

2018-19 Bartleby Courses & Opportunities

Bartleby began as a student proposal exploring how to improve education so it prepares students for the careers and opportunities of the 21st century. Because of their proven success in the pilot year of the program, these core values and teaching methods will begin to spread school-wide in the 2018-19 school year as outlined below. Elizabethton High School was named one of 18 XQ Super Schools in the nation in May 2018 as a result of the progress taking place through Bartleby. Our hope is to work together internally and with our local and national partners to create a learning model that can be replicated nationwide, improving educational outcomes for all.

Bartleby Diploma Seal

The Bartleby Diploma Seal qualifies students to receive certain admissions exceptions and scholarships from Bartleby college partners (Milligan, King, UT, ETSU, Lees McRae, Tusculum). 2018 graduates that participated in either Community Improvement or Entrepreneurship will get the diploma seal. 2019 graduates will be required to have 1 credit Advanced Bartleby and 1 credit Bartleby Enrichment 4th period (2 courses or one year-long.)

Bartleby Cyclone Experience

Bartleby Cyclone Experience builds on Cyclone Experience by keeping the in-school field trips, career exploration elements, and introduction to opportunities at EHS. Teachers will be trained in project-based learning, and students will complete projects that meet Bartleby objectives. The goal is for students to develop emotional intelligence and social awareness, self-awareness and self-management, goal-setting, servant leadership skills, and transformational leadership skills so that students will be even more successful during their years at EHS.

Bartleby Enrichment Courses

Beginning in 2018-19, EHS will offer 13 new 4th period enrichment courses. These were created through the combined efforts of our Guidance Counselors, Guidance Office, teachers throughout EHS who have a passion for wanting to teach new and valuable courses, EHS administrators, and a student survey. These focus on project-based, passion-driven learning for Tier I students. Courses include Investigations in Science, Multicultural Service-Learning, Three Dimensional Foundations in Art, AdVentures in Business, Kitchen Survival, Engineering Projects, Lifetime Recreation, Yoga and Core Fitness, Art Portfolio Prep, Advanced Creative Writing, Prove IT! The Art of Arguing, The History of Tennessee Music, and Research Institute.

Integrated English III/US History

English III and US History taught by Sam Church and Alex Campbell will be offered to juniors beginning in 2018-19. At their core, both sets of curricula deal intricately with the writings and context of American history. This is a pilot for the integration of more courses in the future at EHS. With the success of these pilot courses, the plan is to begin partnering other core subject areas throughout the high school curriculum to allow for similar methodology to exist. Examples of other subjects that could be transformed by this process include World History and World Literature (senior or sophomore level) and Chemistry and Algebra 2.

Advanced Bartleby

Bartleby Community Improvement and Bartleby Entrepreneurship (piloted in 2017-18) will continue as separate 5th period senior Advanced Bartleby courses. Seniors apply to be in these classes and are given great freedom and responsibility. In 2017-18, they created 14 new community projects and 5 new businesses. They work closely with community partners to identify and solve community issues or to create new businesses.

Teacher Training

Teacher training for Bartleby Cyclone Experience began in April 2018. Additional training will be provided on how to integrate project-based learning, passion-driven education, and effective student and teacher evaluation practices. Year 1 training will be provided by Buck Institute and by a Bartleby Coach.

Bartleby Senior Capstone Courses

Tennessee high school graduates have had very low college retention rates for years. This is the result of de-emphasized learning and work required in senior level courses because national tests have already been completed in the junior year. To help reverse this trend, EHS will transition all 12th grade courses to Bartleby Senior Capstone Courses. This will help make senior year valuable and stimulating by offering project-based, experiential, blended and real-world knowledge in all courses.

Timeline

2015-16

- **April** Students submit final 70-page Bartleby School proposal.

2016-2017

- **Sep.** Students win Student Voice Award & \$200,000.
- **Oct.** 45 organizations attend community Banquet celebrating Bartleby.
- **Nov.** Asst. Commissioner of TN Ed. & state representatives visit.
- **Dec.** Cory Fitzsimmons elected 1st Student Liaison to the Board.

