

The letter below, which outlines COVID Extension Services, was sent to parents of students who participated in School-Based Digital Learning (SBDL) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Although the deadline (May 14) has passed for current students to enroll in COVID Extension Services, students who are new to the Douglas County School System for 2021-2022 and wish to enroll should complete the normal registration process. They should then contact their school about enrolling in the program. The school will assist in determining eligibility.

April 20, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, we know that you and other parents are eager to hear what learning options will be available for the 2021-2022 school year.

While we believe that most children learn best in the classroom in front of a teacher, and while we are anxious to have all of our students back in our buildings five days a week, we know and respect that some parents would prefer their child to continue learning online next year due to COVID-19 concerns.

To accommodate those families who want or need an online option, we are offering COVID Extension Services for 2021-2022. This option is available only for students in grades 3-12 who were enrolled in School-Based Digital Learning (SBDL) for 2020-2021 and who meet certain additional criteria.

Please see the following information regarding COVID Extension Services.

To qualify for enrollment in COVID Extension Services, a student must:

- Have been enrolled in School-Based Digital Learning (SBDL) for 2020-2021
- Have a C or higher on the final 2020-2021 report card in all subject areas
- Have been absent no more than 15 days during the 2020-2021 school year
- Be in grade 3-12 for the 2021-2022 school year

Instruction:

- Students will not be served by a teacher at their base school. The teacher will be associated with COVID Extension Services
- Students in grade 3-12 will be served through a synchronous instructional model. This model provides live online teaching and learning.

Parents must:

- Attend a mandatory informational meeting in early June
- Provide reliable internet access or manage hot spots provided by the school system
- Monitor their child
- Parents of students in the Program for Exceptional Students must attend an IEP meeting to discuss the placement

Additional information regarding COVID Extension Services:

- Student is not eligible for school-sponsored extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, competitions, ASP, etc.)
- Student must make progress within the curriculum program each week
- Student must report to his or her base school for local and state assessments
- COVID Extension Services will be available for the 2021-2022 school year only
- Student must remain enrolled in COVID Extension for a full semester
- Student may not participate in a magnet program. Student may apply to rejoin the magnet program the following year