



Redfield Public School

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Home of the Pheasants

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for you and your student(s). An online/virtual program is being offered for students in grades 9-12. This program is approved through the South Dakota Department of Education and provided by Black Hills Online Learning Community (BHOLC). You can register your child here <https://www.bholc.org/>. Once you've registered online, you will be sent paperwork via email to take to your school district for approval of your participation in this program.

Students (9-12) enrolled in participating districts will have the opportunity to enroll in a free public online program that includes English, Social Studies, Science, and Math, as well as many electives for grades 9-12, while employing the flexibility of learning from home. Redfield School District is offering these courses in partnership with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE). The courses and curriculum are provided by Edmentum (<https://www.edmentum.com>), a national provider that has extensive experience in successfully implementing online educational programs.

Parents of students taking a distance class can expect:

- Communication and advice from highly qualified teachers through e-mail, telephone, or web conferencing.
- Access to online lessons 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere an internet connection is available.
- Credit earned from their local school district following local district policies in these rigorous and engaging courses.

Parents of students will:

- Serve as the primary learning coach to the student-allow 3-5 hours per day for learning coach support.
- Provide the necessary technology to access the online learning platform (one computer per child and high-speed internet access. Tablets are not compatible).
- Enroll students in the Redfield School District by August 24, 2021, in order to obtain free access to the online courses and meet with Redfield Administrative Staff.
- Ensure that students in the 11th grade will report to school for mandated yearly testing.

If you have any questions, please consult the online information, available at <http://bholc.org> or contact Kendra.becker@k12.sd.us; Connie Godfrey at cgodfrey@tie.net, 605-721-4506.

Sincerely,

Kendra L Becker
Redfield MS/HS Principal

Empowering students to be R.A.R.E.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Redfield Public School, where vision and action create opportunities, is to promote academic and social excellence, engaging students to become responsible, productive citizens and life-long learners by providing a safe, innovative, and valuable experience taught by highly qualified, dedicated educators.