



## School Closure Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

**Why are schools closing?** Governor Inslee has ordered all K-12 public and private schools in the state of Washington to close due to the novel coronavirus outbreak. The move is meant to slow the spread of the virus.

**I have registered to use a Chromebook, when can I pick it up?** The schools will be open for the purposes of allowing for the pick up of these materials on Monday March 23rd from 7:00AM-8:30AM again from 11:00AM - 12:30PM. If you are unable to come to the school at that time please contact the office of your child's school to make other arrangements. We want to get you the technology and materials you need!

**Will our school district provide childcare?** Yes, in accordance with the Governor's order we will provide limited childcare for the families of medical field workers and first responders. We will begin providing Childcare for this population, and there will be no cost for these services.. Childcare will run from **6:30 AM to 6:00 PM** Monday through Friday beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. If you would like to access this childcare, please call **the elementary school office (360) 673-5207 to preregister for services. Note: You must be pre-registered in order to receive childcare.**

**How will we keep kids in our childcare safe?** We will take every measure possible to keep students and staff safe, including providing social distancing, ensuring consistent hand washing, sending students home if they are sick, and routinely disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. We will be following guidance provided by the Department of Health.

**Will meals be provided for students during the closure?** Yes. We will provide a sack breakfast/sack lunch simultaneously Monday – Friday to students ages 0-18 at no charge. The meals are provided at one pick up time between 11:00AM and 12:30PM daily at the parent drop off area located in the main gym parking lot. **If your family is unable to pick up during this time period, but have students who need meals, please call 360-673-5772 and we will make alternative arrangements.**

If you need assistance with anything food service related, please call the district office and ask for Heidi Neiman at (360) 673-5282.

**Will students be learning from home during the closure?** Yes! Teaching staff met to design learning opportunities which will be made available through district online services and paper learning packets, which will be made available for pick up. The opportunities are being developed so that students can make progress in their learning despite the closure. We are expecting students to take advantage of these opportunities, but we will not require them. Please know that students who take advantage of our learning options will be better prepared to re-enter school when they return. Teachers will be reaching out to individual students on a regular basis. If you are not hearing from a teacher, please contact the school office, we want to make sure all contact information is correct so that everyone has access to these experiences. KSD Student Learning Opportunities will be available on Monday March 23rd. Contact the main office of your child's school:

**Middle/High School: 360-673-5212**

**Elementary School: 360-673-5207**

**Will students have to make up the days missed?** Our last day of school was scheduled for Friday, June 12th. However, due to the mandated closure the new last day of school will be Friday, June 19th. OSPI will grant us an emergency waiver for the remaining days. Please make the necessary arrangements in preparation for June 19th. We will communicate with families if dates change or waivers are made by OSPI.

**What about state testing?** OSPI has decided to cancel all state testing for the 2019–20 school year. This includes the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS), the Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM), English Learner Progress Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21), and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs.

**What about graduation requirements?** We have been assured that there will be flexibility and emergency waivers of some type, which will allow Seniors to graduate, even if the days they are able to attend are limited.

**Is the graduation date changed?** No, our graduation ceremony will remain on Friday, June 5th.

**What will staff members be doing during the closure?** Teachers will be planning lessons for students to stay active with their studies and to prevent as much of a lag as possible in their education. Teachers will be developing study packets, and engaging students through online tools such as Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams. Classified staff will be working to support childcare efforts, food deliveries, keeping the building sanitized for remaining occupants and engaging in professional development.

Due to the circumstances, our staff will be working in different roles, as well as doing their regular work differently. According to information we have received from Governor Inslee and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), all staff will continue to receive pay.

**Are there sports or extracurricular activities?** Per the directive from Governor Inslee, all sports and extracurricular activities are canceled until midnight on Friday, April 24th. Canceled means no students will be allowed on school property for gatherings of workouts, practices, or performances. More information will come in regards to what follows on the April 27th return.

**How might our community help?** We are open to any ideas you have. Just give the district office a call. We have already heard some great ideas shared, like parents being willing to watch kids when their neighbors are at work.

**Is my scheduled facility use of our schools and fields canceled?** Yes, all facility use by outside community members and groups have been cancelled until further notice.

**Will Schools or the District Office be open to the public during the school closure?** No, all facilities will be closed to the public beginning March 16th, 2020, and will remain closed until further notice. However, the school offices and district offices are available via phone and email to help answer questions. At this time, we will be using scheduled drop off and pick up methods for helping students get lunches, technology or other instructional materials. If you have a need please contact your child's school directly. We are here to help!

**How will the school district communicate information with families and the community?**

Email through Skyward Family Access

Website: [www.kalamaschools.org](http://www.kalamaschools.org)

Facebook and Twitter: Kalama School District Accounts