

# BROWNSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR



<b>Grades K-6</b>	<b>Grades 7-12</b>
<p>Students in grades K-6 will start the school year on campus in different buildings to maintain appropriate social distance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades K-2 will work from the elementary school.</li> <li>• Grades 3-4 will work from the high school.</li> <li>• Grades 5-6 will work from the middle school.</li> </ul> <p>Students will transition back to the elementary school as soon as conditions permit.</p> <p>The school day will run from 8:15 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. Students will come to campus on Mondays- Thursdays. On Fridays, students will participate in remote learning activities.</p>	<p>Students in grades 7-12 will start the school year online but will return to campus as soon as conditions permit.</p> <p>Students will be taught by Brownsville Area School District teachers. BASD ONLINE instruction is designed to give students the experience of being “in class.” There will be a live component to daily lessons, and students will be able to ask questions and receive feedback from teachers in real time.</p> <p>The structure of a regular school day will be followed, and students will be able to receive academic support both online and at school (by appointment). This program option will enable a smooth transition back to school.</p>

Parents/Guardians also have the option to enroll K-12 students in the Brownsville Area Cyber Academy. This option is designed for students who wish to remain completely online for the entire school year. Please refer to the table below for a description of how BASD ONLINE differs from the Brownsville Area Cyber Academy.

## BASD ONLINE



With the BASD Online option, students are taught by **Brownsville School District Teachers**. There is a live component to daily lessons, and students are able to ask questions and receive feedback from teachers in real time.

BASD Online is designed to give students the experience of being “in class” with their teachers and peers. The structure of a regular school day is followed, and students have options for academic support in the school setting or online.

Students who wish to return to school when restrictions are lifted should choose BASD Online so the transition is a smooth one.

## Brownsville Area Cyber Academy



In the Brownsville Area Cyber Academy (BACA), students are taught by PA certified teachers through a program operated by the Intermediate Unit I. Students complete online coursework at their own pace. Teachers may require some “real time” learning activities.

The Brownsville Area Cyber Academy uses the Fusion Moodle platform for learning. Teachers hold online office hours to support students. Those who enroll in the Brownsville Area Cyber Academy remain students of the Brownsville Area School District and may participate in all district activities.

The Brownsville Area Cyber Academy is designed for students who wish to remain completely online for the entire school year.

See additional details of how the two options differ in the table below.

<b>BASD ONLINE</b>	<b>Brownsville Area Cyber Academy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Option Should be Selected by Students who Wish to Return to School When Restrictions are Lifted</li> <li>• The BIG Priority is to Make the Transition Back to School as Seamless as Possible</li> <li>• Taught by Brownsville Area School District Teachers</li> <li>• Feels like the Natural Classroom Learning Environment</li> <li>• Students Log in During their Regularly Scheduled Class Time</li> <li>• Students Have Structure to Their Day</li> <li>• Teachers Begin the Lesson with Live Interaction Using Google Meet</li> <li>• Teachers Can Post Instructional Videos and/or Demonstrations for Access by Students Later</li> <li>• Teachers May Give an Assignment, then Resume Conversation with Students Later in the Period to Review the Work or Carry On with Instruction</li> <li>• Students are Engaged in Instructional and/or Learning Activities Every School Day</li> <li>• Students Have the Opportunity to Ask Questions or Ask for Clarification</li> <li>• Teachers Can Provide Immediate or Timely Feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Option is Designed for Students who Wish to Receive their Education Completely Online for the Entire School Year</li> <li>• Taught by PA Certified Teachers</li> <li>• Students Work Through Online Courses Selected to Fulfill District Requirements</li> <li>• The Format and Requirements for Each Course are Determined by the Teacher</li> <li>• Most Coursework is Asynchronous, Meaning Students Work at Their Own Pace; However, the Teacher May Require Some Live Learning Activities</li> <li>• Teachers May Use Tools Such as Discussion Board, Interactive Digital Whiteboard, Live Interactive Classroom</li> <li>• Students Follow Due Dates Established by the Teacher</li> <li>• Have Access to a Supportive Orientation Process</li> <li>• Students Must Maintain an 80% Attendance Rate</li> <li>• Students Should Possess Basic Computer Skills</li> <li>• Students Must Participate in a Registration Meeting Through Which Transcripts are Reviewed Career Interests and Goals are Discussed</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teachers Use Formative Assessment Techniques to Check for Understanding</b></li> <li>• <b>Students Use Fusion Flex to Access Resources and/or Assignments</b></li> <li>• <b>Students Use Fusion Flex to Submit Assignments</b></li> <li>• <b>Students Participate in Learning Activities Using Tools Such as Discussion Boards, Interactive Digital Whiteboards, Poll Everywhere</b></li> <li>• <b>All Needed Interactive Tools will be Provided</b></li> <li>• <b>Students Have Access to Live Tutoring on School Grounds by Request and/or Online Academic Support</b></li> <li>• <b>Technical Support for Devices Issued by the Brownsville Area School District can be Obtained on Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. by emailing <a href="mailto:support@basd.org">support@basd.org</a></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Students Must Sign a Brownsville Area Cyber Academy (BACA) Learning Contract, Agreeing to Log into “Homeroom” Every Weekday; Complete Assignments by Due Dates; and Maintain at Least a “C” Average</b></li> <li>• <b>Students Can Contact Online Teachers During Designated Office Hours to Receive Support</b></li> <li>• <b>The IU1 Fusion Help Desk is Available for Technical Assistance Every Weekday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 724-938-3241 X225 Messages Can Be Left 24 Hours a Day</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Students in BOTH Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Remain Brownsville Area School District Students</b></li> <li>• <b>Will be Monitored for Academic Performance and Attendance Requirements</b></li> <li>• <b>May Participate in School-Sponsored Extracurricular and Athletic Activities</b></li> <li>• <b>May Participate in Interscholastic Activities</b></li> <li>• <b>May Participate in Brownsville Area School District Commencement Exercises</b></li> <li>• <b>Will Receive a Brownsville Area School District Diploma Upon Graduation</b></li> </ul>	