



# Redfield Public School

August 2021

*Home of the Pheasants*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for you and your student(s). An online/virtual program is being offered for students in grades 9-12. This program is approved through the South Dakota Department of Education and provided by Black Hills Online Learning Community (BHOLC). You can register your child here <https://www.bholc.org/>. Once you've registered online, you will be sent paperwork via email to take to your school district for approval of your participation in this program.

Students (9-12) enrolled in participating districts will have the opportunity to enroll in a free public online program that includes English, Social Studies, Science, and Math, as well as many electives for grades 9-12, while employing the flexibility of learning from home. Redfield School District is offering these courses in partnership with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE). The courses and curriculum are provided by Edmentum (<https://www.edmentum.com>), a national provider that has extensive experience in successfully implementing online educational programs.

Parents of students taking a distance class can expect:

- Communication and advice from highly qualified teachers through e-mail, telephone, or web conferencing.
- Access to online lessons 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere an internet connection is available.
- Credit earned from their local school district following local district policies in these rigorous and engaging courses.

Parents of students will:

- Serve as the primary learning coach to the student-allow 3-5 hours per day for learning coach support.
- Provide the necessary technology to access the online learning platform (one computer per child and high-speed internet access. Tablets are not compatible).
- Enroll students in the Redfield School District by August 24, 2021, in order to obtain free access to the online courses and meet with Redfield Administrative Staff.
- Ensure that students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade will report to school for mandated yearly testing.

If you have any questions, please consult the online information, available at <http://bholc.org> or contact [Kendra.becker@k12.sd.us](mailto:Kendra.becker@k12.sd.us); Connie Godfrey at [cgodfrey@tie.net](mailto:cgodfrey@tie.net), 605-721-4506.

Sincerely,

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Redfield MS/HS Principal

*Empowering students to be R.A.R.E.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Redfield Public School, where vision and action create opportunities, is to promote academic and social excellence, engaging students to become responsible, productive citizens and life-long learners by providing a safe, innovative, and valuable experience taught by highly qualified, dedicated educators.*