Orientation sessions have been scheduled for each grade at 5:00 PM.** The RingCentral link for the Virtual Family Orientation sessions is in this email (see above). Please review the flyer for additional details by clicking [here](#).

***Check your email for the BACS Remote Learning Survey & Orientation RSVP link to [register](#) for a session below:

- **Kindergarten:** Mon. 8/24 - 5:00 PM
- **1st Grade:** Tues. 8/25 - 5:00 PM
- **2nd Grade:** Wed. 8/26 - 5:00 PM
- **3rd Grade:** Thurs. 8/27 - 5:00 PM
- **4th Grade:** Fri. 8/28 - 5:00 PM

How will my student access remote learning materials? Will Brooklyn Ascend provide students with a laptop?

Every BACS scholar will receive the necessary tools and materials for remote learning. Materials will include a laptop and instructional materials for remote learning. In order to keep students connected and able to meet instructional requirements when learning remotely, every student will also have access to Ring Central Meetings, Google Classroom, Nearpod and other grade-specific instructional learning online platforms.

Will my child's teacher be the same during remote learning as when school begins in-person?

All classes, both virtual and in-person will be taught by the same teachers. Our goal is to have a seamless transition between both learning environments. **You will meet your child's teacher on Wednesday, September 29th, during Back to School Night.**

**Note: a scholar's teacher may change if a parent opts to continue with remote learning instruction when scholars return to school for in-person instruction.

Does my child have to purchase a Brooklyn Ascend school uniform?

Students will be expected to wear a Brooklyn Ascend school uniform for in- person learning. Please visit [The League Brand](#) purchase your scholar's school uniform for the 20-21 academic year in preparation for when school re-opens in-person.

What will my child's starter instructional kit consist of?

Your scholar's starter instructional kit will consist of a laptop/charger, student supplies, ELA and math manipulatives, grade specific books *if applicable*.

How will I be able to contact my child's teacher, if I have questions?

BACS will establish protocols to communicate with families, including, but not limited to teacher emails, RingCentral meeting office hours, and other tools.

How will Brooklyn Ascend share learning experiences with families?

BACS will use a multi-pronged approach to help families engage with learning. Teachers will post assignments in Google Classroom and meet with students via RingCentral meetings. Additionally, teachers may have synchronous (live) online office hours where learners and parents can meet to discuss instructional questions and concerns. Also, teachers and school leaders will respond to all emails from students and parents as soon as possible, within 24-hours.

What will be Brooklyn Ascend's grading policy?

Your child will be assessed continuously and will receive progress reports and report cards. Detailed information about the grading policies will be provided when the school year begins.

How can I support my child's learning if we have multiple children at home?

Creating schedules and having quiet places for study will help when multiple children are attempting to complete their schoolwork each day.

How will I know that my child is staying on track with his/her learning?

There will be many ways in which BACS teachers will be involved in monitoring the progress of students and sharing this information with families. Your child's teacher will provide feedback through various digital platforms and will be available to students and their families during designated office hours.

What if my child has an IEP or receives special education services?

Brooklyn Ascend, in collaboration with the DOE will continue to provide Special Education supports and services. Student Individual Education Plans will be carefully reviewed. Services will be based on an assessment of individual student need.

How will my child's attendance be taken and recorded?

- Students will follow **a consistent schedule**, allowing you to plan ahead and establish routines. Similar to in-person learning, students will be expected to start the day at 8:00 AM, dismissal will change to 1:45 PM daily for synchronous instruction (live with a teacher) and asynchronous instruction (independent assignments).
- Attendance recording will occur through a child's daily meetings and interactions with their teachers. Attendance data will be monitored to ensure students are engaged in their learning and to follow up with families where there are concerns. More information will be provided during Virtual Family Orientation Sessions and Back to School night.

Will transportation be provided when BACS returns to in-person learning?

Yellow school bus service is provided by the Department of Education Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT). When school returns to in-person instruction, MetroCard and bus service will resume for all eligible students (based on age and distance to our school).

Will my child be able to receive Free Breakfast & Lunch during remote learning?

BACS will offer free breakfast and lunch grab and go meal pick-up for students daily.

What is the best way for families to stay updated at BACS?

- Visit the Brooklyn Ascend website at www.bacs.ascendlearning.org.
- Email our OPS team (preferred method) at bacs_ops@ascendlearning.org.
- Call our OPS team at 718-907-9150 – please leave a message.