

Academic Services Frequently Asked Questions

Families/Student/Parents--Frequently Asked Questions

- **How will my child continue learning during the absence from school due to COVID-19?**
 - There will be three phases of “transition” into distance learning for LCS:

- March 23-30: All students were considered to be on an extended “Spring Break” until Monday, March 30th.
- March 30-April 10:

Beginning on Monday, March 30th, students are provided with review packets of academic materials created by LCS curriculum developers. The review packets will be available either online at <https://www.leonschools.net/learnathome>, in paper form for pick up at school sites, or at food distribution sites.

In the two weeks between March 30th and April 13th, teachers and schools will be moving to distance learning using a blended model. All teachers will be in contact by April 1.

- April 13 and beyond:

Beginning on April 13th, schools and teachers will be delivering distance learning. Specific communication regarding students learning from home for instruction for April 13th and beyond will come from school sites.

Individual teachers or school sites will also deliver information on how students will turn completed review packets in for credit, how to receive assistance with the work in the review packets, and how credit or grades will be awarded for the work in the review packets. A district hotline will also be set up to share this information.

Information about new assignments will also be communicated to students and families no later than April 13th.

Please note the Governor has not yet closed schools beyond April 15th.

- **Where can the review packets be found?**
 - Packets can be found on the LCS website in the following locations <https://www.leonschools.net/learnathome> and at each school’s website.

For those families without access to a device or access to the Internet, printed materials will be available for pick up at school sites or at food distribution sites.

- **How were the review packets created?**

The packets created by the Academic Services subject-area curriculum developers. Each of these FLDOE-certified, highly-qualified Leon County Schools instructors created packets which were intended to provide a review of instruction that would have been provided at the grade level during the previous three quarters of the school year using the district's pacing guide.

Review packet contents are aligned to grade-level appropriate Florida Standards, which are available for parent review at <https://www.cpalms.org/Public/>.

- **How can my child complete the review packets provided if they do not have computer or internet access?**

Printed packets will be available at school sites. For further assistance or information please contact your child's school site.

- **When will the review packets be expected to be returned for grading?**

Decisions regarding when and how packets will be returned and how credit will be assigned for work done in packets will be made at individual school sites. For information on how your child's school plans to handle this, you can use your child's school website to contact teachers and school administration.

- **Will the review packets be graded and will they be incorporated into my child's grade?**

Decisions regarding when and how packets will be returned and how credit will be assigned for work done in packets will be made at individual school sites. For information on how your child's school plans to handle this, you can use your child's school website to contact teachers and school administration.

- **How will my child receive assistance if they struggle with the review packets?**

Please contact your child(ren)'s school for assistance or contact the published hotline number.

- **Can my child's teacher assign work in the place of or in addition to the review packets?**

Some teachers may decide to assign additional work or to replace the district work packets with their own materials. Please contact your child's school with further questions.

- **Will packets eventually be provided for all subjects and all areas?**

At this time review packets are being provided for core instruction. The method of delivery of content for non-core or elective courses will be determined by individual sites by administrative teams and their faculty.

- **I would like to borrow a computer for my student, may I?**

At this time we are working individually with families to ensure student(s) have access to instruction. We have provisions in place through the end of the year that allows for students to receive paper copies of work should the need arise. In addition, we are conducting a technology access survey that should be completed and submitted to your student(s) school either in paper or online regarding your family's potential technology needs. Once a need has been identified and verified, your child's school may be able to assist. Please work with your student(s) school.

- **I do not have access to the Internet, will you provide it?**

At this time we are directing families to a variety of resources including Comcast who is offering free Internet for 60 days. We have provisions in place through the end of the year that allows for students to receive paper copies of work should the need arise. Please work with your student(s) school.

- **My child plays an instrument but s/he left it at school during Spring Break. How can my child pick up his or her instrument?**

At this time, please work with your child(ren)'s school or teacher for this situation being mindful of current national and federal requirements related to stopping the spread of COVID 19. This may mean that the instrument may not be readily available.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the review packets?

Students and parents can feel free to contact their teachers through email with questions about the work.

- **Will students receive grades for the spring semester while they are in a distance-learning environment?**

Yes, although campuses are closed, school is still in session and students are still earning grades. Schools will incorporate the process for assigning student grades.

- **With the cancellation of assessments for the 2019-2020 school year and school/district grades not being calculated, what will my school/district grade be?**

Schools and districts will not receive a grade. In the 2020-2021 school year, schools will continue to receive their level of support from the 2019-2020 school year.

- **How does the cancellation of state assessments impact students?**

The answer will vary based on students' grade level.

- Current seniors: If a senior is expected to graduate in spring 2020 and has not met the exit criteria for Algebra I EOC and/or Grade 10 ELA FSA, or earned a concordant score, this criterion will be waived.

However, students still must earn the necessary credits and meet the GPA requirements to graduate.

- Non-seniors: The Department is waiving the requirement for non-senior students who are currently enrolled in a course that requires an EOC to take the associated EOC.

However, non-seniors who have yet to pass the Grade 10 FSA ELA must still meet the exit criteria by passing that assessment during a future administration or earning a concordant score. Though non-senior students enrolled in the EOC course of Algebra 1 are not required to take the Algebra 1 EOC, they must still meet the mathematics assessment graduation requirement by either passing the Algebra 1 EOC (offered four times each year) during a future administration, earning a concordant score, or passing the Geometry EOC during a future administration.

- Grade 3 students: Since the grade 3 FSA data will not be available due to the cancellation of statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, promotion decisions will be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students' classroom performance and progress monitoring data.
- 30% for final grade: For students currently enrolled in courses that include a statewide EOC to be factored into the student's grade, this requirement will be waived for the purposes of calculating the course grade. However, students enrolled in Algebra 1 must still complete the assessment required for graduation.

Any questions regarding promotion or retention decisions should be directed to the school administration.

- **How will the cancellation of national assessment administrations (i.e., SAT and ACT) affect eligibility for Bright Futures?**

Information regarding Bright Futures will be forthcoming.

- **How will coursework for AP and IB courses be delivered?**

As teachers resume class instruction on April 15th, instruction in these courses will resume. Please contact your student(s) school for assessment information from either College Board (Advanced Placement/AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme.

- **How will students take their IB and AP exams?**

We are working with our partners at IB and AP. Please contact your student(s) school for assessment information from either College Board (Advanced Placement/AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Program examination information.