

April 6, 2020

Parents,

The Oklahoma State Department of Education has instructed all public schools to follow CDC guidelines and deemed it unsafe for schools to continue education in the typical manner; therefore FAPE for all students is being considered as distance learning opportunities. The Temporary Learning Plan is an addendum to the Individual Educational Program (IEP) that outlines how the district will provide Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in light of Bridge Creek Public Schools Distance Learning Plan. The Distance Learning Plan is required by the Oklahoma State Department of Education during the COVID-19 Pandemic school closure beginning April 6th, 2020.

The Distance Learning Plan includes continuous learning opportunities. This is inclusive of learning activities that are supported by teachers, related service provider(s), as appropriate, and parents. These learning activities correlate to the current student IEP goals and will engage/maintain skills to meet the needs of each student by the student's special education teacher of record and/or related service provider(s). The following platforms are in agreement with the OSDE and its guidelines that have been provided.

ZOOM/Google Hangout meetings: scheduled time each week with special service staff. It allows for live virtual face-to-face time where sped staff can assist the student and the parent with tips and ideas while working towards your child's individual goals in the following areas: speech-language, academic goals, behavior, occupational therapy or physical therapy while at home. This option also requires a signed permission slip that will be required for confidentiality assurances.

Emailed assignments: would be weekly emailed videos, word lists, worksheets, tips, activities, and/or links, etc. that target your child's speech/language goals. These would be assigned to your child's Google classroom or directly to the parent email, whichever you prefer. This option may give you the flexibility to work on your child's goals whenever is convenient for the family and not during a scheduled time.

Printed packets: These would be paper copies of word lists, activities, worksheets, etc. that would target your child's IEP goals. This option may benefit anyone with limited Wi-Fi/technological access, or who simply prefers the paper option. Be aware that BCPS has a system in place, with guidelines, that will provide chrome books available for checkout during distance learning. Please contact the Sped Office or appropriate site office for further information.

Bridge Creek Special Services Department is available daily from 8:00-4:00 to answer any further questions @ 387-4880 ext.120. We look forward to engaging and continuing to learn together!

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