



## VISION

Bobcat Innovation fosters the development of critical thinkers who are compassionate, creative, and collaborative lifelong learners, empowering them to unlock their unique genius through flexible learning opportunities.

## TECHNOLOGY

Bobcat Innovation students will be actively involved with technology resources. The GBCS Technology Department is on-site on the first floor of the Perry Center.

New technologies will be introduced on a regular basis, prior to being implemented district-wide. It is important that technology be used purposefully, as a tool, to support curriculum and enhance learning.

## PHILOSOPHY

Education is more than a storehouse of knowledge and set of skills. Students learn in multiple ways and are benefited by a variety of instructional methods and an interdisciplinary approach.

A quality education results when students are actively involved and create meaning through purposeful, authentic learning experiences. We believe that social, emotional, and academic learning are interrelated and that educators, families and community are essential partners in guiding our students to actualize their own unique genius.

As an innovative school, we continually strive to improve education.

# BOBCAT INNOVATION

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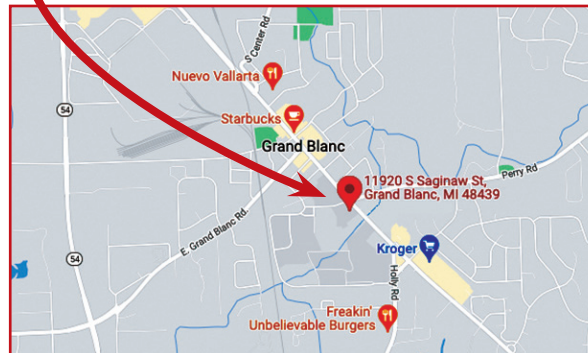
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## BOBCAT INNOVATION MISSION:

As explorers of innovative educational practices, we cultivate an engaging, purposeful, student-centered learning environment.



**Exceptional in-person, hybrid & virtual  
STEAM learning opportunities!**

[www.bobcatinnovation.org](http://www.bobcatinnovation.org)

# IN-PERSON LEARNING (Grades 2-8)

The 100% in-school learning environment of Bobcat Innovation's STEAM program at the Perry Center, utilizes the latest curriculum enhanced by use of technology, as well as project-based and group learning to give students a real-world experience in the classroom that makes education come alive!

## GRADES 2-8

7:35-2:45 Monday through Friday

- Project-based STEAM learning
- Innovative integrated curriculum and hands-on learning
- Exploration of the latest instructional practices in technology and education
- Unique field trips
- Project-based learning
- Students can participate in field trips, athletics (Grades 6-8), and even school events!
- Bus transportation provided within district
- Fun, student-initiated after-school clubs

## IN PERSON REQUIREMENTS

- Application by deadline - space is limited
- Chosen by lottery and to mimic the school district population's demographics



SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ART | MATH

# HYBRID LEARNING (Grades 2-8)

The hybrid model provides the best of both worlds! Students learn online from the comfort of their home 3 days per week, but are also immersed in an in-person learning environment for the other 2 days. Our Elementary pilot this past school year was very successful and we look forward to bringing the model to 6th-8th grade in 25-26.

## GRADES 2-5

7:35-2:45 Tuesday/Thursday at the Perry Center

- 2 days per week of in-person, teacher-led classes and activities
- 3 days per week at home doing virtual lessons prepared by teachers
- Small in-person school environment
- Bus transportation is available in-district
- In-person 'specials' *STEAM, Gym, and Music*
- Access to school library and lab spaces
- Participation in field trips and clubs
- Innovative curriculum

## GRADES 6-8

8:05-3:02 Tuesday/Thursday at East Middle School

- 2 days per week of in-person learning experiences and support for online learning.
- Small group math and reading support.
- Teacher led activities that supplement virtual curriculum. (*ie. Science experiments, Social Studies projects, Book Clubs, study groups, etc.*)
- In-person opportunities for selective electives on Tuesdays and Thursdays based on space and availability.
- Access to school library and lab spaces
- Participation in field trips, clubs, and athletics
- Innovative Curriculum
- Bus transportation is available in district on days when student will come in for full day in-person
- Students have access to all classes offered at East Middle School if they want to come in-person every day to take them

# VIRTUAL LEARNING (Grades K-12)

Our Virtual homeschool option provides a platform for students to learn 100% from home utilizing our virtual curriculum. Students will gain access to many of the benefits of Grand Blanc Community Schools such as field trips, dances and athletics.

## GRADES K<sup>+</sup>-12

Flexible times and days with check-in once per week

- Students will learn from the comfort of their home, utilizing an online curriculum designed by their teacher
- Virtual Google Meets each week with their teacher
- Access to their teacher (if needed) for virtual lab hours, reading groups, math help, etc.
- Access to school library and lab spaces
- Students can participate in unique field trips, clubs, school parties (K-8), as well as athletics and school dances (6-8)
- Grade 6-8 Students have access to all in-person classes offered at East Middle School (*ie. as a virtual learner they could come in one hour per day every day to take an in-person course*)
- Access to the virtual lab at EMS for in-person learning opportunities such as science experiments, social studies projects, and study groups
- Virtual Lab learning opportunities will always be led by teachers in a small group learning environment

## K<sup>+</sup>-12 VIRTUAL REQUIREMENTS

- Daily access to a computer with a camera, microphone, and high-speed internet
- Dedicated at-home adult learning coach\*
- Math and reading proficiency should be close to, at, or above student's actual grade level
- Appropriate at-home learning environment
- Technological skills such as typing, word processing, internet browsing, email\*
- Motivation to complete assignments and desire to learn online
- Ability to practice self-directed learning\*
- Time management skills\*

\*Help of an at-home learning coach required until grade 6.

\*Kindergarten and 1st graders must have a unique need for this program (such as a medical condition). High school grades 9-12 are available and detailed on the website [www.bobcatinnovation.org](http://www.bobcatinnovation.org).