About Us

The New School OBP is an educational program whose campus is headquartered at The Old Brick Playhouse in Elkins, West Virginia. New School OBP will serve secondary school-aged students during the upcoming fall semester (2020), supplementing and supporting the efforts of local public school.

Why was The New School OBP established?

Our aim is to provide local secondary students with alternative learning opportunities in a positive, safe, and supportive environment.

To provide students with a cohort of students, teachers, and mentors with whom they can interact, share ideas, and expand their intellectual prowess.

The New School has been part of the Old Brick Playhouse’s strategic vision since inception. The Old Brick team has long studied novel, alternative, and innovative methodologies of teaching that results in students developing a passion for learning.

With the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the public-school system nationwide is facing an unprecedented challenge that is evolving rapidly, and uncertainty and anxiety is growing among local families and students. The Old Brick wants to help alleviate concerns with a value-driven school based on innovative approaches to learning, providing support to families who are wondering how they will help their children navigate remote learning and what they can do with students when they are not physically in school.

It is a time for reimagining.

The Framework

1) Skill Achievement

Each week, student will receive lessons in basic skills to achieve academic gains and other fundamental capacities to foster success in school, at work, and throughout life.
Skill topics will include but are not limited to:

a. Nutrition and wellness  
b. Self-motivation  
c. Essay writing  
d. Effective communication  
e. Decorum and manners  
f. Study skills and good practice  
g. Time management techniques  
h. Creative thinking approaches  
i. Methods of problem solving  
j. Essentials of a successful public speech  
k. Tools for coping with stress (resiliency and adaptability)  
l. Principles of organization

2) **Mentor-based Master Classes**

Mentors from all over the country will lead master classes (in person or virtually) in various fields of study ranging from DNA forensics to organic farming to puppet making. Students will experience live classes together and then staff will present follow on activities to process, imprint, and expand on subject matter together. Expert collaborators have agreed to serve as virtual mentors to students with a special interest in their professional arenas.

3) **Guided Self-study**

Instructors will explore topics of interest as supplied by individual students and/or provided by the school. Students will learn various formats for researching, documenting, and creating a self-study project. All projects produced will be compiled in an individual virtual portfolio. Virtual portfolios are becoming preferential for admission into select colleges and universities throughout the country.

4) **Subject-based Tutoring**

Instructors and specialty tutors will assist students with school assignments and basic academic skills.

**Dates and Times**

*Soft Beginning Date of Semester De Novo:* September 22, 2020  
*Soft End Date of Semester De Novo:* December 10th

The New School OBP will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM weekly. Each student will participate in 10 hours of programming weekly for 10 weeks, totaling 100 hours.
Students may choose one of the following scheduling options:

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| • Students who are homeschooled | Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Tuesdays:  
• Guided self-study  
• Subject-based tutoring  
Wednesdays  
• Mentor-based experiential learning  
• Basic skill competency |

| **Emerald Track** | | |
| • Same criteria as Sapphire except students whose surname begins with A-L who have chosen Randolph County School’s Blended Plan | Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Wednesdays  
• Mentor-based experiential learning  
• Basic skill Competency  
Thursdays  
• Guided self-study  
• Subject-based tutoring |

**Tuition Schedule**

*Tuition:* $1,500.00 for 100 hours of instruction. *[Sibling Discount of %10 per student]*

*Non-Refundable Deposit:* $500 (upon enrollment)

Tuition can be paid in full the first day of class or in 3 installments on October 1st, November 1st, and December 1st.