

Cullman County Schools Parents and Students

School Procedures for Re-opening with Distance Learning



We hope this finds you and your families doing well. Your safety and well-being are most important to us during this time. We wanted to let you know your child's teacher will be contacting you next week. We are providing this information to share our district's plan for our students for the rest of this school year. We are here to help you and support you in any way possible.

Communication between the school and families is most important during this time. If at any time you are unable to reach your child's teacher, please contact the principal of the school. If at any time your child's teacher cannot reach you or your child within a reasonable timeframe, the teacher will also contact the principal to assist them in reaching you. Open lines of communication will ensure the success of your child through the remainder of the school year.

Please check all current methods of communication daily if possible. This includes SeeSaw, Google Classroom, email, Remind, etc.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS

Q/A: How do I contact a counselor for support? Please contact the local school by phone and/or email. All email addresses can be found on each local school's website.

Q/A: How can I contact a social worker if needed? Please contact them by email.

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TECHNOLOGY

Q/A: How do I get my child's school-issued device repaired? Technical support will be available daily from 8 - 3 via phone and email. School Technicians will be on-site two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) to perform device repair. Student issued devices needing repair should be dropped off at the school on Mondays from 9am to 1pm with your child's name and a description of the problem.

Q/A: How will all students return Chromebooks at the end of the school year? This will be decided at a later date.

STUDENT BELONGINGS AT SCHOOL

Q/A: Can students pick up items from school? At this time, our preference is that only required medication be picked up if needed. Appointments must be scheduled to pick up medications through the school office.

RETURNING SCHOOL MATERIALS

Q/A: How will students return school property? Procedures for returning school property will be sent at a later date.

MEALS

Q/A: Will we continue to feed our families after spring break? Yes. Meals will be available for pickup on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning April 6th. If a shelter in place is ordered, we will be required to discontinue our meal service.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Q/A: What are some local food banks available?

<p>First United Methodist Church of Cullman 320 3rd Street SE Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm (as available)</p> <p>First Baptist Church of Cullman- The Rock House 605 3rd Avenue SW Cullman, 35055 3rd Saturday of each month; 9 am till 11 am Behind First Baptist church on 3rd Avenue NW.</p> <p>Grace Episcopal Church- Beans & Rice Ministry 305 Arnold Street NE Cullman, 35055 3rd Saturday of the month; 10 am till 12 pm</p> <p>Spirit Life Church of God 1650 St. Joseph Drive NW Cullman 35055 256-739-3326 Third Saturday of the month; 9 am till 11 am</p> <p>Blessing Box- in front of Good Hope City Hall</p> <p>Free Pantry (large three door)- West Point Community Center</p>	<p>Livingston Chapel United Methodist Church 11 County Road 359 Crane Hill, 35053 Third Saturday of the month 9 am</p> <p>Fairview United Methodist Church 1100 Wesley Ave N, Cullman, 35058</p> <p>Hanceville First United Methodist Church 704 commercial Street Hanceville 35077 256-352-5536 3rd Saturday of the month, 9 am till 11 am.</p> <p>New Hope Baptist Church 15 County Road 1698 Holly Pond, 35098 256-796-5171 Monday from 8 am till 3 pm</p> <p>Harmony Word of Life Church 420 County Road 1204 Vinemont, 35179 Second Saturday of the month 1 pm till 3 pm</p>
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SENIORS

Q/A: Will there be graduation or baccalaureate ceremonies? Our district plans to hold graduation for all of our seniors if possible. All graduation ceremonies will take place after June 5th. Dates and locations will be determined at a later time.

Q/A: Will the ceremony be face-to-face? With the uncertainty of the future, this decision cannot be made at this time.

Q/A: How will money for graduation supplies (cap, gown, diploma, diploma cover) be collected? You must contact the vendor directly to pay for graduation supplies. Your school can provide their contact information.

Q/A: Can my child still apply for scholarships? Yes. We highly recommend that you and your child use this time to apply for scholarships and FAFSA assistance. You may contact your school counselor by phone or email for assistance with specific scholarships.

Q/A: Who can help me complete the FAFSA? Cullman County School's Career Coaches will have day and afternoon office hours to assist families with the FAFSA. Contact Lisa Farnsworth (lfarnsworth@ccboe.org) or Jennifer Eddleman (jeddeleman@ccboe.org) for assistance.

Q/A: How do I get a transcript for scholarships or college applications? All students should have an account set up in Parchment through their school counselor. Contact your school counselor if you need assistance.

REPORT CARDS / END OF YEAR GRADES

Your child's teacher will be contacting you or your child by a phone call or email next week to discuss their grades, progress, and classwork. Final grades for each class have been calculated for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd nine weeks. If your child is currently failing or would like to improve their grade in a class, they will have the opportunity to complete assignments for a 4th nine weeks grade. If your child chooses to accept the final grade (1st, 2nd, and 3rd nine weeks average) in a class as the final grade for the year, they will be considered finished. All students failing a class MUST continue working in order to improve their final grade. The needs of your family are the main priority. We will continue to support you and your family in any way that we can throughout the remainder of the school year.

Q/A: How will my child's end-of-year grade be calculated?

