



Coweta County School System

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CCSS Parents Frequently Asked Questions During the March 13-27 School Closure

Will schools be open during this period?

The purpose of our school closure is social distancing. Social distancing involves remaining out of congregated settings, avoiding mass gatherings, limiting travel, and maintaining distances between you and the next person. We are collaborating with principals and district level administrators in regards to the needs of individual students and employees to access facilities. Please contact your child's principal through email should you have a need to access your child's school building.

What about previously scheduled extra-curricular events?

All extra-curricular activities, practices, and events are cancelled until further notice.

How is the school system communicating with parents during the closure?

Currently, information is being shared via our school system website and other social media formats. Parents are also encouraged to refer to the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and [DPH](https://www.dph.ga.gov) websites for information specific to the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

How can parents update their contact information with schools to receive the latest Remind or other electronic communications?

Principals are posting through social media formats (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) ways to join *Remind* groups in order to receive information. Parents can also contact principals directly by email.

My child left an item at school that is critical for my child. What should I do?

Please email your school's principal. Each situation will be handled on a case by case basis and will be dependent upon the critical nature of need and any restrictions in place in our community at that time.

How will student attendance records be impacted? Will there still be attendance incentives?

Since schools are closed, students are not counted absent. Schools are using cutoff dates for attendance awards that were prior to our closure. The District continues to follow the guidance of the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Department of Education. If there is a change to the attendance policy, it will be based on the guidance of public health and state education officials.

Are we able to provide students meals through our School Nutrition Program during this period?

The school system was approved on Friday (March 13, 2020) to provide meals for students during this cancellation. More information will be provided soon regarding locations and serving hours.

Will students have to make up these days?

Because this national health crisis is developing rapidly, all focus is on making decisions based on the current facts for the next few days/weeks that are in the best interest of the health and safety of our families. Cancellations and closures are actually being extended in many cases nationally. Because of the urgent and ever changing needs around this health crisis, discussion of making up days is not being considered at this time.

How are we handling continuity of learning?

Schools are communicating with students and families regarding optional learning activities - digital learning as well as learning activities using other formats in some situations. Students and parents should understand that teachers and school officials know that this health crisis is affecting students and families in different ways. We understand that some of our students are caring for family members or taking on additional responsibilities during this situation. We also understand that in some cases internet access is limited and that each home environment is unique. Therefore our digital learning efforts are being provided to assist with learning during this cancellation, but they will not be used in a punitive manner and will not hurt student's final grade determinations. This health crisis has many unknown variables, and is stressful to varying degrees in homes. As a school system we want to provide support for families during this time, rather than add to their stress.

What about report cards?

Report cards will be delayed from our present schedule. We will update our timeline for report cards at a later time. If you have questions regarding your child's current grades, please refer to Parent Portal in Infinite Campus.

What about student registration, including the Pre-K registration?

Central Registration Center is closed at this time. Any scheduled appointments with registration will need to be rescheduled once our system reopens. The completion of the Pre-K application process is delayed also. Rescheduled application dates will be announced at a later time.

Are facilities and buses being cleaned during this period?

Coweta County School System staff and Beck Janitorial staff will utilize established cleaning procedures so that students and staff return to a safe and healthy learning environment.

My child was scheduled to take the SAT on March 14, 2020. What should I do?

The College Board is the agency that administers the SAT. Please check the College Board website for information regarding test rescheduling or refunds.

What about Prom?

All future large group gatherings across the nation are being evaluated. This health situation is changing daily. Federal, state and local officials are making decisions based on current information. System officials will continue to evaluate this evolving situation on a daily basis and will update you as new information becomes available.

Will students have to make up nine-week exams they missed on Friday?

Any decision of this nature will be made based upon the duration of this cancellation. More information will be provided at a later time.

Will students still have to take standardized tests this Spring?

Any decision of this nature will be made based upon the duration of this cancellation. More information will be provided at a later time.

We continue to recommend the following to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases: getting a flu shot, avoiding close contact with people that are sick, not touching your face, covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throwing it away, washing your hands and staying home if you feel unwell. It is also important to practice SOCIAL DISTANCING. Social distancing involves remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, limiting travel, and maintaining distances between you and the next person. Parents are also encouraged to refer to the [CDC](#) and [DPH](#) websites.

This document will be updated with additional information as it becomes available.