

July 24, 2020

Dear Parents,

There have been a lot of questions and concerns with trying to decide whether or not you are going exclusively with the Banks Online Academy for the start of school. I appreciate the questions and concerns and also for those who have applied. I wanted to share this with you to as I have added it to the FAQ <https://tinyurl.com/BSO-2020-2021-FAQ>. Hopefully this will relieve some concern for parents who have not yet decided where their students will attend in the Fall.

Is there an option to apply for the Online Academy if I miss the deadline of August 1st?

- Yes. First, we would like to thank those of you who have registered for the Banks Online Academy. It was important for us to set a deadline as we plan our on-site learning option for our students. There is a certain number of students we can assign to each classroom. We have received several questions about our on-line academy and do understand that it is a very difficult decision to make, especially with not having all of the information. Therefore, we will be removing the deadline for the Online Academy. A student in the Banks School District will be able to apply for the Banks Online Academy anytime from now and during the school year. But please be aware that if you do apply to the Banks Online Academy, students will not be able to return to on-site learning until the semester or until guidance changes and social distancing requirements loosen, which we do not anticipate in the first semester.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leo
Superintendent
Banks School District