



Currituck County Schools
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CCS Remote Learning (COVID-19 School Closure) Frequently Asked Questions for Families and Students

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Important Reminder: We will use online learning resources to support our students during this difficult and unprecedented time. While we realize online learning can not fully substitute the quality of a face-to-face classroom, we are prepared to provide our students with creative and unique opportunities to continue their education while schools are closed.

During the COVID-19 School Closure, the District Leadership Team will meet with School Leaders every Friday to review and get feedback on Remote Learning Protocols. Changes to this FAQ will be posted on our website.

General Information

1. Why are schools closed?

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued an Executive Order requiring all North Carolina public and private schools to close for at least two weeks. The intention of this Executive Order is to allow schools and health professionals time to evaluate the impact of school closures on preventing the spread of COVID-19. On Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Cooper extended the school closure through May 15th.

2. How can I get updates on remote learning and the school system's response to COVID-19?

Expectations, teacher contact information, and updates will be posted to the Remote Learning page on the [COVID-19 website](#).

3. What is remote learning and how can my child participate?

Beginning on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, Currituck County Schools will transition to an online learning platform for all students in grades K-12. This will provide our students with the opportunity to continue learning while our schools are closed. Students can complete assignments anywhere they have access to the internet or request hard copies from their teacher/school. Students and parents will also be able to communicate with their teachers through email and other methods. Each teacher, including exceptional children's teachers will provide assignments and feedback to their students. Teachers are not permitted to visit individual student households.

Expectations for Students

1. Did the 3rd quarter grading period still end on March 26th?

Further guidance regarding grading will be forthcoming.

2. **What do we do about missing grades or assignments from the previous weeks?**

Students should contact their teacher for expectations on previously assigned work that is incomplete.

3. **Will student attendance be taken?**

Due to the nature of current events, CCS has decided to not track student attendance in PowerSchool during the COVID-19 School Closure. Teachers will track student work completion, participation, and performance. *Tracking Examples: Using LMS, Data Tracking Spreadsheets, etc.*

4. **What are the Grading Practices during the Remote Learning Period?**

a. *Elementary -*

- i. *Students in Grades K-5: Weekly checklists will be sent home to families electronically for students to complete by Friday. A maximum of two assignments for both reading and math will be graded weekly. These grades will be used to determine student understanding of material.*

b. *Middle School-*

- i. Each core teacher will provide a minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 graded assignments per week. Teachers will evaluate other assignments as completion only. Assignments for the week will be sent out on Mondays by 9am. Assignments are due on Fridays by 5pm.
**Guidelines are expected from the State Board of Education about how grades will be recorded/assigned for the remainder of the year. *Middle School students taking high school courses will follow the information provided in the bullet below.*

c. *High School-*

- i. Each teacher should evaluate and grade a minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 assignments per week and provide appropriate student feedback and academic support. Teachers will continue to send assignments on a daily or weekly basis as per their normal routine.
**Guidelines are expected from the State Board of Education about how grades will be recorded/assigned for the remainder of the year.*

5. **How should students proceed who are taking a College of the Albemarle, NC Virtual Public School, or APEX Course?**

COA dual enrollment courses resumed on Monday, March 23 through a remote learning format. The instructors of these courses will communicate directly with the students enrolled by email with the details and expectations of these courses. NCVPS and APEX courses are continuing via virtual learning as usual.

6. **Will 3-12 students take Benchmark Assessments (NC Check-ins) and EOGs/EOCs?**

We are waiting for further guidance from NCDPI around state assessments. There is discussion that the state will be waiving all testing requirements.

Technology Questions

1. **What technology do I need to participate in remote learning?**

Students will need an internet-enabled device. This could include a smartphone, computer or laptop, iPad or tablet, or school-issued Chromebook. We recognize that all K-5 students may not have a device. These students will have access to paper copies provided by their child's teacher/school.

2. **What if we have an internet service outage?** If you experience an internet outage at home, please contact your internet service provider. A benefit of our Remote Learning Plan is that it offers students the ability to complete assignments and activities throughout the week in the event of an internet outage.
3. **What is Google Hangouts and how can my child use this feature?** We have activated a feature in our Google platform called Google Hangouts. All students 6-12 can use this feature to chat with their teacher to ask questions and get help on assignments.
4. **Do parents have to have a Google Account to access Google classroom?** To get into Google Classroom, students have to login using their student Google Account. Students should know their information for logging in. If a parent needs the student's login information, the school's Instructional Technology Facilitator can provide it or the parent can email student.helpdesk@currituck.k12.nc.us to get it.
5. **Will students be permitted access to buildings that are providing wifi?** Students are not allowed in buildings per CDC guidelines. Students who need internet access can consider the following resources:
 - a. Drive-Up Wi-fi
 - Students/Parents may drive up to any of our school parking lots to access the school's wi-fi
 - b. Century Link
 - \$9.95 a month to qualifying families
 - [Link to the webpage with information](#)
 - [Link to the Application](#)
 - c. Hotspot/ mobile Wifi check out through CCS:
 - Students who need internet access will be able to check out a mobile hotspot from their school. Priority will be given to students at the high school level, followed by middle and elementary school levels.
 - Hotspots will provide 500mbs of data to students daily. To sign up for a hotspot check out:
Email: student.helpdesk@currituck.k12.nc.us
Student Helpdesk Phone: 252-722-0777