

School Closure
Frequently Asked Questions
(Updated on May 8, 2020)



DISTRICT 89

MAYWOOD | MELROSE PARK | BROADVIEW

HOW LONG WILL E-LEARNING REMOTE LEARNING TAKE PLACE?

At present time, the stay at home order from Governor Pritzker extends through the end of this school year, which is June 3rd. However, the Governor also announced that schools will continue with remote distance learning (eLearning) for the remainder of this academic year (2019-2020). Please note that this continues to be a rapidly changing situation and we will continue to follow guidance from state and local health officials.

You may continue to take advantage of all the resources we have listed on our website that your children will have access to for the remainder of this school year. We also have additional information on our website at <https://www.maywood89.org/covid-19-updates>

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided substantial guidance on managing COVID-19; please check the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov and talk with your personal healthcare provider if you have questions. Additional information can also be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health's website, <http://dph.illinois.gov/>

WHAT IF I NEED MENTAL HEALTH OR OTHER COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FOR MY CHILD OR FAMILY WHILE AT HOME?

You may use the following resources to assist you with mental health needs and resources. The Health Connection HUB, sponsored by Oak Park Township Network of Care, can be found at: <https://www.healthconnectionhub.org/>. This website provides services for individuals and families including: senior and youth services, developmental disabilities, medical health care, behavioral/mental health services, and other social supports. An additional resource is the Community Memorial Foundation Crisis Text Line, to start a conversation with a mental health professional simply text NOW to 741741 or call 800-273-8255. Additional information is also available via the website address listed above.

WILL THE DISTRICT CONTINUE PROVIDING GRAB & GO MEALS?

Yes! In a continued effort to maintain the safety of the entire District 89 community we will be offering a bulk pick up of meals at each school. The district is now partnering with Panera Bread Company and Firehouse Subs to provide additional meals that will be included with the weekly bulk pick up. Families can pick up meals during the specified days listed below from 10:00 am to 12:00pm:

- Monday, May 11th
- Monday, May 18th
- Tuesday, May 26th

Grab-and-go bulk pick up will continue on Monday, June 1st and Monday, June 8th, but will no longer be available at Lincoln, Garfield and Melrose Park Schools due to construction. All other District 89 schools will be available for grab-and-go.

MY CHILD LEFT SOME PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN THE SCHOOL. WHEN CAN WE RETRIEVE THOSE ITEMS?

You should have already received specific communication from each school regarding their schedule for picking up personal belongings. If you have not received this communication please email your respective school principal for additional information. Staff member email addresses are listed on the school's websites.

WHAT ABOUT MEDICATIONS?

All families that have medications at the school, should have already been contacted by either the school nurse or one of the school administrators regarding an appointment to pick up your child's medication. Appointments for pick up will be required to assure social distancing and compliance with the Governor's orders. As noted in the previous question please email the school principal directly for more detailed information.

HOW WILL SCHOOL CLOSINGS IMPACT GRADES?

Student work completed during the suspension of in-person onsite instruction will not negatively impact a student's grades or otherwise impact a student's academic standing. As we do not yet know the full extent of the closure and want to minimize any negative effects on students, schools may allow student work to count during the closure only to increase a student's academic standing.

WILL I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS?

No. However, final grades will be sent home at the end of the school year. Final grades will be an average of the entire school year. The assignments completed during eLearning will be counted as extra credit to ensure a students' grade is not negatively affected by the closure.

SHOULD MY CHILD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN E-LEARNING ACTIVITIES?

Yes. This will ensure that your child will remain academically engaged while onsite learning cannot occur. Please use the activity logs provided for the remainder of this school year and email a screenshot to your child's homeroom teacher or drop-off with the Grab & Go meals. Hard copies will continue to be available with Grab & Go meals as well as electronically online via our website.

WHERE CAN I FIND ACADEMIC RESOURCES?

Hard copies of the e-Learning materials can be picked up during the Grab & Go hours and can be found on our website, www.maywood89.org/elearning/

MAY I CONTACT MY CHILD'S TEACHERS?

Yes. You are encouraged to contact teachers for assistance and guidance with e-Learning activities. Their email addresses can be found on the school's website.

WILL MY CHILD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?

Services for our students with IEP's initiated via Zoom on March 23rd.

Parents of students with Individualized Educational Plans should have received a contact from your case manager or service provider. If this has not occurred please contact the Assistant Director or Student Services, annamarie.candelario@maywood89.org or the Executive Director of Student Services, caroline.patehefty@maywood89.org and we will support you with getting this set up.

WILL MY CHILD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ENGLISH LEARNER SERVICES?

Our e-Learning packets are available in English and Spanish. Students can choose to complete the assignments in the language of their choice. Students in a Dual Language Program will continue to receive on-going support from their classroom teacher. EL students in English only classrooms are encouraged to contact their student's bilingual resource teacher for additional support during remote learning days.

WILL THIS IMPACT STANDARDS BASED GRADING?

Yes. The District had planned on piloting Standards Based Grading (SBG) with 4th grade students throughout the district during the 4th quarter of this academic year. However, as a result of the current suspension of onsite learning and in order to effectively implement SBG, the timeline for piloting SBG for 4th graders will now be moved to the 1st and 2nd quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to keep our families informed as we make progress with SBG.

WILL THE SCHOOL YEAR BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE SCHEDULED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL?

No. School will not be extended. Our D89 e-Learning plan was pre-approved by The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in November and it allows us to use these days in lieu of onsite instruction. Additionally, ISBE has indicated that the school year will not need to be made up given the unprecedented challenges we currently face.

WILL THERE BE SUMMER SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

At this time we will not have a traditional summer school program as we have had in the past. We will of course update you should the need arise on any new developments. We will be distributing summer reading books to keep students engaged during the summer. We will send information about when the summer books will be distributed. Extended School Year (ESY) for students with IEPs will also not follow a traditional format. Families will be contacted individually to set up a discussion with your IEP team to discuss your students' individual needs.

WILL STUDENTS HAVE TO TAKE STATE ASSESSMENTS OR THE CONSTITUTION EXAM?

Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-15, issued on March 27, 2020, suspends state assessments for spring 2020, including the Constitution exam. This action officially ends assessment activity statewide for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, Illinois Science Assessment, SAT, and Dynamic Learning Maps-Alternate Assessment for the 2019-20 school year. This also means that you will not receive the usual information you would in the fall regarding your child's results on state assessments.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO REPEAT THEIR CURRENT GRADE?

No. As noted previously, no students will be negatively impacted as a result of the suspension of onsite learning. All students will be promoted to the next grade level.

As a result of our robust e-Learning program, that was pre-approved last November, our students are able to continue to be engaged academically with grade level appropriate content.

WILL THERE STILL BE AN 8TH GRADE GRADUATION CEREMONY?

At this point in time, a traditional graduation ceremony is not going to be feasible. Our top priority at this time is student and staff safety. The middle school principals will communicate with you the plans for virtual ceremonies in the coming weeks for all of our 8th grade students and their families.

WILL I STILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?

Yes. More information about when registration opens, and the registration process will be available in the coming weeks.

WILL THE 6TH GRADE LAPTOPS BE COLLECTED DURING THE SUMMER?

At this time, our plans are to update the laptops in the beginning of the school year so that the 6th grade students can keep the laptops over the summer.

WILL THE 1:1 TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM BE EXPANDED TO OTHER GRADE LEVELS?

Yes. All students from Kindergarten through 8th grade will have a device assigned to them for the following academic year. Students in K-2nd grades will be assigned an iPad and students in 3rd-8th grade will be assigned a laptop.