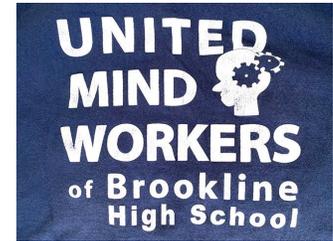


FAQ for Students, Families and Staff



If you have additional questions or general comments or thoughts please [use this form to submit](#).

1. *What is the BHS United Mind Workers learning platform?*

It is the central “landing page” location that points to resources and activities that keep all students connected and engaged in the “**United Mind**” that is the Brookline High School community. You can find it on [the BHS Homepage](#) beginning at 8am on Monday, March 23.

2. *What can students expect with their online learning?*

The goal of the **UMW** program is to continue to engage us in the types of intellectual and creative activities we all (students and staff alike) come to 115 Greenough St and OLS expecting. In this highly unusual time, we believe it is important to find challenge and seek reward from the teachers and classmates with whom we have spent the past year, and the past many years, engaged in learning, hard work, and understanding.

3. *What changes can educators and students expect after the two week period of closure (3/23-4/6)? What changes can we expect if the closure extends beyond 4/6?*

We, as the rest of the world, are living with this uncertainty. For now we have this plan. It will evolve and change as the world around us changes.

4. *What are important video and video conferencing norms students and educators need to adhere to during learning?*

- Be mindful that your environment is professional. Take stock of what (and who) is in the background. (Make sure it is appropriate).
- Elevate your language. It is important to speak in a way that is sensitive to others and appropriate for school and work.
- Staff and students should “appear” in such forums in the same manner they would “appear” in the regular classroom environment. Please situate yourself with a neutral background.
- All chats should be private and open by invitation only. Educators should retain the ability to take over screens via sharing.

5. *Where and when can students find information regarding self care resources?*

Any BHS student can go to the this link on the PSB homepage for more family self-care resources <https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/Page/2587> and click the Guidance section of the United Mind Workers page or the Guidance link on the BHS Homepage <http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/guidance> for multiple categories of things to consider and ways to take care of yourself during this time. BHS Counselors will be reaching out to all students directly by email, but feel free to contact your individual counselor to check in.

6. *Will students be getting grades/credit for their coursework? How will grades for semester 2 classes work?*

Credit determinations will occur later this spring once we understand the longer term need for quarantine. No student will be penalized due to this situation.

7. *I am worried if I will have the opportunity to raise my grades before the end of the school year. What can I do?*

For now our goal is to keep students intellectually and creatively engaged and involved with their peers and teachers. As we learn more about the length and duration of this period we expect to develop and expand on opportunities for students. Students should take advantage of any opportunity they have to make up missing work that they are still allowed to submit.

8. *How will students receive special education support?*

We understand that online learning has its challenges for students with special needs. Special educators and related service providers will be connecting with students and families and are available for support. They will be collaborating with general educators to support learning materials and will be available for questions and clarification, problem solving via email, Canvas and/or other platforms coordinated with students and families.

9. *I am a senior and worried about what my grades and credits will look like on my final transcript to send to colleges. What can I expect?*

Seniors should be in contact with Guidance Counselors who will work to ensure our transcripts are ready for college and/or future work plans. No student will be penalized due to this situation. All such determinations will depend on the length of this period out of school.

10. *I have not added my wellness and elective course requests to the portal because I still have some questions for my counselor. The deadline is still listed as Tuesday, March 24. Has the portal deadline been extended?*

The portal has been extended to March 31. More details will be sent this week to students and families. Guidance counselors will be available to assist.

11. *Where and when can students find information regarding sports and cancellations, etc?*

The MIAA has postponed the start of the Spring season to April 27. For the latest updates go to: <http://www.miaa.net/miaa/home>

12. *If my child planned on doing a spring sport for Wellness credit, then what will happen if the sports season is cancelled?*

Credit determinations will occur later this spring once we understand the longer term need for quarantine. No student will be penalized due to this situation.

We encourage all students regardless of status of WE credit for this year to follow the guidelines and activities presented by our Wellness Educators on the United Mind Workers page in order to maintain active, healthy lives while adapting to these restrictions.

13. *How can my child get an instrument or other personal items left at school?*

At this time no entry to the building is permitted. Areas have been cleaned and sanitized, and allowing entry will result in additional and repeated need for cleansing. We are taking our lead on this from the Public Health Department.