

# North Branch Area Public Schools Summer 2020 Distance learning Plan

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## Message from the Director of Teaching and Learning

Dear Families,

The global spread of COVID-19, and Gov. Tim Walz's subsequent executive created the need for Minnesota school districts to build a distance learning education model for all students starting March 30. This is an unprecedented situation and I could not be more pleased with the work of staff to prepare delivery of educational services remotely.

An important component to the state's distance learning direction is the guidance to school districts to create and distribute summer 2020 distance learning plans to families.. What follows is North Branch Area Public Schools' plan for the delivery of a wide variety of resources during this time of social distancing. I strongly encourage all families to review this document thoroughly and communicate any questions or concerns to your building principal.

Sincerely,

David Treichel

Director of Teaching and learning

## Governor's Executive Order

[Governor Walz Executive Order](#)

## Defining Distance Learning

Distance Learning defined as a form of delivering instruction and assessment remotely. Students engaging in distance learning have access to appropriate educational materials and receive daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s).

## Teaching and Learning: Summer 2020

North Branch Area Public Schools offers three summer programming options for qualified students. Extended School Year programming provides services for students receiving special education services. Targeted Services programming provides extra instruction in the area of reading and math for rising first grade through 8th-grade students. Credit Recovery programming provides the



opportunity for students to recover credits necessary for graduation. All three options occur over the summer. Additional Information regarding each program can be found below. Teachers and support staff have been collaborating and developing lessons for the start of summer programming. NBAPS understands that communication from the teacher to the families and students is critical to the success of students during this time.

## Targeted Services

Summer can be a time of opportunity for students struggling in the traditional school environment to receive supplemental instruction. Research continues to demonstrate that summer is a critical time to strive towards decreasing the proficiency gaps of students in poverty and those from historically disadvantaged communities. Quality summer programming has been shown to significantly reduce the achievement gap.

Students are identified for these services during the school year based on classroom performance, standardized assessments given throughout the year, as well as teacher and parent feedback.

### Location

At this time, North Branch Area Public Schools will continue to implement distance learning education for the students enrolled in Targeted Services

### Time

Students will be interacting with their teacher daily Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

### Dates

July 6 - July 30

### Attendance

Attendance will be taken daily by the Targeted Services teacher.

## Special Education Services - Extended School Year

In the event of extended school closures, the school district remains responsible for the free appropriate public education (FAPE) of its students eligible for special education services who have an individualized education program (IEP) or those with disabilities who qualify for a 504 Plan. Districts must plan how they will continue to meet the requirements of Part B (3- 21) and Part C (birth to three) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B and Part C, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

### Students Receiving Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Services

Extended School Year (ESY) as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.14 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 3525.0755, is a program available to students whose individualized education program (IEP) requires them to receive special education services during extended school breaks such as during the summer. All ESY programming during the summer of 2020 will be provided via a distance learning model.



Individualized decisions regarding student eligibility for ESY programming are made by the IEP team, including parent input. Determinations regarding ESY programming delivered through the distance learning model are documented in each student's Individualized Distance Learning Plan (IDL) or their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Service will be provided by licensed teachers and as determined by each student's IDLP or IEP.

ESY programming begins on July 6th and ends on July 30th. The program runs Monday through Thursday from approximately 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Families who have indicated their child will attend ESY will receive information on how their child will access services this summer directly from their child's ESY service providers.

Attendance for ESY will be taken by teachers and/or service providers daily. In order to be marked in attendance, the student or parent must be in contact with the school. The contact can be in a variety of ways including, but not limited to: attending a virtual class session, sending an email, completing an assignment, or calling a teacher or service provider.

Questions or concerns regarding how the district is meeting the needs of students with disabilities receiving services and supports through special education should contact either of the special services administrators listed below:

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At this time, North Branch Area Public Schools will continue to implement distance learning education for the students enrolled in Targeted Services

#### Time

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#### Dates

July 6 - July 30

#### Attendance

Attendance will be taken daily by the Extended School Year teacher.

Jennifer Danielson, Special Services Supervisor

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651-308-6404

Nicole Woodward, Director of Special Education

[nwoodward@scred.k12.mn.us](mailto:nwoodward@scred.k12.mn.us)

320-358-1244



## Credit Recovery

Credit recovery is a strategy that allows students to recover course credit in required courses for high school graduation. North Branch Area Public Schools teachers provide this opportunity in the form of distance learning. For many students, the recovery of failed credit determines whether they will graduate from high school.

North Branch Area Public Schools provide students with alternative education options tailored to their individual learning styles and social-emotional needs. NBAPS uses multiple forms of online learning tools including online curriculum through Odysseyware, Google Classroom, virtual classroom learning sessions through Google Meet and evidence based tools to engage the learners.

Please click [Here](#) for additional information regarding this opportunity.

