



# Mid-Del Schools Teacher Walkout FAQs



**Q: Does Mid-Del Support its Teachers and the Work Stoppage?**

A: Dr. Rick Cobb presented a Resolution in support of Mid-Del Teachers during the March 12, 2018, Board of Education Meeting. The Board of Education provided the unanimous 5-0 vote in support of its Mid-Del teachers to a round of cheers from the packed boardroom.

**Q: Who decides that school is not in session?**

A: The Board of Education approved a resolution of support of its educators and support staff on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cobb, our Superintendent, will cancel school if we cannot hold classes due to a lack of teachers available for the safety and education of our students.

**Q: When will notice be given of closure?**

A: We would like to know with a few days advance notice if we will be closing. Superintendent Cobb will notify parents by 7:00 p.m. the night prior to each school day if we do not have advance notice to cancel school. We will communicate through social media, local TV stations and our automated phone system.

**Q: Why are the teachers planning a work stoppage in Oklahoma?**

A: The legislature has not funded a pay raise to teachers in a decade and the Oklahoma Education Coalition believes this is the only way to truly get that issue addressed. In addition, teachers are asking for pay raises for support staff as well as increased per pupil funding.





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**Q: What is the maximum number of days there can be a work stoppage?**

A: There is no maximum number of days. However, 1,080 hours of instruction is required by law. If we have less than that amount, we risk having our State funding reduced proportionately to the time we miss. By law, the school year must end by June 30.

**Q: Do we have to make up the days that school is out during the work stoppage?**

A: Yes. Districts can choose to measure their amount of time by either hours or by days. At Mid-Del, we measure instruction by the hour. Over a school year, our students must receive a minimum of 1,080 hours of instruction. The good news for Mid-Del, our students receive much more than the minimum 1,080 hours. In fact, our students receive enough to equate to a total of 5 extra days that we would choose to use for inclement weather/snow days. For each day we are out of school, we will use one of those days first. However, if the work stoppage exceeds those number of days, we will need to add additional days at the end of the school calendar.

**Q: Will graduation be moved for the Class of 2018?**

A: No. We have contracts in place with the Cox Center that cannot be changed.

**Q: Will the Prom be moved for the Class of 2018?**

A: No. The Prom is scheduled to proceed due to contractual agreements.





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**Q: Will extra-curricular activities take place if school is not in session due to a work stoppage by our teachers?**

A: All high school athletic games and tournaments, fine arts competitions, concerts, extra-curricular activities, etc. will take place as previously scheduled if supported by sponsors and coaches.

**Q: Can practice occur for fine arts, athletics, and other activities?**

A: Practices can occur for in-season high school sports if the coaches agree to have them. However, practice cannot occur during regular school hours. No transportation will be provided for practice.

**Q: What about activities like after-school practices and events for students in elementary and middle school?**

A. For elementary through middle school, all after school practices, events and activities will be postponed until the work stoppage concludes and school resumes, at which time events and activities will be rescheduled if it's possible to do so.

**Q: If students have an out-of-state trip planned for a competition, concert, tournament, etc. can that still occur?**

A: Yes. Out-of-state trips are approved by the Board of Education well in advance of the event. Parents and students have conducted fundraisers for those events. They will still occur.





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**Q: What do I do if I have particular questions about my student's activities?**

A: Please contact Andy Collier, Director of Student Activities, if you have any questions or concerns at 737-4461. If we have patterns of questions that need to be added to this list, we will do so as a District.

**Q: Will Mid-Del Technology Center still serve students during the work stoppage?**

A: MDTC serves both adult students and high school students. Therefore, Full-Time MDTC will NOT be in session if there is a work stoppage. The classes that will take place are the adult ONLY classes in the evening; the Practical Nursing program, the Industry Specific Training, and SWAPS. The daycare program will also be closed.

**Q: Will Mid-Del students be able to attend concurrent (college) classes at Rose State College or other college campuses?**

A: Yes, off campus college classes will continue on schedule. Mid-Del does not provide transportation.

**Q: State testing begins in April. How will this affect those tests?**

A: Our State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister shared in a letter dated March 12th that there would be no change in the state testing schedules. Mid-Del Public Schools will modify its schedule based on the days school is not in session to make sure all required testing takes place.





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## Breakfast and Lunch Information

Mid-Del will provide breakfast and lunch through grant funding at the following locations for children ages 18 and under during a work stoppage:

Meals will be available for pick up only in the parking lots of the following locations. Parents/guardians will not be allowed to drop students off during this time. Childcare is NOT provided.

- Mid-Del Schools Administration (North parking lot), 7217 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street in MWC
- Cornerstone Church, Corner of SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street and S. Post Road in Midwest City
- Eastpointe Community Church, 6801 S Anderson Road in Oklahoma City
- Sunnyslane Family Church, 4221 SE 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Del City
- Sunny Lane United Methodist Church, 2020 S. Sunnyslane in Del City

Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