- The final grade discussed during the phone call or email will be an average of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd nine weeks. You and/or your child may choose to accept this grade as the final grade for the year.
- Students who are failing or choose to improve their score will complete assignments during the 4th nine weeks either digitally or using packets of assignments. For those students, grades will be calculated as an average of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th nine weeks to get an EOY Grade. There will also be no semester and/or year test given.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION / GRADES FOR STUDENTS CONTINUING TO WORK DUE TO FAILURE OR TO IMPROVE THEIR SCORE

Q/A: If my child is failing or chooses to improve their grade, how will they get their assignments? Teachers will provide instruction and assignments through digital options such as Google Classroom, SeeSaw, Remind, or emailing students/parents. All student work should be completed by **May 18th**.

Q/A: If my child is failing or chooses to improve their grade, how will they get their assignments if we do not have internet access? Packets will be created for students who are failing or choosing to improve their grades. Teachers will create a packet of assignments for students to complete for the week for their subject/grade level. Packets will be available to be picked up every Monday beginning April 13th and continue as needed only on Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm. Students/Parents are expected to return the completed packet the following week while picking up the next week's work at the same time. All student work should be completed by **May 18th**. If a shelter in place is ordered, we will be required to discontinue the picking up and dropping off of packets. The school will contact you with more instructions if this happens.

Q/A: Can teachers meet with my child for one-on-one or small group instruction? The Alabama State Department of Education has instructed us regarding this. NO interaction should take place whether one-on-one, small group, or face-to-face.

CONTACTING TEACHERS, COUNSELORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Q/A: Will someone be at the school to answer my questions by phone? Yes. Someone should be at the school from 8-3:00. There will be no face to face meetings. If you have to leave a voicemail, someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Q/A: What is the best way to contact my child's teacher, counselor, or principal? You may contact your child's teacher, counselor or principal by phone or email. Teachers and counselors will reply to emails within 24 hours. Due to the limited number of people allowed at the school, phone messages may be delayed. If possible, email is the best way to reach your child's teacher, counselor, or principal.

AP

Q/A: Will my child receive credit for their AP course if they do not take the AP Exam? Yes.

Q/A: Will my child be allowed to come in to take the AP Exam? **AP is allowing students to take exams at home** in a shorter duration. Contact your school's counselor for more information.

FAST TRACK / DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Q/A: My child attends Fast Track at Wallace State Community College. Will they continue with their classes? Yes. Your child should continue working with their teacher to complete each course.

Q/A: My child takes a dual enrollment on their school campus. Will they continue with their classes? Yes. Your child should continue working with their teacher to complete each course.

Q/A: My child has applied to begin the Fast Track program next school year. When will they be notified whether or not they have been accepted into the program? Wallace State Community College will process applications as soon as possible. Students will be notified by Wallace State.

Q/A: My child needs to take the Accuplacer to be a Fast Track student. When is that test given? For now, Wallace State will not allow anyone to take the Accuplacer.

CATA COURSES

Q/A: Will credit be awarded for CATA Courses? Final grades for CATA courses for this semester will be based on the 3rd nine weeks grade (3rd nine weeks grade of 92 = EOY grade of 92). Students currently failing the 3rd 9 weeks or wanting to improve their grade will have the option to complete assignments digitally or complete paper packets for all courses. These assignments will be graded for the 4th nine weeks. For those students, grades will be calculated as an average of the 3rd and 4th nine weeks to get a semester grade as usual. There will be no semester tests given.

ACCESS-DISTANCE LEARNING

Q/A: My child takes a course through ACCESS. Will they continue working? Students in Grades 8 – 11 who are already enrolled in an ACCESS Virtual Learning course will need to continue completing their coursework and complete as much work as possible. During this time, passwords will not be required for course assessments.

EDMENTUM

Q/A: Can students work on Edmentum courses for Credit Recovery or Second Chance from home? Yes. Pre-tests, post-tests, and semester tests can be unlocked for students to complete. All student work should be completed by **May 18th**.

Q/A: What if students do not have internet access at home and need to continue to work? Packets can be picked up in lieu of Edmentum. Packets will be created by the teacher of the course at the school. Packets should be available to be picked up every Monday beginning April 13th and continue as needed only on Mondays from 9am to 1pm. Students are expected to return the completed packet the following week while picking up the next week's work at the same time. All student work should be completed by **May 18th**.

AR

Q/A: Can my child take AR tests at home? Yes. If your child was taking AR tests at school this year, they may now take tests at home during this time.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Q/A: Will Cullman County Schools have kindergarten registration? All kindergarten registrations will take place after June 5th. Dates will be determined at a later time and shared with schools and parents.

REGISTRATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Q/A: My child (currently in grades 8 - 11) has not registered for high school courses for next school year. How will registration take place? The high school counselor will contact you or your child through google classroom, phone, or mail to register for classes.

Q/A: My child would like to change their courses for next year. How can we make those changes? When school starts in August, procedures for changing courses will be explained to your child.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Q/A: My child was in the process of being tested. What do we do now? Please call the Child Development Center at 256-739-0486 for questions dealing with special education.

SPRING TRYOUTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Q/A: Will spring tryouts take place? No tryouts of any kind should happen at this time. This decision may change after June 5th.



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EVERYONE EVERY DAY*