



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REV. 3/17/2020 - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE

1. When will the school closure start?
 - Governor Tom Wolf announced on Friday, March 13th at 3:00 p.m. that all K-12 Pennsylvania schools will be closed for 10 business days effective **Monday, March 16th through Sunday, March 29th**. **The campus including all playgrounds, walking paths, and buildings are now closed to the public through March 29th**. **No one** except for essential employees will be permitted on campus and, the parents going through the drive through grab-and- go meal line.
2. How long will the closure last?
 - At this point, the Governor has determined schools will be closed for 10 business days. If nothing changes, Monday, March 30th will be the next day school is in session.
3. Will students be able to obtain breakfast/lunch bagged meal from the school during the school closure?
 - YES. Beginning on Wednesday, March 18th, the district will have K-12 drive through grab-and go-meals ready for pickup at **one** location which will be the high school cafeteria loading dock. Drive through pick-up will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close promptly at 11:30 a.m. each day. **NOTE: ALL meals for the week of March 23-27 will be distributed in bulk to parents on Friday, March 20th**. **Parents MUST complete the website form by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17th located on the District website at www.nesd1.org. Please share link with others. ONLY the Rt. 89 entrance is open.**
4. What is the status of athletics and school activities?
 - All school activities are either cancelled or postponed during the duration of the mandatory closure. We are told directly from the Governor's Office that "school-based activities are covered under the closure". This would include practices for athletics, plays, musicals, mock trial, etc.
5. What will happen to the school calendar?
 - The Governor has stated the following: Be aware that no school district will be penalized if it fails to meet the 180 day or school hour requirements. At this point, we do not believe we will be required to revise the school calendar, but we are not positive. Please be advised that we are seeking clarification and taking direction from PDE, the CDC, and the local and state Departments of Health. We will take it day by day and one step at a time.
6. Is it possible that graduation will be on a later date?
 - This question is linked to #5. At this time, we do not believe there will be a change to graduation.
7. Will Early Connections be open during the closure?
 - The Early Connections Program housed in the NESD will be closed during the mandatory school closure.
8. Will North East School District offices and school main offices be functioning during the school closure?
 - The offices will not be open to the public to support the Governor's efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Essential staff will report on a limited basis.



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9. If I am a parent or student, will I be able to access school property during the school closure?
 - The **school property is closed to all public** during the school closure. Exceptions would be for grab-and-go meals and deliveries for the operations of the district.
 - Parents may call their child's school office to pick up **medically necessary** items from the **school nurse**, if needed. Pick up will be on **Thursday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via Rt. 89 entrance only.**
10. Will prom still occur, as planned, for each high school?
 - At this point, the district has no information causing the plans, already in place, to change.
11. Is the district offering on-line learning for all students during this school closure?
 - **During the mandatory closure, students will not be required to complete assignments; however, we strongly encourage students to catch up on missed work, read, access education sites, and, if playing games, encourage apps that reinforce education. SEE ATTACHED RESOURCES as part of this FAQ.**
12. If the school closure is limited to 10 business days, how will the district handle determining when the 4th marking period begins?
 - If the closure is limited to 10 business days, we will use the first week back in class to complete the 3rd marking period, then shift, after the fifth day, to the 4th marking period.
13. Is it possible the school closure will go beyond 10 business days?
 - At this point, the district has no idea if the closure will be extended.
14. How will the district manage the return to school?
 - The district has been and will continue to monitor COVID-19. The goal of this closure is to slow the spread of the virus. The closure is not going to eliminate the virus. The district will be following Department of Health and CDC guidance regarding when to be at school and when not to be at school. The district has been and will continue to communicate that guidance to parents and students on the official website. As always, a child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before they can return to school.
15. Are there plans to reschedule events that had to be cancelled?
 - The district is not able to reschedule anything at this time. Information about the spread of COVID-19 and the local, state, and federal responses attempting to manage COVID-19 are moving too quickly to commit to rescheduling any events at this time.

SEE ATTACHED DISTRICT-WIDE RESOURCE LIST



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DATE: **3/17/20**

TO: North East School District Families

FROM: NESD Administration & Instructional Staff

RE: Student Learning Resource Information

Dear NESD Students & Families,

The North East School District Administration and Instructional Staff remain committed to your child(ren)'s education during the current school shutdown, as ordered by Governor Wolf. We would like to provide all students and families with a sampling of resources that may be explored and utilized over the next two weeks. Please note that during our current closure, there will be no expectations for completion of new assignments and/or school work. There is a wide range of online and digital resources available via the Internet which are free and provide a variety of learning opportunities for all students K-12. The following resources are simply provided as a means for encouraging continued learning at home while we press forward at this particular time.

ACADEMIC CORE CONTENT RESOURCES

ELA (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Vocabulary, Composition, Literature)

- Reading Eggs [K-3] [www.readingeggs.com]
- Scholastic [www.classroommagazines.scholastic.com]
- StoryBird [www.storybird.com]
- Study Island [2-12] [www.studyisland.com]
- newsELA [<https://newsela.com/>]

MATHEMATICS

- Math Seeds [K-2] [www.mathseeds.com]
- BrainPOP [www.brainpop.com]
- CoolMath [www.coolmath.com]
- Legends Of Learning [www.legendsoflearning.com]
- Khan Academy [www.khanacademy.org]
- Study Island [2-12] [www.studyisland.com]
- GoMath! [<https://my.hrw.com/>]

SCIENCE

- BrainPOP [www.brainpop.com]
- Legends Of Learning [www.legendsoflearning.com]
- Mystery Science [www.mysteryscience.com]
- Defined STEM [<https://app.definedstem.com/students>]

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Scholastic [www.classroommagazines.scholastic.com]
- newsELA [<https://newsela.com/>]
- Wonderopolis [<http://www.wonderopolis.org/>]
- National Geographic [<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/classroom-resources/>]
- Library Of Congress [<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>]



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SPECIALS/ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

ART

- We strongly encourage students to color, draw, and craft projects of interest.

LIBRARY/MEDIA SCIENCE

- <https://www.nsteens.org/> (Internet Safety resources, videos games, free)
- <https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship> (Internet Safety resources, reviews everything)
- <https://www.fbi.gov/resources/parents> (internet safety resources)
- [Be Internet Awesome](#) (Internet safety, gamified, curriculum available).

MUSIC

- We strongly encourage parents to consider practicing an instrument or singing songs with their child(ren) at home.

HEALTH/FITNESS

- As shared by the PA Department of Health, children are “encouraged to play outside, go for a family walk, ride a bike, etc.

FAMILY/CONSUMER SCIENCE

- We strongly encourage families to engage and interact with their child(ren) at home in the areas of daily living, including cooking, cleaning, and other living skills.

WORLD LANGUAGE

- Students are able to practice world language skills via www.duolingo.com.

DIGITAL ONLINE TOOLS

- www.google.com
- www.youtube.com
- www.pinterest.com
- www.teacherspayteachers.com
- www.commonsense.org
- www.si.edu

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