



# Belding Area Schools

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Dear Families,

Belding Area Schools continually strives to provide all possible modes of learning to help students achieve academic success. This includes both face to face and virtual learning as options for student instruction. The State of Michigan under Section 21f of the State School Aid Act has opened up greater flexibility by requiring districts to offer online learning courses for students in grades 6-12.

Section 21f will allow students in grades 6-12 to select and participate in up to two online courses per school term. These courses must be selected from the course catalog approved by the State. This catalog can be found at <https://micourses.org>. These courses are not created by, nor sponsored by, Belding Area Schools. The availability of these courses is limited to the course capacity as listed for each course. It is the responsibility of parents to find and select appropriate courses for their students. Online learning courses are in place of the traditional daily instruction provided by classroom teachers.

Our goal is to help families decide if their child is ready to take an online course in place of face-to-face classroom interaction with both teachers and classmates. Administrators and school counselors are available to answer questions to assist you in determining whether or not your child is ready to be a successful online learner. For additional information, please visit: [http://www.mivhs.org/Portals/0/Files/Parents/GD\\_Parent2013\\_Feb14/pdf](http://www.mivhs.org/Portals/0/Files/Parents/GD_Parent2013_Feb14/pdf). All parent questions regarding courses available should be directed to Michigan Virtual University On-line Live Support, which could be found on the <https://micourses.org> website.

These online courses will replace traditional classroom instruction or required Michigan Merit Curriculum courses needed for graduation. If you are ready to enroll your child in an online learning course, please contact your school administrator.

Sincerely,

Brent Noskey  
Superintendent