

# BHS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How will final grades and honors be determined?**

District leadership will provide teachers with guidance to provide consistent methods of assigning grades in our remote learning environment. **To be clear, the fourth quarter is not pass/fail;** students will earn grades based on classroom assignments and participation. For students that engage in assignments and classes, every effort will be made to ensure that online learning does not have a negative impact on student grades. 4th quarter will not impact senior special designations and honors as outlined in the handbook and course guide. We will NOT be having final exams this year. Final grades will be determined by averaging Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 and 1st semester exam.

## **If my child is struggling or making up credits to graduate, what is necessary to ensure s/he graduates?**

Counselors and/or school administration will directly contact students who are at risk of not graduating. Opportunities for credit recovery or make-up plans will be shared with students and families in an effort to help all students graduate. Please contact your senior student's counselor if you have specific concerns or if access is a challenge.

## **Who determines if my student will graduate?**

Seniors who meet all of their credit requirements will graduate with the Class of 2020. To pass courses and earn credits it will be important for seniors to engage in the remote learning plan and complete class assignments. Students who had not yet met the state required 18-point "End of Course Exam" requirement (or alternate pathway) but were making progress when schools were mandated to begin remote learning, will be considered to have met these requirements. Per the state's guidelines outlined in House Bill 197, the principal will collaborate with counselors and teachers to determine if a student has met the expectations necessary to graduate.

## **Will the graduation ceremony be postponed?**

The fate of our graduation ceremony has not yet been determined. Due to the current state mandates regarding social distancing we are unsure if the current date and venue (May 16, Trent Arena) are reasonable or available. We are looking at alternate locations, dates, and formats to honor our seniors (possibly during the summer). We will give our absolute best effort to make sure graduation happens in some form. Unfortunately we are at the mercy of this virus and its timeline. We will share more information with you regarding specifics as they become available.

## **What about Cap and Gown Delivery?**

At this time Cap and Gown delivery from Graduate Services has been put on hold. We will determine the best way to distribute graduation orders in the upcoming weeks. We will share more information when it becomes available.

## **How can I pay school fees?**

School fees may be paid online using PaySchools Central at <https://payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login> or by contacting our business manager Jenness Sigman at [jenness.sigman@bss.k12.oh.us](mailto:jenness.sigman@bss.k12.oh.us) **REMINDER FOR SENIORS: All fees must be paid in their entirety to receive your diploma and transcripts.**

## **What is the plan for the end of year Academic Awards Assemblies?**

The fate of Senior and Underclassmen Awards has not yet been determined. We will share more information with you regarding specifics as they become available.

**What about Prom?**

BHS has been forced to postpone Prom due to the state “Stay at Home” order. We are closely following the guidance set forth by Governor DeWine and public health officials and will communicate additional details as we receive more information. We are working to determine the best solution available within the parameters of the government mandates. As with graduation, we will do our best to reschedule and hold Prom at a future time and place. We will share more information with you regarding specifics as they become available.

**If my child has not confirmed a college choice, how will the necessary information be completed?**

There are many helpful resources found on the counseling page on the Bellbrook High School [website](#). Students will have the full support of the counseling department to continue the college admission process. Some colleges have postponed commitment dates while others are staying with the May 1st deadline. Be sure to check with individual colleges to ensure that you do not miss the deadline to secure your position for enrollment in the Fall. If you have additional questions, please email your BHS counselor directly. In addition, please continue to monitor your email for important announcements and reminders. Mrs. Ralston has emailed each senior the “senior survey” to complete. This survey must be completed! This is how the counseling department knows where to send your final transcripts.

**Will there be any spring sports?**

At this time, a decision has not yet been made regarding spring sports; however, the district will follow the guidance set forth by Governor DeWine and the Ohio High School Athletics Association. The BHS Athletic Department will release more information regarding spring sports as it becomes available.

**Can my student access the building to retrieve personal items and turn in items such as books, library books, uniforms and technology?**

All school buildings are currently closed to comply with the public order from Governor DeWine and will remain closed until the “stay at home” order is lifted. Turn-in/Pick up procedures will be shared with families should the “stay at home” order require the schools remain closed for the remainder of the school year. Library late fees have been put on hold.

**What about End of Course and AP Exams?**

State End of Course Exams will not be given this year through action by the state legislature. We do not know at this time what that will mean for underclassmen as they work towards their graduation seals. We will update you as we learn new information.

AP Exams will now be given May 11 - May 22, with make-up testing scheduled for June 1-5. Students will take the tests at home or at school if we reopen. Students can take the exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option. If a student decides not to test, we will look at full reimbursement in the coming months. College Board will share details about how students will access exams, complete tasks, and submit responses by late April. Link to the exam schedule: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>.