



BAKERSFIELD ADVENTIST ACADEMY

DISTANCE LEARNING

2020-2021

The school year will begin August 20 with distance learning due to a surge in COVID-19 cases in Kern County. September 10, the BAA Board of Directors will assess existing health and safety precautions to determine whether to transition to in-person education September 21. There may be times later in the school year when distance learning is mandated. Whether we are in-person or at a distance, we are committed to quality, engaging education focused on academic, physical, social, and spiritual development of every student.

Schedules

Class schedules will be published and communicated to parents and students by August 13 for each elementary classroom and high school classes. Teachers will communicate with students on a daily basis, provide daily instruction, assess student work, and regularly communicate achievement to students and parents. Daily worships and chapel will be conducted virtually. Teachers will be available during regular school hours.

Minimum Daily Instructional Time

Grade Levels	Hours per day
K-2	2.5 hours per day
3-4	3 hours per day
5-8	3.5 hours per day
9-12	4 hours per day



Instructional time includes direct instruction and working independently.

Delivery Platforms

A variety of web-based virtual resources will be used to provide quality online education. Additional web-based resources may be added to support student learning and engagement.

- **Textbook Resources** Online resources are available for some elementary and high school textbooks.
- **Google Classroom** Online teaching tools to communicate, distribute assignments, and give feedback
- **Seesaw** Teachers provide activities, students demonstrate learning, teachers and parents view and collaborate.
- **Zoom** Video and audio connection with students and parents for presentations and chat
- **GoGuardian** Tool to manage student Chromebooks, filter content, and observe student engagement
- **IXL Math & Language Arts** Personalized interactive activities that mediate and accelerate student achievement
- **Raz-Kids** Reading is readily accessible and fun. Teachers assign, track, and assess student progress.
- **Spelling City** Cross-curricular word study with feedback for vocabulary, spelling, phonics, and writing
- **Email** Students in grades 3-12 are assigned a username to access Google Classroom, Google Apps, and Gmail.
- **YouTube** Teachers may create YouTube content and/or assign educational YouTube content.
- **Hard copy learning packets** are provided, especially when Internet connections are inadequate.
- **FACTS Family Portal** (Formerly RenWeb) Students and parents can access grades, calendar, and announcements.

Chromebooks and Other Devices

- Chromebooks are checked out to go home with students who need them for distance learning schoolwork.
- Distance learning activities are accessible on personal computers, tablets, and cell phones.

Communication

- Administration will communicate with parents through Parent Alert that utilizes email and text messages. A weekly communiqué will be emailed. Parent Alert text messages will be used for urgent communication.
- A Parent Zoom meeting will be scheduled before the first day of school and within the first two weeks of school.
- Teachers will foster a solid working relationship with parents via phone, text, email, and Zoom. Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be conducted on Zoom during distance learning.
- Parents may contact the principal, Mike Schwartz, any time at 661.859.8715.

Spiritual Programming

Regular worship will be conducted for elementary classrooms and high school chapel.

Attendance

Students are marked present when they participate in online activities and turn in homework and absent if not engaged.

NOTE: The Distance Learning plan will be updated as needed to meet student needs when learning remotely.