Britton-Hecla School District 45-4

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On-line/Flex Learning Application

I would like to request that my child/children (**Please Print names below**)

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be considered for the Flex Learning option for the _____Semester of the 26-27 school year. The reason for this request is as follows:

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In choosing this option, I am aware of the following:

- **My child/children will not have the same access to their facilitator, as would students on-site, or receive feedback on those assignments as quickly as students on-site.**
- **My child, and possibly the parents, will have to assume a greater level of accountability and be responsible for turning in assignments/work when requested.**
- **Flex Learning typically requires more time and effort to meet requirements.**
- ***Seniors only: If my child choses the flex option and does not complete the required coursework by graduation, they will forfeit their right to attend the graduation ceremony/graduate on time.**

I am aware that I will be required to submit another application for each semester I choose to utilize Flex Learning and must follow all policies and procedures contained within the student handbook and the requirements related to being eligible and remaining eligible to participate in the Flex Learning program.

If at any point my child decides to no longer participate in the Flex Learning program, my child/children have the option to return to in person instruction at the end of the semester but their current grade will transfer with them.

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Parent Name (Please Print)

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

_____ _____
School Official Signature Date

The mission of the Britton-Hecla School District is to promote a positive, challenging, and safe environment for every student

STUDENT GUIDELINES- ONLINE/FLEX HIGH SCHOOL

ONLINE/FLEX LEARNING

Online/flex learning provides students with an opportunity to complete high school coursework and earn credits in a nontraditional fashion. Work is expected to be completed independently and a teacher is not available as would be in the regular classroom. Criteria for granting approval into the program are grades, state testing scores, and success in the workplace technology class. This class closely mimics the expectations and independent work style needed to be successful at online learning and is a good indicator of how successful a student will be using this style of learning.

ATTENDANCE

Each student is required to login into Courseware and make progress at least 5 days per week. Failure to do so will result in the student being counted absent. Students will be marked as present and working in classes Monday through Friday starting August 18 and ending May 13. Students are not required to login on days the Britton-Hecla School District is not in session. Ex.: Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Years, and Easter.

If a student has missed 15 consecutive school days, the student will be dropped from the school district per SD Admin Rule 24:17:03:06. See below.

SD Admin Rule 24:17:03:06: Student count for state aid purposes.
No student who has an unexcused absence of 15 consecutive school days may be included in the count of the attendance center for state aid purposes, retroactive to the last day the student attended school or had an excused absence. An excused absence, for purposes of this section, includes medical illness and
enrollment in a short-term group care education program for up to 90 consecutive school days. Nothing in this section supersedes the student due process requirements referenced in SDCL chapter 13-32, article 24:07, or other applicable law.

If a student finishes their classes early, then they will be counted present for the remaining days of semester. This will be taken care of by the office.

GRADES

Grades will follow the Britton-Hecla School grading scale. Cheating and plagiarism are not acceptable. Whether it's intentional or an accident, it's still considered cheating, and you may not be given credit for your work.

SELECTING COURSES

Our students work with our school counselor and/or principal to develop a Personal Learning Plan. If you have earned high school credits in person or at another school, your credits will be accepted and count towards graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students wishing to graduate from Online High School must meet the graduation requirements for obtaining a high school diploma set by the Britton-Hecla Board of Education and the State of South Dakota.

Staying On Track to Meet Your Graduation Plan

You are in charge of your education and academic goals. You have access to your courses 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We encourage you to have a daily schedule and goals. Students who enroll in their 9th-grade year and want to graduate in four years should work toward completing **5-6 credits per year**.

Note: Online/Flex School does provide some flexibility in the classes taken, however, in the case that you return to in person school, courses will be kept as close to the in person course plan as possible. Your personal learning plan is tailored to you, and designed to meet your individual goals. On average, students need to complete 6 credits each year to advance to the next grade and graduate.

We suggest working a few hours each day (5 days a week) on each of your courses. You will notify your school counselor or principal when you have completed a course and you are ready to add another course from your personal learning plan.

Students and parents should review their Personal Learning Plan frequently. Your personal learning plan is an evaluation of the courses and credits completed showing the remaining credits needed to graduate.

ASKING QUESTIONS

It is important to ask questions. By choosing online school, you will not have the benefit of a teacher always present which means you will be more accountable for your success. A virtual classroom lacks the advantage of your teacher seeing your visual clues, so it is important for you to ask questions.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Online learning students may participate in the graduation ceremony. All seat work must be completed by graduation. If work is not done, the student will be unable to participate in the graduation ceremony.

If you are not able to attend the Commencement Ceremony, your transcript and diploma will be in the main office.

PARENT PORTAL

Parents can receive weekly progress reports through Courseware. Parents need to request this option and provide the school with a current email address.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Students enrolled in online/flex learning are not eligible to attend prom, float building, field trips, or other in class activities.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcript can be requested by contacting the main office or through your Campus portal.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

By choosing to participate in online learning, you are not eligible to be in extra curricular and regular school activities.