

Lafourche Parish School Board

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Dear Parent and Students,

The closure of schools for the last nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year has created unique challenges and questions for everyone involved. While students may not be in our classrooms or schools for the remainder of this school year, we are attempting to meet all the different needs of our students. We are also attempting to minimize the negative impacts of these unprecedented circumstances.

We will be averaging final student grades using the three marking periods that were completed before the mandated closure. However, an amended final GPA formula will be used in order to take into account that the 4th marking period was unable to be performed. This simply means that students will be given final grades that do not penalize students that were not given the opportunity to complete the 4th marking period. Parents can visit our FAQ section of the district home page for details. Report cards will be mailed to all students at the close of the school year.

Also, we will be greatly increasing the use of the online platforms that were already in place in our classrooms in an effort to create a more comprehensive online learning platform. Teachers will use the Google for Education Suite and Google Classroom to instruct and provide feedback to their students. Interactive lessons will be created each week for student participation. The district's goal is that every teacher is able to interact with their students and provide meaningful feedback to their students by the close of the school year.

The district will also provide Chromebooks to students who do not have access to a device at home. Parents who are interested in being issued a device from the district can request one by completing the "LPSD Distance Learning Technology Request Form" found on the district's home page at www.mylpsd.com.

In closing, Parents can expect continued communication from schools and announcements from the district as the school year draws to a close. Information about important areas such as graduation, summer programs, athletics, and co-curricular activities will be immediately released as decisions are made. The Lafourche Parish School District fully intends to make every effort in sustaining learning for students throughout this time as we remain committed to providing the highest quality of education to the students of Lafourche.

Stay safe,

Jarod W. Martin
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