

As you've probably already heard, Governor DeSantis made the announcement on Saturday that all Florida schools will continue distance learning for the rest of this school year. We're sure this announcement has brought up new questions for you and we're doing our best to keep our information updated. Below are our FAQ for the week of April 20-25.

Si necesita esta información en español, vaya a <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/COVID%2019> o comuníquese al 767-HELP (3) para obtener la información

DISTANCE LEARNING

1. The governor has extended distance learning through the end of the school year. How will that change what my student is doing now?

We know the Governor's announcement was hard to hear for our students, our families and our employees. We miss our students and we know they miss us! Nothing changes as far as we're concerned regarding the current emergency distance learning plan ... our teachers have done an amazing job transitioning to emergency distance learning and we will continue what we're doing with the support of our parents and students. If your child is struggling, or needs additional assistance, please contact your student's teacher, principal or our district helpline at 767-HELP. Please be reminded that this is NOT virtual school or home school ... we know that you didn't pick this and neither did we. We know it's challenging for many of you to work and still work with your students and we want you to know that we're here to help and support you as much as we can.

2. My student heard grades don't count and now is refusing to complete work. Is that true?

That is not true! The DOE has asked us to show as much grace and compassion as we can to students and for teachers to be as flexible as possible with students who are attempting assignment and trying to make progress. If your student is struggling, or needs help, please contact your student's teacher and/or principal. Our goal is that all students will attempt the assignments, reach out to their teachers for help as needed, and progress to the next grade as appropriate. Our social workers and guidance counselors are working hard to reach out to students who may not have the supports that other students have and we're determined to get all of our students through this school year and on to GREAT things next school year.

3. Now that we're distance learning for the rest of the year, is the calendar changing?

No. At this time, we have no plans to adjust the school calendar. The last day of school this year is May 27th, 2020. Here's a link to our calendar <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/academic-calendar>

4. What about exams for AICE/IB/AP/DE students?

Your student's teachers and/or guidance counselor should have already communicated the plans for those exams to your student. If, for some reason, your student is not aware of the plans for those exams and is currently enrolled in an AICE/IB/AP/DE class, please contact the guidance counselor.

5. What about kindergarten/5th grade/8th grade "graduation"?

As you can understand, logistics are challenging right now and safety is our number one priority. We're focusing on trying to put together graduation for our high school seniors right now. Grade-level graduations, honor ceremonies and "perfect attendance" awards are going to be

our next projects and will be determined, most likely, on an individual school level. Since mass gatherings are still prohibited, it's unlikely we will be grouping students together anytime soon.

6. My student still needs to take the ACT/SAT. When will that happen?

Those national tests have been rescheduled in light of Covid-19. You can find out more information at www.act.org or <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

7. We borrowed a Chromebook, how we will return it?

Principals are working on schedules this week for students and a parent/guardian to return items. Please watch the school's Facebook page for updates.

8. What's going to happen next school year?

We have been planning for the past few weeks regarding our eventual return to school. We plan to have additional hand-washing stations and supplies available and may have to, depending upon guidance from the CDC/Governor/DOE, adjust some of our typical mass gatherings like pep rallies and other events. Much about that is not yet known but student safety will always be our priority and we will do our best to implement whatever guidance is passed along to us by the experts at the local, state and federal levels.

9. We don't have a phone number for our school. Where can we find that?

You can find those on our website at: <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/our-schools-elementary>, <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/our-schools-middle>, <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/our-schools-high>, <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/our-schools-special-purpose>

SENIORS

1. I have a senior, what is the district doing about graduation?

We've been meeting and brainstorming with our team for a few weeks now and were waiting for some additional guidance from the Governor's Office before finalizing our plans. We continue to meet and we hope to have some updates this week. **WE WILL HAVE A GRADUATION OF SOME SORT BUT IT MAY BE DELAYED AND WILL DEFINITELY LOOK DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER GRADUATION SINCE MASS GATHERINGS ARE STILL PROHIBITED. WE WILL BE GETTING DIPLOMAS TO OUR SENIORS AND WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO CELEBRATE THEIR MILESTONE.** Our hearts are broken for our seniors who also lost so much last school year as a result of Hurricane Michael. We will figure out a safe, approved way to honor them.

2. What about refunds for senior trips and other senior events?

Our principals are working diligently to secure refunds where they can. If/as those are secured, they will be in touch ASAP with those who are requesting refunds.

3. What about prom?

We do not have any updates about that at this time but expect to know more later this week.

4. My student needs transcripts sent to college, who can do that now?

Guidance counselors are working from school sites and remotely.

TECHNICAL HELP

1. My student can't log in, please help.

Please call our help line 767-HELP (4357). If you need technical assistance, press 1. You can press 2 to be connected to one of our specialists or # to receive assistance in Spanish. If we're on the phone, please leave us a message and we will return your call ASAP.

MEALS

Meal service will continue, to the best of our ability, throughout the rest of this school year. Buses are currently running Monday-Wednesday-Friday and routes can be found at <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/meals>. Look up the stop closest to you by finding the nearest elementary school.

Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., the following sites are also open for meal pick up:

Mosley
Cedar Grove
Rutherford
Jinks
Breakfast Point
Hutchison Beach
Lucille Moore
Lunn Haven
Parker
Southport
Tommy Smith
Waller

STUFF AT SCHOOL

1. My child still has medication at school that I need to get. How can I do that?

Medication pick up schedules were released several weeks ago so that most families could quickly get needed medication. If your student still has medication at school that you now need, please call your student's school.

2. Now that we're not going back to school this school year, how can we get my child's stuff from his/her locker or classroom?

Principals are working on schedules this week for students and a parent/guardian to come and pick up personal items. Please watch the school's Facebook page for updates.

NEXT YEAR

1. How do I register my student for kindergarten next year?

Please visit our website at <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/student-registration>. You can call your zoned school for more information or help.

If you have other questions not addressed in this document, you can do one of the following:

1. Visit our dedicated COVID-19 website at <http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/COVID%2019>. On the website, you'll find information for parents and employees along with resources in multiple languages and links to information from the DOE and CDC.
2. Call/email your student's teacher and/or principal.
3. Call our helpline at 767-HELP (4357). If you need technical assistance, press 1. You can press 2 to be connected to one of our specialists or # to receive assistance in Spanish. If we're on the phone, please leave us a message and we will return your call ASAP.
4. Email the district at BDScomm@bay.k12.fl.us