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To Whom It May Concern:

Bland High School is proud to announce that it has become part of the Texas Virtual School Network. Being a part of this network will allow students at Bland High School to access classes that are not currently offered during the school day. Students that are in need of credit recovery will also be able to attend "summer school" at Bland High School through the Virtual Network and receive instruction from other highly qualified teachers from all over the State of Texas.

As a pilot program this summer, Bland High School will offer Driver's Education and credit recovery classes ONLY. The Driver's Education class will be an elective credit that will count towards graduation requirements. Because of this, the class is offered free of charge and must be completed within the required time. Credit recovery classes will have an upfront fee of \$250.00 per semester class. Requirements for these classes are listed on the Virtual School Network website. You will be accessing these classes online from home therefore; you will be required to have the necessary components needed to complete the courses. Exams will be proctored at the high school when needed.

For more information, please visit the web site using the enclosed instructions. As always, we will be glad to answer any questions that you may have. If you decide that this is for your child, please call so that we can begin the enrollment process. Being a new program, please bear with us as we work through the bugs and kinks that may occur.

Sincerely,

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Texas Virtual School

1. Log in at www.txvsn.org
2. Scroll over the txVSN catalog tab in the middle of the page
3. Click High School on the drop down bar (this should bring up high school courses)
4. On this page choose the following:
Academic Level: View All
Subject: Driver Education (or credit recovery subject)
Year: 2010
School Semester: Summer I
5. This page should bring up all the classes offered by different entities across the state. Using our Driver Education example, you will be able to look at the different classes currently offered at this time.
6. On the far left hand side, there is a looking glass icon by each of the classes offered. Click on the looking glass.
7. The looking glass brings up class details, syllabus, requirements, etc. This information is important because it allows you to see what is expected of your student.
8. If you scroll down to the bottom (in most cases) there is a syllabus link that you can click to bring up more pertinent information available for that course along with a contact email.
9. When you have completed your information search, you may choose a class to enroll in and contact Brian Garner or Christy Blackburn for more information.
10. Bland HS will then discuss the class with you and enroll your student and collect any money that is required. At this time, classes for Credit Recovery have a fee attached. The fee is \$250.00 per semester class.

Please remember, these classes are taken at home via personal computer. Bland HS personnel will monitor the student's progress along with proctor exams when needed. A student must be diligent and organized to be successful within this environment and make sure that all items are turned in and completed in the time allotted. Again, we look forward to answering any questions that you may have.

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