



The Governor and the State Superintendent announced that all schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. The Indiana Department of Education has stated that all schools must complete 160 instructional days. Therefore, our ELearning plans have been amended to comply with Indiana guidelines.

Please read the most commonly asked questions for guidance.

### **ELearning/Remote Learning**

#### **1. How will instruction be delivered for the remainder of the year?**

Instruction will be delivered via ELearning (Canvas) for grades K-12 Monday-Thursday.

#### **2. How much work should students receive during ELearning days?**

Grade level standard-based assignments should be reasonable and appropriate.

#### **3. What if I don't have internet access at home?**

Comcast Internet Essentials: Provides full Internet access for less than \$10 a month. Comcast is currently offering low-income families who are new customers 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service. More information can be found at [Comcast Internet Essentials](#).

#### **4. Besides email, how can I get in touch with building administrators?**

Each building principal has been issued a district cell phone. Building principals' will provide their school cell phone numbers on their school's webpage. Calls should only be made during normal school hours 8am-3pm.

#### **5. How is attendance taken for ELearning days?**

Students in grades K-12 will have until Friday of each week to complete ELearning assignments. Parents and administrators will call parents when students fail to complete assignments.

#### **6. What happens if my child does not meet the due date deadline?**

Teachers have the discretion to accept late work.

#### **7. My child is in grades K-12 and does not have a Chromebook.**

We are distributing Chromebooks on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am- 5pm.

In addition, please email your child's teachers and principals. They will contact our technology department. Our technology department will call you within 48 hours to arrange for a Chromebook pickup at the administration building.

8. If I have already received a Chromebook on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, can I get another Chromebook?

No. We are only distributing **one** Chromebook per family.

9. What if I need technical repairs on my Chromebook?

Please email Andy Kapitan, Technology Director at [akapitan@ecps.org](mailto:akapitan@ecps.org). He will arrange an appointment for a replacement or repair.

10. What can parents do to assist with children ELearning?

Please schedule time each day to work with your child on his/her assignments. Also, personally email both the teachers and building administrators for supplemental, remediation, or enrichment activities or assignments.

11. Will my child receive grades from ELearning assignments?

Yes. All ELearning grades will be displayed in Skyward. Teachers will update their grades once a week.

12. My child doesn't have any grades in Skyward. What should I do?

Contact both the teacher and the building administrator.

13. Will attendance be taken during ELearning days?

If students do not turn complete their ELearning assignments by the due date, they will be marked absent.

### **Special Needs/EL Learners**

14. My child has special needs.

On each ELearning day, your child should receive special education/EL services. Please contact special education director, Tamara Pol, and your building principal with issues and/or concerns.

### **Graduation Requirements**

15. What will be required for students to graduate in 2020?

Students will need to fulfill the requirements of the Core 40 or General Diploma to graduate. Passing the GQE (Graduation Qualifying Exam) or ISTEP will not be required for the class of 2020.

16. How will credits for the spring semester be counted?

Seniors enrolled in a course by March 19th will be given credit for the course **if they continue to participate for the remainder of the year**. All other high school credit-bearing courses will require students to fulfill the requirements of the course. **Seniors must complete work and receive a passing grade in order to earn credit.**

17. Is it true that seniors don't have to do anything the rest of the year?

No. Seniors must continue to complete their ELearning assignments and pass the courses in which they are enrolled to earn credit.

18. If a senior didn't pass ISTEP or ASVAB, will they still have to pass it to graduate?

No. The requirement to pass ISTEP in Math and English or ASVAB has been waived by the IDOE for the Class of 2020.

19. My child, who is a senior, still needs an additional class or two to graduate that they are not currently enrolled in. Will they now automatically earn credit?

No. Only courses that a senior was enrolled in by March 19th will earn credit. For courses enrolled after that date, a student must fulfill all of the requirements of the course. This includes Edgenuity.

20. Do students in grades 9-11 or those taking high school credit in middle school get any requirements waived?

No. They must meet the requirements of the class to earn credit. For sophomore and juniors, they must still pass the ISTEP to graduate or opt-in to the graduation pathways. Freshmen (Class of 2023) must follow the graduation pathways.

### **Graduation and Prom Ceremonies**

21. Will the Class of 2020 have a graduation ceremony?

A committee of high schools administrators, teachers, and students will be formed to develop a plan for graduation ceremonies. A traditional face-to-face ceremony will not likely be a possibility for June 7th

Please continue to check this website for the latest updates and information about graduation.

22. Will I get a refund immediately for graduation expenses?

Graduation monies are not held by School City of East Chicago. This year, the vendor is Herff-Jones. We will work with Herff Jones once we have the graduation plan developed.

**23. Have all senior activities been cancelled?**

Please continue to check this website for the latest updates and information about graduation.

**24. Will traditional summer school be offered?**

We are awaiting guidance from the CDC, and Governor Holcomb, and the Indiana Department of Education before plans can be confirmed.

**25. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please use the email address:**  
**[sceccovid19schoolclosing@ecps.org](mailto:sceccovid19schoolclosing@ecps.org)**.