

Update: March 19, 2020

Parents,

This is the March 19th update. As I get information from ASD, USBE, UHSAA, and all the other acronyms, I will keep you updated, so that you can be informed with the latest information, and not have to rely on speculation, rumors, and misinformation.

1. Breakfast and Lunch

Change in "Grab and Go" Meal Distribution

ASD was granted a waiver from the state, which means we can now have breakfast and lunch picked up at the same time. This will limit the number of trips families have to make to a school site for food pick up. Because of this change, **all meals will be distributed from 8:30-11:00 am**. Another change is that **schools will serve any student at any neighborhood school free of charge**. Westlake will be changing its procedures to curbside pick-up. The location of the curbside service will be out of the north gym doors. Students can drive between the football field and the auxiliary gyms and stop by the open gym doors (where we sell tickets to football games), and someone will bring them the meal to the car. This will begin Monday.

2. Start of Distance Learning

If your student is having difficulty with distance learning, then please reach out to the teacher through e-mail and they can offer some suggestions as to how to ease frustration. The following may also be helpful:

- **Help for Parents**

[Online Learning Basics for Parents - owned device, not school issued](#)

[Online Learning Basics for Parents - School Issued Chromebook](#)

3. Chromebook Issues

We are experiencing some Chromebook issues. Reports came in that some would not connect or were slow. Given statewide demands on the UEN resources, we had a hard time getting the settings to push out to our Chromebooks. They should update now when students login, but we will monitor things this morning. Students may need to reboot a time or two for all the settings to get loaded. Thank your teachers for their patience with assignments as some students haven't been able to access their accounts yet.

If you still need a Chromebook, please go to the following link to set an appointment.

bit.ly/bjacksonappointment

1) Before coming, make sure you have filled out the Chromebook checkout form online at bit.ly/ASDchromebook put 000 for the ASD Tag #

2) When you arrive, come to the roundabout in front of the main office

3) Text your students name to (385)-685-0236, give a few minutes and we will come out to your car with a Chromebook.

4. Technology Support

Some of you have asked what the school/district responsibilities and supports are with technology.

Families and students, we have a technology support help form. It is on the

district alpineschools.org/onlinelearning page. We are changing it from "online learning info" to "technology help". If the issue is a problem with a document or resource in Canvas or Google Classroom, we will have the Innovative Coaches work with teachers to correct

5. School/Office Hours

Beginning next Monday, March 23, school office hours will be 8 AM – 12:00 pm. That will give time for meal prep and clean up. Staffing will be staggered so there will be only minimal amount of people at the school. At least one administrator and minimal office staff will be in the building when the school is open.

6. District Office Hours

Because the District Office will also be following limited hours of 8 AM - Noon, please reach out to us by email if you have any questions or concerns that arise. We will all be available to help anytime. Other district office staff will be available to answer emails during normal office hours.

7. Spring Activities

We do not yet know what will happen with the spring sports/activity season.

8. Drivers Ed

A few clarifications about Drivers Education: Many of our students have done a portion of their Drivers Education, but have not completed all three things (classroom instruction, range, and road). If a student has paid for road/range but has not done it yet, they can either postpone and do it when school resumes, or get a refund and finish it out with a private company.

9. ACT

ACT has canceled for the March 24th testing.

10. AP Tests

- If schools are closed close to the testing dates in March or April, then AP makeup testing dates will be available. Which dates best serve a school will depend on how much instructional time is lost.
- If a school is able to make up most of last instruction time, AP recommends testing on the regular scheduled exam dates.
- If a school needs to make up some instructional time, they may update students' exam orders to late testing scheduled for the third week of May. Selecting "school closing: election, national holiday, or natural disaster" ensures that the late testing fee will not be applied..
- Schools closed for extended periods of time that need even later options (i.e., June retest dates) can contact AP Services for Educators beginning in April to make such arrangements.

11. ASPIRE

Aspire will be available as soon as school is back in. Once we reconvene, please look at a schedule to complete testing. The state directors are making recommendations about adjustments in testing requirements based on when school normalizes and what adjustments the state may make.