



SCHOOL REOPENING 20|21

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eLearning Options

Distance learning, eLearning, virtual learning, online learning, and remote learning are largely interchangeable terms for the same type of learning modality, which delivers instruction, personalized courses and educational content digitally via the Internet. Most of these programs offer a mix of live and recorded instruction and a menu of grade-appropriate content across traditional areas of study – English, math, science and the arts –but the similarities usually end there. Some online service providers charge a fee for their courses while others are not accredited or certified as achieving base quality standards.

At BCPS, students can choose between two online learning options – **BCPS eLearning** or **Broward Virtual School (BVS)** – both of which provide high-quality instruction at no cost, are fully accredited and offer flexible schedules. There are few differences parents and students should be aware of:

BCPS eLearning is **linked to your child's school** and provides:

- Continuity of the student experience, campus connections and sense of community,
- Wrap-around support services, like mental health, provided in a familiar environment,
- Familiar study tools, like Canvas, BECON programming and social and athletic clubs, and
- Access to specialized coursework and sought-after programs at Magnet Schools and schools providing industry certification.

Broward Virtual School (BVS) also has some advantages including:

- Part-time enrollment (grades 6-12 only,)
- Control over curriculum and timeframe to complete studies, and
- Access to BVS courses for students from traditional schools

On the downside, BVS does not provide continuity or a shared sense of community for the student since study is not linked to the student's current school.

Either way, Broward County's students receive a great educational experience and learn from world-class educators who are committed to their success and personal growth.