



# SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

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Dear Salt Creek School District 48 Families,

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we navigate through this unparalleled time. It is our goal to keep communicating with all families during these rapidly changing circumstances associated with COVID-19. Although students will not be in school, all District 48 staff are working to provide all students with at-home learning activities for the next two weeks. The assignments serve as a review or additional practice so students are able to complete work independently, but may need parent guidance.

Please go to the Salt Creek E-Learning Website: <https://tinyurl.com/D48ELearning> to find assignments and related documents by grade level. You will find additional information below to ensure success with the at-home learning opportunities for you and your student.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at: [aross@saltcreek48.org](mailto:aross@saltcreek48.org)  
Stay healthy and best wishes,

Angie Ross  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

## **What are E-Learning Days?**

- E-Learning Days allow students to continue engaging in curricular study rather than add days to the end of the school year. While this type of learning environment can never replicate the traditional classroom environment, it can serve as an extension of learning or bridge to future lessons.
- During E-Learning Days, we want our students to enjoy the learning process through meaningful independent activities as students continue their learning at home. At this time, these activities are not necessarily planned to coincide with current units.

## **What are the expectations for E-Learning Activities?**

- PreK-4 Grade Level Teams and Grade 5-8 Teachers created a matrix of assignments for students to complete for up to 5 hours per day.
- Grade 5 -8 teachers will communicate school assignments through Google Classroom by 8 am, Monday through Friday. Alternate assignments will be provided for students who do not have internet access. See below for information on receiving internet access through Comcast, even if you are not a Comcast customer.
- All students will be provided with a matrix of activities for 2 weeks worth of work including:
  - o ELA/Reading Assignments
  - o Math Assignments
  - o Science Assignments

- o Social Studies Assignments
- o Specials/Support Services (Art, STEM/Tech, Music, PE, SEL/Spanish, Band/Orchestra, and Support Services)
- Students must complete ELA/Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies assignments and will also select a number of Specials activities to complete.

**How do we access the E-Learning Activities?**

- Click this link: <https://tinyurl.com/D48ELearning> for activities for the first five E-Learning Days beginning on 03/17/20. For students in grades 5-8, assignments will be posted via Google Classroom by 8:00 a.m. each morning.

**What should I do if my child does not understand an activity or if they need help?**

- Administrators, teachers, specialty area staff and support staff will be available via email from 8:00 to 11:00 and 11:45 to 1:45, Monday through Friday. Please email teachers for clarification to support your student. Teachers will respond in a timely manner during normal work hours.

**What are the “normal” working hours for teachers during an E-Learning Day?**

- Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm

**What if my child has an IEP, 504 or receives EL Services?**

- Specialists and Special Education Case Managers will communicate with grade level teachers to modify assigned activities as appropriate. In each grade matrix, there are E-Learning activities posted in the specialty areas. Staff may also assign individual activities as appropriate. Please email your child’s teachers if you need more clarification or assistance.

**What if a student has a technical difficulty that prevents them from completing an assignment?**

- Teachers are available to answer questions Monday through Friday at 8:00 to 11:00 and 11:45-1:45, so please email them or your building principal so they can access tech support for you.
- Albright Middle School Principal  
Gerrie Aulisa, [gaulisa@saltcreek48.org](mailto:gaulisa@saltcreek48.org)
- Salt Creek Primary and Swartz Elementary School Principal  
Sarah Smith, [ssmith@saltcreek48.org](mailto:ssmith@saltcreek48.org)

**What if I do not have internet access at home?**

- Paper-based materials can be picked up at your child's school on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5:30 and on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 2:00.
- Comcast is also providing free Internet access for 60 days for qualified families. To sign up, applicants can simply visit: <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>
- The accessible website also includes the option to video chat with customer service agents in American Sign Language. There are also two dedicated phone numbers 1-855-846-8376 for English and 1-855-765-6995 for Spanish.