

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding COVID -19 and School Closure

March 16, 2020

How will I know if school is closed or reopened?

Currently WPS is operationally closed through April 5th, 2020. We will communicate further information and reopening notifications via our School Messenger system, email, news media and social media.

Meals will be provided for free for any WPS student!

During the COVID-19 emergency, Weatherford Public Schools has arranged to provide a grab and go meal option to students beginning Monday, March 23rd.

Students may pick up breakfast at the Weatherford High School, Weatherford Middle School or West Elementary from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. Lunch will be available for pick-up from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Students will not be allowed in the school, but will pick up a sack lunch at one of the following locations:

Weatherford High School gym – North side
Weatherford Middle School – East side (Bus lane)
West Elementary – West side

If driving to the pick-up location, it will not be necessary for the students to leave the car. The student will need to provide his or her name and grade.

For those students unable to go to one of the sites, buses will be delivering sack lunches to an area near them. If you need a meal delivered to your child, please email rmorgan@wpsok.org with the name(s) and address of your child(ren) or call the administration office on Monday, March 23 at 580-772-3327 with the name(s) and address of your child(ren). The time of your child(ren)'s food deliveries will be communicated to you after we find out the number of locations requiring delivery.

Will days be made up by students?

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OK SDE) has issued an operational shut-down that suspends school and should not change current academic calendars for instruction. This information will be updated as further guidance is received.

CareerTech Classes

CareerTech classes are also suspended during this time.

Athletics, Activities, & Events

All competitions, practices, events (including non-WPS facility use) are cancelled and all facilities are closed to employees, families, students, and community meetings. Prom has been rescheduled for May 2.

How does this affect testing?

OK SDE will provide guidance to schools.

Can I pick up my child's medicine from school?

You may pick up your student's prescription (not over-the-counter) medication from your child's school office between **8:00 AM and 1:00 PM beginning Monday, March 23rd, 2020.**

Will my senior graduate?

WPS Class of 2020 will graduate. Commencement is still scheduled at this time but is subject to change as the situation evolves.

Special Education Services

Based on recent guidance from state and federal officials, the district will not be providing educational services to students during the operational shut-down. Once school is back in session, the IEP team will reconvene to develop plans based on the individual needs of students as well as from guidance from state and federal officials.

How will this impact my pay as a teacher or support employee?

Contracted support and instructional positions will not be impacted. Teachers are not required to report to work, but they can come to schools and work in their rooms. All support staff will report to assigned work area, or file for leave. Our plan is to make sure hourly support staff have work to do so there is no break in compensation.

What if I am an employee and need access to my classroom or office?

Teachers are not required to report to work, but they can come to schools and work in their rooms. Teachers can bring their children IF they stay in their rooms (e.g., no free play in gyms, hallways, etc.)