

Del Norte County Unified School District
Educational Services / Curriculum and Instruction
FAQ sheet
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Are we going to get consistent direction in how our children can minimize loss of progress in their education?

In addition to having teachers reach out to their students on a regular basis (they will be having office hours 2 hours each day-starting on Tuesday, March 24), the district started issuing grade-level standards-based work packets last week. This will continue throughout the duration of the school closure. In addition, by Monday, we will be providing an on-line component that aligns with the packet work. And, we will be providing a sample home based instructional schedule so that parents can have some guidance regarding how to schedule and structure these days, to get the most out of this time away from our school sites.

Will the District be implementing the use of online education for students?

Yes. Beginning on Monday, March 30, students and families will have access to both paper packet curriculum material and online curriculum. By Friday, March 27, all of the following week's district issued distance learning curriculum will be available on-line on the COVID19 page of the district's website.

What if my student does not have access to online resources?

If your students do not have access to online resources and want to access them, we are asking them to contact the school's principal who will work with the district to find the best way to get them those resources as soon as possible. This may involve checking out devices, or opening site computer labs. It is important to note that having a device does not mean that the student will be able to get on the internet. That is why we may be opening site computer labs.

When will independent study packets be created?

We have been creating them now for the past week. We will have them available for each week that we are not in school.

How will work be delivered to students?

For the next week, packets will be made available on Friday, during designated school hours at each site (please check with your school's office for this information). Every week (on Friday), they will be distributed via bus routes, and made available at the

district office. On Fridays, the work packets will also be available (to download) on the COVID-19 web page, of the district's website.

Will school work be assigned and graded?

No. Schoolwork provided will not be collected or graded. However, during their office hours, teachers will be available to answer questions, provide support and give feedback regarding the work that has been provided.

Can the schools checkout devices for students to use at home, either for at-home educational opportunities, or assigned work?

Yes. The checkout procedure has been developed and is being facilitated through our IT Department. We will be coordinating with each school principal to arrange for appropriate device checkout schedules and plans at each site. Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign a checkout form and the devices will be checked out similar to how you would check out a library book, with a specific device being assigned to a specific student.

Are school facilities going to be closed completely?

At this point, the answer is no. We still plan on having administrators and some minimal office staff at schools, at least four hours per day. Essential staff will still be reporting to work at the district office.

Will student graduations be affected?

It could be. If we return to school as planned on April 20th, we expect that the graduations will still be held as scheduled. However, if it turns out that we don't return to school this semester, it is unlikely that graduation will be held in its traditional format. This is something we are still working on. But, it may be that we hold the ceremony later, or do it virtually.

Are we going to add school days on at the end of the year?

No. The State of California's legislature has decided to fully fund schools through the end of the current school year; and has waived the requirement to provide 180 days of school this year. This means that the school year will still end on the last day of the calendared school year.

When will school be back in session?

Right now, we are planning on school being back in session on Monday, April 20. That is the first day after spring break. However, if the school closures end up lasting longer, we will let everyone know as soon as that decision has been made.

How will kids do their IEPs?

Will students receiving special education services receive these services while the schools are closed?