

Dear Salt Creek School District 48 Families,

As we work together to continue remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, we will continue to communicate our end-of-year plans with you. We are all disappointed that we won't be together in the classrooms, but we will stay connected until the last day of school!

You will find the answers to some frequently asked questions regarding end of the school year procedures. As we receive guidance and direction from the DuPage County Health Department and Illinois State Board of Education, we use that information to make decisions to ensure the health and well-being of students, families, and staff.

When are the last days of E-learning?

The last day for PreK students is Tuesday, June 2nd.

The last day for K - 7th Grade students is Thursday, June 4th.

The last day for 8th graders is May 27th.

Do we follow the normal district calendar for the rest of the year?

No; given our new instructional model, teachers are allowed additional planning time. Every Friday morning from 8 - 11 am is reserved for teacher meetings and planning. On Friday mornings, students can read, do online programs, and/or catch up on school work. May 22nd and May 29th are full day in-services for teachers to plan for the 2020-21 School Year. Here are the dates and times when there will not be new instruction and teachers will not be available for contact:

May 1, May 8, May 15 - Half Day Planning (8 - 11am)

May 22 and May 29 - Friday Full Day Planning and Articulation (8am - 2pm)

Will my son/daughter move to the next grade level?

We know there is concern about the amount of instruction missed during the period of school closure. Our goal is to ensure students not only maintain skills, but also increase their knowledge as we work through the final trimester of school. The current school closure period is a temporary, defined, emergency event that is affecting students throughout the entire country in equal measure. All students will be promoted to the next grade level in school. We will work as a District to adjust our curriculum for next year to meet the needs of our students and the skills that require more instruction during the upcoming school year.

If my child is going into 2nd or 5th grade, how will students be prepared to move into a new building next year?

While we cannot offer our traditional activities to prepare students for the process of transitioning to a new school, we are still planning supports for students who will be transferring buildings. As we get closer to August, we are planning transition events for each building to prepare for the new school year. As soon as dates and activities are confirmed, we will share that information with you.

How is student attendance taken during E-Learning?

Students will be marked in attendance and are expected to participate in daily school activities. If your child is unable to participate in E-Learning activities and will not be in attendance, please contact your child's school and leave a message.

How will the District address instructional concerns for the next school year?

During scheduled articulation days in May, teachers will work with the grade levels above and below to address what has been covered during E-Learning and student participation, as well as what was not taught during E-Learning. The curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year will be adjusted to account for instruction missed during the school closure period.

When will we drop off our devices and get our belongings from school?

We will have a device dropoff and belongings pickup for students graduating Albright and/or moving out of the district. We will send a schedule for this in the upcoming weeks. All other students will keep their devices over the summer into the upcoming year. We will leave student belongings in lockers and have a locker cleanout/item pick-up at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, as we are able to safely do so.

How can I pick up my son/daughter's medication from a school?

If your child has medication at school that needs to be picked up, the school nurse will contact you before the end of the school year to set up a pick-up day/time.

What if we are moving out of the district?

Please call your school's office to let them know that you are moving so we can set up a device drop off and item pick-up.

My son/daughter cannot keep up with their e-learning; what can I do?

Please encourage your child to do what they can and work with their teachers to get help if needed. All Specials/Specialist classes (PE, Art, STEM, Music, reading/math/language support) are encouraged, but optional. If your child is working more than 2-3 hours a day, he/she can skip their specials/specialist classes for the day. We highly suggest creating a daily schedule for your children and to keep a normal bedtime and wake up time.

What will 8th Grade Graduation look like and when will it be?

We will have the best graduation possible for our 8th Grade Vikings on Monday, June 1st at 6pm. We are working out the details with our 8th Grade Parent Committee and will share more information soon.

We hope we have addressed the questions you may have at this time. Please continue to check for emails from your child's school and visit the Salt Creek School District 48 E-Learning Website: <https://tinyurl.com/D48ELearning> to find assignments and related documents by grade level. We want to support your at home learning environment. Continue to stick to a daily routine for your children and limit their screen time (computer, television, iPad). As the weather gets warmer, try to break up your day with outdoor or family activities.

Stay healthy and safe, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

Respectfully,

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