

Bluffton High School

EARLY RELEASE/LATE
ARRIVAL



MEETING NORMS:

We will need to adhere to some meeting norms so that we can efficiently cover material and address some questions. Based on this:

- We will “mute” all participants.
- The chat room will be available to you. We will monitor the chatroom to keep track of questions we might answer at the end of the presentation.
- Because this is “uncharted water”, we may need to get answers to your questions and send them later. We will use the email associated with this invitation to send answers.
- We will record tonight’s meeting. At the conclusion, we will send you the recording, along with the attachment of the contract



WHAT IS THIS, YOU ASK?

High Schools in Beaufort County are approved to allow students meeting the criteria in this presentation the opportunity to attend only 3 blocks of instruction and either:

- a) Come to school after first block (about 10:15am).
- b) Leave school after 3rd block (about 2:15pm).
- c) If a virtual student, have a total of 3 classes taken.



WHAT DESIGNATES COLLEGE AND/OR CAREER READY?



- ↵ ACT Score: 20 or higher
- ↵ SAT Score: 1020 or higher
- ↵ ASVAB Score: 31 or higher
- ↵ CTE Program Completer and passing of Industry Credential Certification
- ↵ WorkKeys/WIN Career Readiness- Silver certificate or higher
- ↵ AP Score of 3 or higher
- ↵ Completion of a Work-Based Learning Experience as part of a viable Completer Program

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

In the COVID era, we will see many changes, to include to much more regulate our movement around the building and parking. As such, the following will be required to continue to be given this privilege:

- 1) Only approved students may come and go with approved students. The Code of Conduct considers it “aiding and abetting” if you allow students who should be in class to be with you in your vehicle. As such, you may only ride share with students who also have this privilege and (of course) your parent’s approval.
- 2) You must have your student identification with you daily while on campus.



MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

- 3) You must leave the building by the tardy bell (if early release) and, subsequently leave campus within 5 minutes of the tardy bell. If late arrival, arrive no more than 5 minutes before 1st block dismissal bell and enter through the front entrance and only at the 1st block dismissal bell.
- 4) If I do not drive, I am responsible for leaving from/arriving to the campus according to timelines above.
- 5) Unsafe driving on campus or driving in unauthorized areas will result in immediate revocation of this privilege



Q AND A



Can I combine this with Dual Enrollment?

Yes. Students with Dual Enrollment would have 2 classes Dual Enrollment and one class with Bluffton High. Students who choose this option should plan to take the Bluffton High class virtual, as it is not efficient use of time to plan to come to school for one block per day.

Can I choose if I am late arrival or early dismissal?

No. You may indicate your preference on the application. However, we schedule this opportunity around the classes you need to be enrolled in.

Q AND A



Can I choose which of my 4 classes I want to drop?

No. You can provide input to this, but counselors ultimately will drop classes that are not needed for graduation and are not part of a specific plan (i.e. CTE Completer) and that work to allow our master schedule to work.

Is my application good for the year?

No. You must re-apply for Spring semester and we reserve the right to deny applications where students made poor academic decisions, poor behavioral decisions, or poor decisions about following the late arrival/early release policy in the Fall.

Q AND A



If I am not College and Career Ready, what are my options?

Get that out of the way this Fall! If you do, you can apply for this opportunity in the Spring. You will see these testing opportunities arise this Fall and you will need take them seriously!

I don't know if I am going to be virtual or face to face, so I am not sure if I should apply.

This program is available to both modalities. It basically just reduces your courses being taken to 3 per semester.



Q AND A

I meet all the qualifications, so am I guaranteed this privilege?

Unfortunately, all privileges rely on our ability to provide them through the structure of the master schedule. It is possible that the courses you are required to take are not within the times of the face to face schedule. In those situations, you will have to keep a full schedule. This problem is alleviated if you attend virtually, as we simply will drop one of the non-required classes and you may simply have a break in your virtual day if not 1st or 4th block.

Next Steps



- ▶ The application was emailed to juniors and seniors on Thursday, August 6th. These are due via email to your counselor no later than 13th.

- ▶ This short turn-around is due to the need to process all applications in time for school.