



South Highlands Middle School  
700 Bernard Street  
Union Springs, Alabama 36089  
(334) 651-0183 phone  
(334) 557-1860 fax



<http://bullockcounty.bch.schoolinsites.com>

“Together We Can Make A Difference”

Kelia Burns-Browder, Ed.S.  
Principal

Peggy Goodwin  
Assistant Principal

Tabatha Mitchell  
Counselor

## **What does Remote Learning mean for our students at SHMS?**

For the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year, students will be assigned to online classes facilitated by a SHMS teacher in his or her grade level. It will be the responsibility of parents, guardians, and students to meet appropriate deadlines and to participate in online classes as scheduled by the teacher. Lessons will be completed and assignments submitted based on established due date. Remote instruction will include interaction with an SHMS teacher via an online video platform (synchronous instruction). Students will be able to interact with each other and engage in real-time learning. Students will receive feedback and grading in the Schoology Learning Management System (LMS). Virtual attendance is a mandatory requirement for remote learning.

The ALSDE recently awarded a contract to Schools PLP for digital content to be delivered through Schoology LMS. Schools PLP is not a virtual classroom in which students rely solely on the online content provider to deliver effective instruction. Rather, it is a resource utilized by a SHMS teacher who will design both synchronous (students online at the same time, learning together) and asynchronous (students online at different times learning independently) Instruction scheduled during a traditional school day or as communicated by the teacher. Grades will be given in the online learn-at-home option. Parents and students will sign a virtual contract for participation in this model of learning.

SHMS students will be enrolled in the remote learning option for the first nine weeks. Consideration for movement prior to the nine weeks ending period will be decided upon by BCBOE. Students enrolled in the remote learning option will be allowed to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities. Bullock County Schools have secured Chrome books and mobile hotspots to provide Internet connectivity in areas of need. Parents will be required to sign a device agreement if there is a need for a technological device in their household.