



# TIMBERLINE HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST 5, 2020

WEEKLY UPDATE

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Dear Timberline Family,

After the Board voted last night in favor of beginning our school year virtually, I'm sure many of you have questions about what to expect. Below are a few answers for you, and more information will come next week after teachers return to work.

First, students still have the two basic options:

1. Totally online with FuelEd curriculum and Boise School District teachers working with those students. They are all certified teachers, and the program is accredited. If students choose to enroll online, they are committed to at least the first semester. At that point, they may choose to remain online or return to Timberline in person. Students will take three courses per quarter in this format, for a total of 6 credits by the end of the semester.
2. Remain enrolled at Timberline for our in-person learning. With this option, we will of course be starting virtually, and classes will be organized and taught via Google Classroom. Our building teachers are busily preparing for their regular classes on this platform. Students may choose some or all of their classes at Timberline. If they choose to take only a few classes at Timberline, they may also enroll in classes on IDLA and the district will cover the cost of these credits.
  - a. This will not look the same as our Emergency Learning Plan we implemented last spring. Students will be expected to attend their classes online, and teachers will be recording participation. Teachers will be recording each lesson for students to access after hours if there is a conflict. Teachers will be available for online, small group and individual teaching as students need. Students will be expected to master new content and complete assignments.

**The deadline for making this decision is Friday, August 7 at 12:00 p.m.** If you are having difficulty deciding, [click on this link](#) and this document may help explain the differences. **Due to staffing decisions that must be made prior to the start of school, this is a hard and fast deadline.**

Once students choose the option in which they are enrolling, **it is a semester commitment**, minimum. If your child was enrolled at Timberline last spring, and they are choosing to stay enrolled at Timberline, you do not need to re-enroll. If you'd like to make a change to how your student is enrolled prior to Friday at noon, please contact your child's counselor as soon as possible so they can develop the best schedule possible. If students are currently enrolled in Boise's online school but would like to return to Timberline, they may switch back **prior** to Friday's deadline.

Our counselors are assigned to students alphabetically by last name:

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Donna Decker (College and Career Counselor – All Students) [donna.decker@boiseschools.org](mailto:donna.decker@boiseschools.org)

We have capped all classes to a maximum of 25 students in each section, and many are below this number. This was done in order to provide as much space as possible in our classrooms. Teachers and students will have access to their schedules beginning Monday, August 10. If students need to make schedule changes, they will be able to contact their counselor via email or phone. Virtual meetings with your counselor can also be arranged. Some adjustments to our music classes may take place the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please watch for more communication from your teachers. They will be sending students all of the login information and course details as we get closer to August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Teachers will also begin calling their third period students on Monday, August 10 in order to once again assess their technology needs. We will begin handing out needed Chromebooks and hotspots Wednesday, August 12 - 14. If students need a replacement device, they may also exchange the device they received last spring. Once all of our new devices have been delivered to our building, we will be issuing brand new devices to all our sophomores and juniors. These devices will be checked out to them for the duration

of their high school years in the Boise School District. Optional damage/replacement insurance can also be purchased online for a small fee via our online store. More specific information regarding the checkout of devices will be coming next week.

School pictures will be taken once we are able to return to the building for in-person learning. Other items, such as yearbooks, class t-shirts, etc. will also be available for purchase online.

Please know how much we are missing our students! We cannot wait for everyone to return to in-person learning at Timberline. Until then, we hope you all stay healthy!

Sincerely,  
Diana Molino  
Principal