



Parents/guardians:

We wanted to follow up with parents/guardians of BMS students to discuss what Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities (VEEO) will look like over the next few weeks.

What does VEEO mean for 6-8th grade?

- Teachers will continue to share content with parents via the Ballard Resources [website](#). Information will be available Friday afternoon for the following week.
- Teachers will use Google classroom and email to communicate directly with students as needed to support the content posted on the Ballard Resources website.

Is the content being posted on the Ballard Resources website new learning for my child?

- Teachers are reviewing important information from previous instruction, just as we would when returning from any extended break.
- Additionally teachers will be offering opportunities to students to **make up any late work and redo assessments** from the beginning of second semester and Spring Break.

Will teachers be updating grades from work turned in before Spring Break?

- Teachers will be entering grades for any work that was turned in before Spring Break. Those grades will be updated by Friday, April 17th.

Will students be assigned grades for 3rd quarter/2nd semester?

- The grades in Infinite Campus are the most up-to-date as of Spring break (including make-up work/reassessment). The Iowa Department of Education has indicated that under VEEO, no grades can be assigned for work during the time off of school. **Therefore, no grades will be assigned at BMS for 3rd quarter and 2nd semester.** The only exception to this will be for Algebra and Geometry, which are high school, credit-bearing courses.

How can I support my student academically during this school closure?

- Teachers will be using Google classroom and email to communicate directly with students. **Please have your child begin checking Google classroom and his/her email routinely**, as these are important tools to aid in VEEO being an effective learning experience for your child.

How can my child connect with his/her teacher if they need help?

- Beginning this week, BMS teachers will hold two virtual office hours per week. They can be [found here](#), and we will share those on the Ballard Resources website, as well. Additionally, students can always email teachers. Teachers are expected to check and respond to emails twice a day.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out to any of us.

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