



VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Helpful links and Resources

INTERNET ASSISTANCE: T-MOBILE

T-Mobile is increasing the data allowance, at no charge, to school and students using its EmpowerED digital learning programs to ensure each participant has access to at least 20GB of data per month for the next 60 days. Additional items T-Mobile is providing for its customers.

- Option 1: a hotspot on \$10.00 Unlimited data with 2GB of 4GLTE high-speed data with 50% off a hotspot - 12-month agreement. \$42.00 cost for a hotspot device
- Option 2: a hotspot on \$20.00 Unlimited 4GLTE data plan with a hotspot included - 12-month agreement
- Option 3: a hotspot on a \$29.75 Unlimited 4GLTE high-speed plan with a free hotspot on a 24-month agreement. Plus, orders over 25 we will add a \$100.00 bill credit per line
- Option 4: a Free Samsung smartphone (a10E) on \$24.65 unlimited gov plan with 11GB of phone as a hotspot on 24 months



INTERNET ASSISTANCE: COX COMMUNICATIONS

Cox Connect2Compete is our affordable, in-home internet product for low-income families with school-aged children. We are committed to promoting digital inclusion by providing connectivity, digital literacy training, and low-cost equipment. Households who meet ALL of the following criteria qualify for the program:

- A child in a K-12 School
- Participate in one or more of the following government subsidy programs:
 - National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Public Housing
- Have not subscribed to Cox Internet service within the last 90 days
- Have no outstanding debt or unreturned equipment with Cox (Families can pay off their bill or return equipment then sign up)

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete/faq-low-cost-internet.html>



LEARNING BLADE (STEM)

Learning Blade is offering access to Learning Blade online lessons in computer science and Career Development, without cost for students. With 100 lessons in computer science in Learning Blade, students have about 20 hours of online lessons available. Reports can be produced for online lessons to keep track of student work at home. For Career Development, students can choose their missions and STEM careers of interest, which are designed to encourage all students to consider these STEM fields for future career opportunities. Learning Blade is also offering parents lessons for free use. [Click here for more information.](#)



ARKANSAS STEM COALITION

The Arkansas STEM Coalition has resources all over the state and online to help families with STEM education and resources.

<https://arkansasstemcoalition.com/students-parents/>



AT HOME STEM RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

For families with kids at home during this time, here are some resources with some STEMmy activities to keep the kids busy, having fun, and using those critical thinking skills all at once.

- 130 free outdoor activities for families (includes 26 STEM activities): <https://tinyurl.com/sfpqtpa>
- 100 kids activities to do at home: <https://tinyurl.com/u2zdmw9>
- Engineering activities for kids to try at home: <https://tinyurl.com/qtc5xe8>



DISCOVERY EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

Discovery Education has created a special [Viruses and Outbreaks channel](#) within Experience, which provides actionable content and timely updates regarding the coronavirus, as well as pre-made lesson starters that describe what a virus is, how it spreads and gives essential guidelines for staying healthy.



ISTATION (K-8)

Istation's innovative reading, math, and Spanish programs immerse students in an engaging and interactive environment and inspire them to learn. VBSD students have access to this program. Please contact your teacher if you have forgotten your login information.

<https://secure.istation.com/Account/LogOnDomain=admin.vanburen.ar&ReturnUrl=&partner=>



LEARNING.COM (K-8)

Learning.com provides educators with solutions to prepare their students with critical digital literacy skills. Their web-based curriculum for grades K-8 engages students as they learn keyboarding, online safety, applied productivity tools, computational thinking, coding, and more! VBSD students have access to this program. Please contact your teacher if you have forgotten your login information.

https://login.learning.com/?utm_source=website_header



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BOOKSOURCE (READING)

From celebrity read alouds to virtual lessons, the whole country is finding ways to ensure that students are engaged and learning at home. To help keep track of all this new information, Booksource has put together [A Comprehensive Guide to Remote Teaching Resources for Educators at Every Grade](#). They will also be updating and highlighting additional literacy-related content when they find it.



PEBBLEGO (READING K-3)

PebbleGo is a curricular content hub specifically designed for K-3 students. Packed with informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy supports for students of all abilities, it boosts engagement and fosters independent learning in core subject areas.

- PebbleGo (English & Spanish): visit www.pebblego.com and click "Sign In"
 - Username: engaged
 - Password: learning
- PebbleGo Next: visit www.pebblegonext.com and click "Log In"
 - Username: engaged
 - Password: learning
- Capstone Interactive eBooks: visit www.mycapstonelibrary.com and click "Log In"
 - Username: continue
 - Password: reading



NAVIANCE

The college and career readiness planning that is used by VBSD students in grades 8th-12th. <https://id.naviance.com/>



EDGE FACTOR

Edge Factor provides a fantastic opportunity for students to discover industries, careers, and CTE pathways, learn soft skills, be inspired by stories of real-life people pushing back the edge, and much more. <https://bit.ly/2QfzUtl>



AP MATH DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCES FROM AR AIMS

Summer Vaught created a google site for AR AIMS teachers with support in AP Calculus AB/BC and AP Statistics. Other links on the Online Resources page could benefit teachers in any secondary math course. The link to the Google Site is:

<https://sites.google.com/ualr.edu/ap-stat-zoom-videos-aims/home/online-resources>



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