



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

This correspondence is to inform you of a virtual academy that will be created for students enrolled in Benjamin Franklin Middle School/The Gereau Center for the second semester 2020-2021 in order to meet the needs of parents and students who continue to choose virtual instruction. Full time virtual students must agree to remain in the virtual academy for the entire semester if accepted.

Certain criteria must be met in order to be accepted in the BFMS/TGC Virtual Academy. (1) Students must have passed English and math during the first semester of this year. (2) Families must also have reliable internet access during the school day (8:30 - 3:00) in order for students to participate in synchronous (live) instruction in accordance with their daily class schedule. (3) Virtual students will still be responsible for state testing requirements and will be required to test onsite.

Accepted students will be provided synchronous instruction in the virtual academy. Synchronous learning happens when the teacher and students are logged into live virtual sessions (Google Meets/Zoom) during scheduled class periods. Coursework will be presented through the division learning management system, Canvas. Students will be enrolled in classes taught by our middle school teachers. There will be assignment deadlines set by the teachers.

Students who are accepted in the virtual academy are eligible to participate in all extra curricular activities that may be offered including athletics. Middle school students must pass a minimum of three classes (8th Gr) and five classes (7th Gr) first semester in order to meet VHSL eligibility requirements.

BFMS/TGC Virtual Academy online and paper contracts will be available on Monday, October 19, 2020. This contract ONLY demonstrates a student's intent to enroll in the academy. All accepted students will be notified at a later date. Completed contracts are due on Friday, October 30, 2020 by 4pm to Dr. Clements. No late submissions will be accepted. Students who are not accepted into the virtual academy, due to not meeting the criteria, will be notified by mail.

Please feel free to contact BFMS/TGC administration or guidance if you have questions.

Respectfully,
Jami Clements, PhD
Campus Principal