2017-2018

- **July** Teachers attend Super School training at MIT
- **Aug.** Community Improvement Class begins (14 projects).
- **Aug.** ECS hires Bartleby Director.
- **Sep.** Bartleby hosts XQ Super School Live Viewing Party.
- **Fall** Publish on school website the student profiles with links to presentations and web portfolios.
- **Sep.** Hannah Roaten elected 2nd Student Liaison to the Board.
- **Fall** 7 college partnerships lead to student scholarships, waived admission regulations, and dual enrollment opportunities.
- **Fall/Spring** 20+ guest speakers from non-profits & businesses in 2017-18.
- **Dec.** 250 people attend Bartleby Open House & Project Exhibition.
- **Dec.** Board, administrators attend Super School Board meeting.
- **Jan.** Entrepreneurship Class begins (5 businesses created).
- **Jan.** Teachers developing evaluation framework with Stanford.
- **Jan.** Students receive feedback, approval of proposals from board of local entrepreneurs.
- **Feb.** Bartleby conducts school-wide survey indicating 500 (of 815) students interested in joining Bartleby.
- **March** Students compete in CareerQuestTN Shark Tank for \$1,000; Local Harvest Delivery wins.
- **March** Teachers attend SXSW Conference with Super Schools.
- **April** Training begins for Bartleby Cyclone Experience teachers.
- **April** Students visit Tusculum, participate in college classes, attend presidential luncheon, and give presentations to Tusculum executives, professors and student leadership group.
- **Ongoing** Students demonstrate improvement in leadership, creativity, and analysis, and 400% improvement in public speaking.
- **Spring** 40+ community partners support student projects in 2017-18.
- **Spring** Presidents visit from ETSU, Tusculum, Milligan.
- **May** Bartleby hosts Pitch Night and Reception.
- Bartleby receives \$2.3 million from XQ Institute to hire Projects Director, Partnership Director, Teacher Trainer

2018-2019

- **Fall** 45 Paid Internships begin in Mayor's and government offices
- Training continues for EHS teachers in project-based teaching principles & methods.
- US History & English III to be taught in blended format for three class periods.
- Launch Bartleby Cyclone Experience for all freshmen.
- Creation of Bartleby project-based evaluation software to measure TN standards, Blooms Taxonomy.
- 4th Period Bartleby Enrichment courses begin.
- Bartleby Online to launch this year offering statewide programming and training.

Facilities Improvements (2018-19)

Commons Area

New design of entire room, and projectors and large projector screens that come down from the ceiling to allow all major presentations from colleges, guests, speakers, etc., to be held in the Commons, and to allow all our teachers to schedule the Commons area for any classes they would like to utilize this equipment.

Outdoor Courtyard

To become an outdoor amphitheater with a stage and seating, as well as an area for student art display, that will be used by our drama department, music department, by all teachers for practicing and performing student presentations, by all teachers for guest speakers, and by all students to enjoy during lunch period or after school for playing music for their own enjoyment.

Project-Based Learning Area

This will be where the benches and lockers currently are near the new music room. This will be a project-based learning area that has several flexible sections to it, allowing all teachers and students to use this area for modern classroom student collaboration projects and classes.

MakerSpace

This will be in the CTE Department and will include many 3D printers and computers, as well as an extra classroom. It will allow all teachers to with the CTE Department to provide learning opportunities that go far beyond the textbook.

Library

A redesign of the library that will include modern design furniture, a 3D printer for use by all teachers, a Virtual Reality Lab with 30 sets of goggles that all teachers can use for their students to take them to virtual places where they can learn, and for our Guidance Office to use for students to go on virtual tours to any college or university in the United States or anywhere in the world. The library will also have a 3D camera that will allow students to create virtual tours.

Television Studio

The design of a full television studio with cameras, editing equipment, studio sets, and green screens, that will allow students to create school newscasts and sportscasts, and allow students to film and broadcast all EHS events and sporting contests on our own online channel.

Outdoor Learning Area

The creation of an outdoor classroom learning area in the CTE greenhouse area, complete with wi-fi access, for teachers to utilize for their classes.

Pathway to Bartleby Diploma Seal

2018 Graduates

- 1 Credit – Community Improvement Class or Entrepreneurship Class (Advanced Bartleby Classes)

2019 Graduates

- 1 Credit – Advanced Bartleby Class
- 1 Credit – Two 4th period Bartleby Enrichment

2020 Graduates

- 2 Credits – Integrated ENG III/US History
- 2 Credits – Two Advanced Bartleby Classes
- 2 Credits – Four 4th period Bartleby Enrichment

2021 Graduates

- 4 Credits – Integrated Classes
OR
- 2 Credits in Integrated Classes and 2 Dual Enrollment Classes
- 3 Credits – Six Bartleby Enrichment Courses
- 3 Credits – Three Advanced Bartleby Classes – Program of Study

*RTI² (intervention) Students are allowed alternate pathways to graduation requirements for 4th period Bartleby Enrichment (i.e. independent study, course credit offering through electives/Career & Technical Education courses).