

**UPDATED: Saturday, April 4, 2020**

**DISTANCE LEARNING BEGINS ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020.**



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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### **FAQ's for ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION**

#### **How long will school building and facilities be closed?**

- All Moore Public Schools (MPS), buildings and facilities are closed to students and community until further notice. MPS Administration is developing a plan (following CDC guidelines) that will allow staff access to their building for preparation of distance learning implementation. Principals will contact their staff with further information.
- **Collection of Students' Personal Items:** Students will be able to collect their personal items, including athletic equipment, as soon as safely possible. In following the "Shelter in Place," order (beginning March 28, at 11:59pm through April 16), collection of items may be closer to the end of the school year.
- **Library Books and Textbooks:** When students can return to their school to retrieve personnel belongings then they can return any textbooks or library books, as well.
- **Playground Equipment and Facilities:** Due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, elementary and secondary schools' playgrounds, basketball courts, and all outdoor sport fields (football, soccer, tracks, etc.) are closed. Students, staff, parents, and our community will be notified when these areas can be used again.

#### **Will meals be provided to students during the school closure?**

Yes. Beginning **Monday, March 23, 2020**, "**Grab & Go**" free meals are available for **pick-up outside from 11am-1pm, at the following schools:** Apple Creek, Bryant, Central, Fairview, Houchin, Kelley, Kingsgate, Northmoor, Plaza Towers, Santa Fe, Sky Ranch, Southgate, Winding Creek, Central JH, Highland West JH, and Moore West JH. Meals are available to all students.

#### **Will students and staff be required to make up days?**

Per the State Board of Education, schools will not be required to make up missed days (March 23-April 3) due to the public health emergency.

#### **Will the school calendar change?**

The MPS school calendar will change with our "last day" being during the week of May 8-15. This date change will not affect your 2019-2020 contracted pay. We will publish the updated calendar and information as soon as it is available.

#### **Will classroom coursework and online courses continue?**

**Classroom Coursework:** Yes. All Oklahoma schools will utilize distance learning to complete the 2019-

2020 school year. The State Department of Education (SDE) shared their guidance and suggested structure for distance learning on Friday, March 27, 2020. MPS will share the distance learning plan for our schools during the week of Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, 2020. Currently, the MPS Curriculum, Educational Technology, and Instructional Technology departments are working with Elementary and Secondary Education departments to ensure our distance learning plan best meets the needs of our students. We have approximately 25,000 students and we are focused to ensure that our curriculum is grade level appropriate for each student. We will begin distance learning education on April 6, 2020. REMINDER: Through April 5, no assignments can be given. Teachers may communicate with students as needed, (*please follow district guidelines*). More information will be provided soon.  
**Online (Odysseyware):** Yes. More information will be provided soon.

### **Will there be Special Education services?**

The State Department of Education provided guidance to meet the needs of Special Education students with MPS Administration on Friday, March 27, 2020. More information will be provided soon.

### **Are there voluntary online resources for students to utilize until coursework resumes?**

We have developed an online tool for enrichment and fitness activities for students of all ages. These online activities are optional and are not required. They serve as a resource for your family throughout the next two weeks. <https://www.mooreschools.com/Page/55505>

### **Will Special Olympics be cancelled?**

Special Olympics Oklahoma has made the very difficult decision to cancel all April and May sports training, competition and special events, along with 2020 Summer Games scheduled for May 13-15.

### **Will regular (to include ESY, Title I, RSA, etc.) summer school continue in June and July?**

At this time, the answer is yes. More information will be provided as it is available.

## **FAQ's for ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

### **When will distance learning begin?**

**Distance learning will begin on Monday, April 6, 2020.**

Every elementary student will receive work packets that contain six weeks of instructional materials. The packets will be organized into weekly segments. There will be lessons for reading, language, math, science, and social studies. Please assist your students in completing these packets each week. We do not recommend students working ahead. Once your child completes their weekly packet, please take photos of the pages and email the photos to your teachers. If you do not have email capability at home, you can confirm the child's completion during the weekly call between parents and teachers.

### **How will school closures affect testing?**

State standardized testing for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year has been cancelled. To meet requirements of the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) regarding promotion and retention decisions, schools will use previous screenings and assessments, and will have virtual team meetings.

### **When will report cards for the third nine weeks be available?**

The third nine weeks report cards will be mailed by Thursday, April 9.

*Note: High schools and junior high schools do not receive nine weeks report cards.*

### **Are activities and events cancelled?**

Extra-curricular activities and trips have been cancelled and/or post-poned for the remainder of the school year. However, we are working on alternative solutions for important celebrations. As we get closer to the end of the 2019-2020 school year, different plans will be made regarding end-of-year activities.

### **When can we turn-in enrollment packets?**

More information will be provided soon regarding 2020-2021 school year enrollment packets. If needing to submit an enrollment packet for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact the school principal.

### **Is childcare provided?**

No. The district cannot provide childcare due to multiple reasons.

