

Tatum Municipal Schools

School Closure (COVID-19) – Questions and Answers

Through this process we will gain new skills, improve communication, and practice/develop tons of patience.

1. ***How will my child's education continue during the School Closure?*** Tatum School's Staff has met the past few days and developed a Continuous Learning Plan.
 - a. If your family has access to the Tatum Municipal School's Website (www.tatumschools.org) click on the drop down tab labeled "Coyote's View from Home." The tab is located on the upper left side of the website. (Works best with Chrome or Firefox.) (Also, refresh your browser regularly.)
 - b. All assignments and instructions for one week at a time will be located under your class or classes.
 - c. These assignments and instructions will be replaced each Monday.
 - d. Your child's teacher will be communicating with you or your child to explain how they would like the assignments returned or communicated back to them each week.
2. ***What if my family does not have access to Tatum School's Website?*** Tatum School's secretaries conducted a survey to determine technological capabilities of our families in the Tatum School District. (If you did not receive a call or were unavailable, please contact the school at (575)398-4455 to answer the survey questions.) If you do not have access, packets will be provided for you to pick up at the school. You will be contacted and a time set up for you to come and pick up your weekly packet.
3. ***Can I get internet access?*** LeaCo is providing internet service to families with school aged students free for 60 days. Please contact LeaCo if you are interested. Also, Tatum Schools has wireless internet. You may park in the parking lot and hookup to our wireless using the password cushmaneagle.
4. ***Will my child's teacher be available to help me understand how to help my child (or actually help my child) understand the assignments?*** All teachers will be available to help you or your child via phone, email or another internet platform each school day from 8am till 4pm.

5. ***How much time should my child expect to spend on school assignments each day?*** The following guidelines have been set by the NMPED.
- Pre-K: 30 minutes
 - Grades K-1: 45 minutes
 - Grades 2-3: 60 minutes
 - Grades 4-5: 90 minutes
 - Grade 6-12: 30 minutes per subject (3 hours max in a day)
6. ***How will grades be determined?*** Students who are currently enrolled in Edgenuity, Dual Credit College Courses, or ACT Academy will continue with the A-F grading system. Students enrolled in (regular) school courses will receive a Pass or Fail at the end of the semester.
7. ***Will Seniors be able to have a traditional graduation?*** Graduation is still scheduled for May 16th. If we are unable to have graduation at that time due to the current situation, we will postpone graduation until a later date.
8. ***If my child currently has an IEP, will he/she continue to receive services?*** Yes. You will be contacted by our Service Providers and Services will continue via Phone or some type of Virtual Service. Our staff will work with you and your child based on your family's ability to communicate through various devices.
9. ***If my child has been receiving ELL services, will they continue?*** Yes. ELL services will continue. Our ELL Coordinator will be contacting you.
10. ***How will we continue Dual Credit courses through NMJC or ENMU?*** All dual credit courses will continue online. Please login to Canvas and stay up with your courses.
11. ***My child is enrolled in the ACT Academy at the NMJC, will they need to drive to Hobbs for those courses?*** No. Those courses are converting to an online learning format. Mr. Durham will be contacting each student enrolled in the program with more information.
12. ***Does my family need to go purchase a computer or tablet?*** No. In most instances, a smart phone will be adequate. If you do not have a device of any kind, contact the school at (575)398-4455.
13. ***Will I be able to retrieve my child's personal belonging from his/her locker or desk?*** In order to avoid sanitizing issues, students will not be able to retrieve any items from the school unless the items are essential (Glasses, Medicine, etc.) until this COVID-19 situation is over.

14. ***Will we have Prom or any other end of year banquets, field trips, etc.?***
No. These have all been cancelled as ordered by NMPED.
15. ***Will “Grab and Go” lunches continue for the remainder of the school year?***
Yes. This program has been a wonderful success. Students can Grab their Breakfast/Lunch at 9:30am each school day at the West side door of the Cafeteria.
16. ***My child still has his/her textbook and or library books. What should we do with them?*** Please keep them until this crisis is over. We will plan a day to return those items at that point. Each teacher has documented which students have which books. If you are moving out of the district, please call (575)398-4455 and we will make plans to retrieve those now.
17. ***My child currently attends Tatum Schools but is on Edgenuity for his/her course work, do they continue with Edgenuity?*** Yes. Nothing changes for those students on Edgenuity.
18. ***I cannot read in English, will instructions be available for me in Spanish?***
Yes. Each teacher in our district has committed to providing instructions in English and Spanish.
19. ***I’m planning to move to another district and enroll my child in that district or I am new to the Tatum District, and would like to enroll my child.*** Do I need to contact the school? Yes. Please call (575)398-4455.