### Location

At this time, North Branch Area Public Schools will continue to implement distance learning education for the students enrolled in Credit Recovery

### Time

8:00 AM - 12:00 Monday through Friday

### Dates

July 20 - August 14

### Attendance

Attendance is necessary to stay enrolled in the credit recovery program. A student with three or more absences will be dropped from the program.

### Grading

NBAPS teachers are focused on providing essential standards based learning outcomes for students. Since NBAPS summer programs are competency-based, students earn credit once they demonstrate proficiency on the essential learning outcomes.

## Students receiving English Language Services

NBAPS students receiving services through the English Language teacher will continue to receive services during distance learning and are eligible for summer programming. The English Language teacher will provide access to grade-level standards and academic support during distance learning.

For additional questions and or concerns please contact Reid Anderson at (651) 674-1176 or email at [reanderson@isd138.org](mailto:reanderson@isd138.org)



## Homeless

Students experiencing homelessness face unique barriers from school closings and to participating in distance learning, including limited availability of technology and living situations that do not support doing homework (e.g., in a car). The NBAPS Homeless Liaison Coordinator continues to work closely with building counselors, social workers, teachers, and support staff in identifying students and families who may be homeless.

If a family or student is homeless, please contact;

David Treichel at 651-674-1051 or email at [dtreichel@isd138.org](mailto:dtreichel@isd138.org)

## Child Care

Childcare services, including transportation will be provided from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm for students of emergency workers and other essential workers as [defined by the Minnesota Department of Education \(MDE\)](#) free of charge. In order to ensure the safety of the children and staff in the program, attending children's temperatures will be taken upon arrival and again at midday by school district nurses.

Beginning Tuesday, May 5, Youth Connections will serve Tier 1 and 2 critical worker's families with children ages 4-12 as defined by the [Minnesota Department of Education \(MDE\)](#). Please see the hours of service and fee schedule below.

Youth Connections will be open from 5:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. and will offer the following additional opportunities for fee-based child care:

### Fee Schedule

- 5:45 a.m. - 7 a.m. = \$7 per day (Tier 1 and 2 only)
- 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. = No Charge (Tier 1 and 2 only)
- 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. = \$11 per day (Tier 1 and 2 only)

In order to ensure the safety of the children and staff in the program, attending children's temperatures will be taken upon arrival and again at midday. If a child in school district care is found to have a fever or be ill, parents/guardians will be contacted immediately and will be expected to pick up their child(ren) as soon as possible. Students will be immediately separated from other students while awaiting pick up.

Transportation will be provided for Tier 1 and 2 families. Please contact Youth Connections at (651) 674-1029 for more information. Routes, pickup and dropoff times will remain the same.

If you have questions if you qualify or interested in learning more about access to School Age Care services please contact Youth Connections at 651-674-1029 or [click here](#) for more information.



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## Nutrition and Food Service

### **NBAPS meal pick-up changes from June 9 to June 30 - other options after June 30**

North Branch Area Public Schools' final meal pick-up in the community will be Monday June 8, the last day of school for students.

From June 9 through June 30, meals for students ages 18-and-under can be picked up at the North Branch Area High School parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m.

After June 30, families can access food support at the following locations for the duration of the summer:

#### **Family Pathways Food Shelf North Branch**

**Hours:**

Monday 12pm-5pm

Wednesday 9am-5pm

Thursday 9am-1pm

Friday 9am-5pm

**Address:** 6381 Main St, North Branch, MN 55056

**Phone:** (651) 674-8313

#### **Starting Wednesday June 10: Vikings Vittles food disbursement every Wednesday**

3pm-6pm or until gone at:

Trinity Lutheran Church

38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch, MN 55056

Countryside Village Mobile Home Park

38725 12th Ave, North Branch, MN 55056

Stacy Lions Park by Stacy Trail

#### **Fare For All**

763-450-3880 for questions

Credit, debit, or EBT payments only

Trinity Lutheran Church

38460 Lincoln Trail North Branch, Minnesota 55056

Wednesday 2-4 pm: , Jun 10, Jul 15, Aug 12, Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9



## Mental Health and Well-Being Support

The stress of COVID-19 and school closure can increase the worry and anxiety of students, staff, families, and communities. The following information provides helpful information on how to find additional services, to how NBAPS is working with school-linked mental health services in providing the services to our students.

### Therapeutic Services Agency

Therapeutic Services Agency (TSA) continues to operate the North Branch Day Treatment program at its Cambridge TSA location (1700 East Rum River Dr. - South Suite B). TSA does have telehealth options for students/families. New clients can call TSA's referral line (320-629-7600) to make a new referral. The Department of Health has given agencies telehealth platforms options so TSA is able to serve many clients.

### School-Linked Mental Health

NBAPS students receiving services through school-linked mental health services will receive communication from Therapeutic Service Agency in order to develop a plan to continue services during distance learning.