### **Will regular (to include ESY, Title I, RSA, etc.) summer school continue in June and July?**

At this time, the answer is yes. More information will be provided as it is available.

### **Will students be able to participate in Camp Classen?**

We are working on allowances for students who were unable to participate this year (due to completing the school year via distance learning) to participate next year. This is not finalized and is subject to change. More information will be provided soon.

## **FAQ's for SECONDARY EDUCATION**

### **When will distance learning begin?**

**Distance learning will begin on Monday, April 6, 2020.**

All secondary students will be asked to participate in a self-paced MPS Student Tech Canvas course (our on-line learning management system) to begin their distance learning experience. Each student will receive an email with a link for them to login to Canvas and enroll in this course via Infinite Campus messenger. It is important that students be able to login to their district account at that time. If students have forgotten his/her password, reset it by visiting <https://passwordreset.microsoftonline.com/> and entering the full student email ([username@moorestudents.com](mailto:username@moorestudents.com)). Please contact [mpstechhelp@mooreschools.com](mailto:mpstechhelp@mooreschools.com) for assistance if you are unable to login successfully or reset the password. Teachers have created hard-copy packets for those who cannot access Canvas.

### **Are the state and district helping students complete credits and requirements needed to graduate?**

Per the State Board of Education, local school boards will determine if students have earned academic credit for coursework and/or if students have met graduation requirements. The State Department of Education is encouraging local school boards to generously award credits to students who were on track to graduate prior to the public health emergency.

### **Will CareerTech courses continue after the school closure?**

CareerTech will provide distance learning for their students. Some industry certifications may require work after the 2019-2020 school year since hours for certification cannot be waived. More information from CareerTech will be provided soon.

### **Will college/university concurrent courses continue after the school closure?**

These courses are available to MPS students through seven different colleges and universities. Students will continue concurrent courses online for the remainder of the semester. Students need to work with their higher learning institution for additional information.

### **How will school closures affect testing?**

State standardized testing for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year has been cancelled. Accommodations are being made to meet graduation and driver licensure requirements that were previously met through state tests. High school juniors are not required to take the U.S. History test. To meet requirements of the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) regarding promotion and retention decisions, schools will use previous screenings and assessments, and will have virtual team meetings.

### **What are the plans for AP testing?**

All AP/Coronavirus information can be found online at: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/> and AP's Frequently Asked Questions, are helpful: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/faqs>  
Note: If students are unable to access their AP accounts, the student will need to use the "Forgot Username" or "Forgot Password" links on the website. If they are still unsuccessful, they need to call AP for assistance, (888) 225-5427.

### **Will the ACT Bootcamp continue?**

The bootcamp has been cancelled and reimbursement for the \$10 registration fee will be issued prior to the end of the school year. Additionally, ACT.org issued the following statement regarding testing. "ACT has rescheduled its April 4 national test date to June 13 across the U.S. in response to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). All students registered for the April 4 test date will receive an email from ACT in the next few days informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13 or a future national test date."  
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en.html>

### **Are activities and events cancelled?**

Extra-curricular activities and trips have been cancelled and/or postponed for the remainder of the school year. As we get closer to the end of the 2019-2020 school year, different plans will be made regarding end-of-year activities. We are working on alternative solutions for important celebrations, including graduation. We must remain patient and flexible as we navigate through our temporary new normal.

### **Are Class of 2020 Commencement ceremonies cancelled?**

At this time, Commencement ceremonies will continue as planned but are subject to change as the COVID-19 situation evolves. **Seniors 2020 will graduate.**

### **Are Proms cancelled?**

We are waiting to make this decision until closer to the events to see if continuing as scheduled is possible. We will follow CDC recommendations at that time.

### **When can we turn-in enrollment packets?**

More information will be provided soon regarding 2020-2021 school year enrollment packets. If needing to submit an enrollment packet for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact the school principal.

**Will regular (to include ESY, Title I, RSA, etc.) summer school continue in June and July?**

Currently, the answer is yes. More information will be provided as it is available.

**RESOURCES**

**If we have questions related to our school, who do we contact?**

- Questions pertaining to your student may be answered by contacting your school principal via email, or by leaving a message on the main office school voice mail.
- For general questions related to MPS and COVID-19, email: [covid19concerns@mooreschools.com](mailto:covid19concerns@mooreschools.com).

**Who do we contact if we have been exposed to- and/or have symptoms of- COVID-19?**

- The Oklahoma State Department of Health
  - Hotline (answered by public health nurses): (877) 215-8336
  - Website: <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/>
- The Cleveland County Health Department, phone: (405) 794-1591

**Are there counseling resources for families to utilize regarding the COVID-19 pandemic?**

We know this is stressful for our students and families, therefore we have developed COVID-19 Crisis Resource information for help in counseling with your student at home.

<https://www.mooreschools.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=55512>

*Please continue to refer to our COVID-19 webpage, which includes our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), for more information: <https://www.mooreschools.com/Page/55382>.*