



Black Gold Home-Based School

Our Schools – Your Children – The Future

2022-23 SCHOOL HANDBOOK

School Events & Clubs

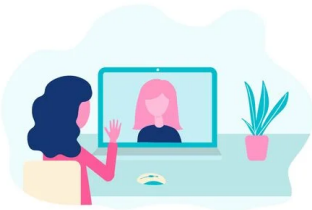
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Moodle Course Website



All digital course material & video links can be found on our new **Home-Based School Moodle Website**. We will also be requesting that work submitted digitally (scanned or pdfs) be uploaded through the Moodle dropboxes. Student logins are provided in their Program Plans and are the same as their email/computer logins. Instructions are found in each Moodle course and please don't hesitate to ask for help!

Weekly Connections



We know that one way to support student success in learning is to build connections. Each teacher will arrange a weekly connection with each student. Typically these will be 15 minute Google Meets where students can ask questions, teachers can review marked assignments etc. If a student needs more help than this connection time allows they can contact their teacher to arrange an additional meeting.



Tests & Exams



Junior High students are required to complete their tests & exams in-person at the school in Beaumont. We have a variety of quiet spaces for students to write but please **book a time with your teacher** so we can have your test and space ready for when you arrive!

Non-Core Courses

Once students have settled into their core courses (math, ELA, science & social) you can look at adding in some other courses. Our additional courses are limited but include:

- Physical Education (PE)
- Health
- Art
- CTF

Contact the HBS Coordinator when you would like to add non-core courses to your child's schedule.



Additional Supports

Our school provides additional resources at no cost. If you are interested in accessing these, in addition to your supplied course materials, please contact the HBS Coordinator.

Reading Eggs → Online program that focuses on a core reading curriculum of phonics and sight words to improve reading success through interactive lessons & games (Ages 3 -7)



Reading Eggspress → Online program that works to improve spelling skills & reading comprehension through interactive lessons & games.(Ages 7-12)

IXL - Personalized digital learning space where students complete a diagnostic in math & ela. BAsed on the diagnostic, IXL suggests skills for the student to work on. IXL provides questions, with examples & some videos. Students can also work through the Alberta Program of Studies connected activities.



Monthly Newsletter - Our monthly newsletter is sent at the beginning of each month and posted to our school website <https://hbs.blackgold.ca/>. Our newsletter lists local and school events & resources that families may be interested in.

Other Resources - Looking for other resources? We can help connect you with support through Alberta Health Services, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and others services.



Technical Requirements

What do you need to get started with Black Gold Home-Based School?

- High speed Internet Access
- A computer or chromebook (with speakers/microphone - or headset)
- Printer & scanner are handy - but not necessary. If you don't have a scanner you can use Adobe Scan App (free) on your phone.
- Any internet browser like Chrome, Firefox, Explore etc.



For more specific details check out our website: <https://hbs.blackgold.ca/parents/forms/>

Loaned Materials

We love to share our materials but we also really love getting them back! Please take note, all items that are barcoded must be returned when the course is completed or at the end of the year.



Attendance Policy

Our school policy is based on the guidelines and regulations set out in Alberta's Education Act. Section 31 of the Act states that students have a responsibility to attend school regularly. In the Home-Based School (HBS) Teacher-Directed program, attendance is verified through **regular submission of school assignments and contact with teachers**.

Teacher Interventions:

Teachers will contact students & parents struggling to meet course assignment schedules.

- They will discuss barriers and some possible solutions.
- Solutions may include schedule & course readjustments, extra tutorials or other supports.

Administration Interventions:

If no assignments are submitted for 4 weeks (20 school days)

- 'Attendance Letter 1' is sent home from the school office to set up a meeting date/time.

Attendance meeting to create ***Individualized Program & Attendance Plan***

- Discuss barriers and some possible solutions.
- Some solutions may include adjusting courses or schedules, providing additional academic support (extra tutorials, alternate assignments etc.)
- Offering social/emotional support (Family School Liaison referral, school counselor etc.).

If the Individualized Program & Attendance Plan is not followed:

- 'Attendance Letter 2' is sent home from the school office.
 - This letter asks for a meeting with all parties involved (teacher, admin, counselor, parents, students etc.) - facilitated community conference.
 - The *Individualized Program & Attendance Plan* is looked at and discussed. An additional plan may be created. Case by case.
 - RCMP wellness check may be requested.
 - Contact with Child and Family Services will be assessed.
 - Discussion if BGSD Truancy Officer or OSAR is involved at this point.