

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
FROM THE STUDENTS**

NOTE: ANSWERS BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON NEW INFORMATION

3-21-20

What is Continuous Learning?

Just as the name implies, this will allow Kansas students to continue learning despite school buildings being closed for the rest of the year. Instructional models may include blending of nontechnology; face-to-face, small-group learning sessions; and virtual platforms. Plans will vary from school to school and district to district. Boards and districts will have to make local decisions that are unique to their student population, staff and resources. Districts should develop and implement Continuous Learning plans in partnership with families, staff members and local boards of education, and follow the guidance of local health departments and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The task force is recommending that districts focus on essential learning for students and use materials, resources and platforms that already are in place.

What about graduation requirements for USD 244 students this school year?

USD 244 has suspended the normal graduation requirements of 23 credits to 21 this year. This still falls in line with Kansas State Department of Education guidelines for graduation. The USD 244 board of education has set graduation requirements above the state minimum with their policy. For this year, we will require 21 credits.

Do students need to continue to complete assignments while Continuous Learning takes place outside of the school buildings?

YES. This is important for grades this year and maintaining/developing skills for the next school year. School and learning is still taking place. It just isn't in the buildings.

How will dual credit classes be dealt with for BHS students?

We are working on this plan with our colleges. This information will be shared with our BHS students as details become available.

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Will students be able to get their things from buildings?

We are working on a plan for the week of March 23-27 for this to happen. This will include band instruments so kids can practice on their own.

Will our school libraries have a Grab and Go for checkout like our lunch program?

We are working on a plan to keep students reading books from our libraries. There will be more information on our website for this possible program.

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When can students expect to start Continuous Learning?

March 30 is our target date for instruction to resume. There will be more information coming the week of March 23.

How will instruction look since school buildings are closed down?

On-line learning is one option that may occur. We may have video lessons from staff posted so students can see instruction from a teacher. Packet learning could be another option where teachers give a list of assignments for students to complete and turn in via e-mail. Staff could be available by phone, e-mail, web cam or other forms of communication to support student questions as needed. We are hopeful that small group learning can occur in our buildings with ten or fewer people over the next nine weeks. Our staff will develop these and other ideas the week of March 23-27 so we will be ready for March 30.

Will all instruction be on-line? What about issues with internet connectivity?

I am going to say that not all instruction will be on-line. Instruction may take on different formats.

If internet connectivity is a problem, we will work with individual situations to make sure they are taken care of. Mr. Vander Linden is working with local internet providers to get better service to areas that are not strong.

Will we have a formal graduation ceremony/8th grade promotion in May?

No. The governor has closed down schools until May 29 as of now.

Are spring sports and activities canceled?

Yes. The governor has closed down all activities related to schools until May 29 as of now.

Will seniors have support with graduation items?

Yes. Mrs. Bolen (dbolen@usd244ks.org) and Ms. Kigerl-Hill (tkigerl-hill@usd244ks.org) will work with our seniors by e-mail, in small group meetings in the future if allowed, etc. Scholarships can be mailed or dropped off at some point in time to BHS. Seniors have access to all available scholarships on the BHS Student Common Folder on our network. New scholarships will be placed in this folder. Copies of transcripts, attendance records, and any other information will be available as needed. Mrs. Bolen will keep on e-mailing the Senior Scoop

Will students receive grades during Continuous Learning?

Yes. That is our plan. It will be important for students to do their personal best at all times.

How will we get items back from students like library books, athletic uniforms, etc.?

At some point in time, we will be able to have people in our buildings to drop off items. Returning items will occur if we can have students in our buildings in small groups. If not, we can pick them up outside of buildings if people call the office to drop them off.

Are there on-line learning sources available to the public?

We are posting some sites on our USD 244 webpage. Go to the Resources Tab at the top right of the page. You can then go to Study Sites link. We will add to this list as time goes on.