### Talking to Children

Concern over this new virus can make children and families anxious. It is very important to remember that children look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If adults seem overly worried, children's anxiety may rise. Adults should reassure children that health and school officials are working hard to ensure that people throughout the country stay healthy. Children also need factual, age appropriate information about the 9 potential seriousness of disease risk, so the focus of conversation should be concrete instructions about how to avoid infections and the spread of disease. Teaching children positive measures, talking with them about their fears, and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infections can help reduce anxiety. Additional information and specific guidelines can be found at: [Talking to Children about COVID-19](#)

### Bullying and Harassment

COVID-19 is not at all connected to race, ethnicity, or nationality. NBAPS staff are mindful that bullying, intimidation, or harassment of students based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, or disability (including the actual disability of being infected with COVID-19 or perception of being infected) may result in a violation of state and federal civil rights laws. NBAPS staff will take immediate and appropriate action to investigate what occurred when responding to reports of bullying or harassment. If parents and families believe their child has experienced bullying, harassment, or intimidation related to the COVID-19 outbreak, they should contact their school principal.



## Social Emotional Learning

Minnesota Department of Education SEL Guidance - Click [HERE](#)

The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) - Click [HERE](#)

Panorama Education - Click [HERE](#)

## Resources

Minnesota Department of Education - Click [HERE](#)

Minnesota Department of Human Services provides the most up-to-date information for providers, counties, tribes and members of the public - Click [HERE](#)

National Association of School Psychologists - Click [HERE](#)

National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota - Click [HERE](#)

The Colorín Colorado Coronavirus: Multilingual Resources for School -Click [HERE](#)

The Child Mind Institute's Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus. Students may experience hunger, abuse, or lack of healthcare in their homes and with their families. Know local resources and be prepared to help - Click [HERE](#)

SAMSHA's Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health: Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During an Infectious Disease Outbreak - Click [HERE](#)

Mental Health and COVID-19 – Information and Resources - Click [HERE](#)

## Broadband and Internet Services

Questions about broadband or Internet services in the area can be found at this [link](#) or the [District Website](#). Information on the website explains services that cellular and internet broadband service providers are including to help families during the COVID-19 crisis.

*\*If you are able to leave your home there is a location by the High School auditorium entrance (Door #16) that allows wifi access while parked in your car.*

## Technology Support

NBAPS technology department continues to offer technology support to students, families, and staff members during summer distance learning. The information below provides how to access support and request technology assistance.



## Student and Family Technology Support

Please call 651-674-1097 for district supplied computers and hardware . If you do not reach a live person, please leave a voicemail and someone will return your call within one hour during normal business hours. Or, email us at [parentsupport@isd138.org](mailto:parentsupport@isd138.org)

Please contact your classroom teacher if there are issues and or concerns with instructional/classroom applications. They will escalate the concern if they are not able to quickly solve the issue.

Classroom device exchange daily. Technology department staff communicate and schedule the pick up.

## NBAPS staff

Please call 651-674-1097 for district supplied computers, and hardware.

Or, email us at [helpdesk@isd138.org](mailto:helpdesk@isd138.org).

Licensed teachers should contact the media and technology integrationist or the building instructional strategy coach for student integration classroom applications.

## Handling School Materials

A recent study found that COVID-19 coronavirus can survive up to four hours on copper, up to 24 hours on cardboard, and up to two to three days on plastic and stainless steel. It is important to remember that those lab results are based on ideal conditions. There are many variables that effect the ability of the virus to survive and then transmit, including temperature, humidity, amount of virus present and many other factors.

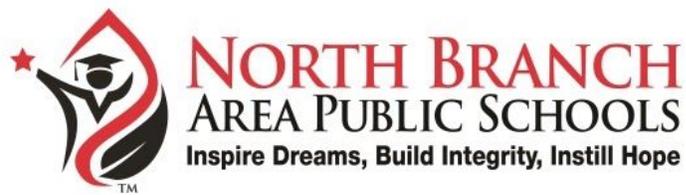
Reminders when handling materials:

- Wash hands before handling and delivering homework
- Delay turning in homework if someone in your home is experiencing a fever or cough

When working with student papers, staff should:

- Wash hands before and after working with papers from student homes
- Avoid touching their faces while working with papers
- Avoid working with papers that will be returned to students if they have a cough, shortness of breath or fever
- Clean up papers and their work spaces when done
- Avoid working with papers on family eating spaces

It is important to remember that this not a likely way that COVID-19 is spread, the risk is very low and personal responsibility for hand hygiene and environmental cleaning exert the most control over limiting ways to contract COVID-19.



## Additional Resources

North Branch Area Public Schools is maintaining a COVID-19 resource page through the duration of the national response. The COVID-19/Coronavirus page contains information about how to keep your family safe from COVID-19, secure internet services during the response, frequently asked questions, meal pick-up schedules, and more! The school district's COVID-19 webpage can be found at this link: <https://www.isd138.org/Page/405>.

If you need contact information for any staff member, please utilize the NBAPS staff directory at: <https://www.isd138.org/domain/58>. The staff directory can also be found in the "I want to" menu of the school district homepage.