

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What grades does Bracken County Online serve?

Bracken County Online (BCO) serves students in grades 6-12. In addition, it offers a pathway to graduation for high school students.

2. How do I apply for Bracken County Online?

The parent/guardian should complete and submit the Bracken County Online Application on the Bracken County Schools Webpage. Once submitted, the application will be approved or denied by the school principal. If approved, the principal will schedule a parent conference with the parent/guardian/student to review the program, discuss the student's academic progress, and sign the contract for participation. If denied, the principal will inform the parent/guardian of their decision. All applications must be received prior to the beginning of the semester to be considered.

3. Am I able to enter and leave Bracken County Online whenever I would like and return to my home school for traditional instruction?

BCO is a commitment for a full academic year. If there are extenuating circumstances, you can request to be considered for entry into BCO or a return to traditional in person instruction at the end of each semester, but it's not guaranteed. Likewise, entry into the program can only be considered at the beginning of a semester. Enrollment and withdrawals in and out of the program will not be permitted once the semester begins.

4. Will my student be able to participate in school activities like sports, prom, club events, and other activities while enrolled as a Bracken Online student?

Yes, students can participate in all of the after-school extracurricular activities at their regular school.

5. Will I get to graduate with my classmates? Yes, you can participate in your commencement ceremonies.

6. How many classes do I take through Bracken County Online? BCO Students take 7 online classes per year.

7. If I participate in dual enrollment (dual credit), can I also be a BCO Student? Yes, dual enrollment students can apply to BCO and take remaining high school courses online.

8. Will I be provided with my own Chromebook, or do I need to purchase one?

Bracken County Schools provide all students with a Google Chrome Book and charger that must be returned prior to the last day of school. Note: BCO Students are responsible for providing their own internet service.

9. Will I have to come to the BCHS/BCMS campus?

Yes, BCO Students are required to take state and local assessments, attend class, teacher, and parent meetings. If academic remediation is necessary, the student will be required to attend. In addition, BCO Students are required to attend any other functions or event as required by the school administration. Failure to cooperate may jeopardize participation in the program.

10. How are courses structured and can I complete the courses at my own pace?

Edgenuity courses have daily pacing goals. In Edgenuity, students can work ahead and finish the course early. If a student falls behind in an Edgenuity course, their grade will be negatively impacted until they catch up.

11. Are there specific times I have to be available for classes?

No, you will not be required to have a specific time that you are actively working on the assignments or meeting with your instructor. The coursework is asynchronous and designed to be completed at any time during the week.

12. Can I get help from a teacher?

Absolutely! All students enrolled in BCO will have access to a certified teacher. Office hours are held weekly for students to have access to their teacher through Google Meet/Classroom and email. The instructor is available during normal school hours for support.

13. If I have a 504 Plan or IEP, can I attend Bracken County Online?

Yes, students with a 504 or IEP are eligible to attend BCO after a 504 or IEP meeting is held at the home school and the team agrees on a change of placement and a change of accommodations that reflect support in a virtual learning environment.

14. What if I experience technical difficulties?

Contact your teacher for assistance. They should be able to help you troubleshoot any issues you encounter. Students should make every effort to resolve technical issues to remain current on coursework.

15. How can I stay organized and manage my time effectively?

Create a schedule or planner to keep track of your assignments, due dates, and class schedules. Take breaks and give yourself time to recharge. Avoid distractions and try to stick to a routine. It is recommended that students approach BCO like you would a brick-and-mortar setting.

16. Are students in BC Online permitted on campus during school hours?

Yes, a school may utilize student time on campus for interventions, testing, participation in performance classes such as band, CTE Courses, or Work-Based Learning, and other possible scenarios. Schools should have a system to determine when a student is on campus that align with attendance verification for course enrollment. BCO Students will provide their own transportation.

17. If I participate in Work-Based Learning and/or Mason County Career Magnet School, can I also be a BCO Student?

Yes, but daily in-person attendance is required for these programs.

18. How am I awarded credits in courses through Bracken County Online? Students who satisfactorily demonstrate learning the academic standards through the courses taken through BCO are granted Performance-Based Credits. Traditional in person classes are based on Carnegie Units. BCHS/BCMS have established performance descriptors and evaluation procedures that determine if the performance standards have been met.

19. Are there any special requirements for graduation through Bracken County Online?

No, the same [minimum graduation requirements](#) established by the Kentucky Board of Education apply as well as those adopted by the local board of education.

20. Can non-resident students enroll in Bracken County Online?

Yes, non-resident students should complete a non-resident application located on the district website <https://www.bracken.kyschools.us/> Following non-resident acceptance, the non-resident student should complete an application for the BCO Program. During the non-resident application process the non-resident student should communicate with the school principal or the Director of Pupil Personnel their intention to apply for the BCO Program.

21. What if I do not make satisfactory academic progress while enrolled in Bracken County Online?

Students that do not make satisfactory academic progress as determined by school officials will lose their privilege to be enrolled in BCO and will return to traditional instruction on campus.

22. Does the Bracken County Online Contract last the entire time I am enrolled in Bracken County Schools?

No, the contract must be approved year to year.