

March 26 Update

As you know, Governor Herbert and Superintendent Sydnee Dickson issued a press release announcing that "Utah's K-12 public schools will extend their dismissal through **Friday, May 1st.**"

Since we will be utilizing digital instruction for several more weeks, there are many things ASD and Westlake will need to review and make decisions about. We have already heard from many of you with questions since this announcement was made. Thanks for your patience as we work through things. We will continue to communicate with you as quickly as possible. The following are some answers to some of the questions we have received.

New Stuff

1. Schools Closed to the Public Starting Monday

ASD will be closing all schools beginning next Monday, March 30. All doors to the building should remain locked. Although there will be employees in the building, preparing meals and staffing the main office, the school will be closed to the public. If someone needs something from inside the school (a book from a locker, an instrument, etc), they should call the front office and an employee can retrieve the item. The student or parent should come to the school during the "Grab and Go" drive through meal service where they will be given the item in the drive through line.

2. School Libraries Closed

The closing of schools includes the school library. If there is something that a student needs from the school, including from the library, they should follow the protocol in #1.

3. . Spring Break

Spring Break will be the entire week of April 6-10 (Monday through Friday). There should **not** be any school work assigned during that week. Teachers, students, employees, administrators, and parents will take a much needed break.

4. Spring Sports Moratorium Extended

The following was received from **MIDVALE, Utah (March 24, 2020)** – *“The Utah High School Activities Association is announcing an extension to the ongoing suspension of the Association’s Spring activities and athletics, due to ongoing statewide prevention efforts with the COVID-19 virus.*

*As a result of Governor Herbert’s directive in a March 23 press conference, the Association continues to **suspend** all UHSAA spring activities and athletics, including practice and/or team gatherings, **until at least May 1.***

In consultation with board directives and information provided by state public health officials, the UHSAA has suspended spring activities and athletics, including practice and team gatherings, to properly fulfill best practices regarding protection of students and the general public. More information will be sent to member schools and/or districts as it becomes available.”

5. Will there be any Spring Sports?

Spring Sports could come back if schools reopen on May 1. The UHSAA Board of Trustees has asked the UHSAA to explore two different timetables to try to finish the spring sports season. The first window is May 2 to Memorial Day on May 25 — the traditional ending date for high school sports. The second scenario involves pushing the season back to June 13. UHSAA will explore possibilities in late April.

6. AP Testing

AP will be offering online exams that can be taken from home. They will be 45 minute exams. AP will communicate directly with teachers and students but we will continue to communicate anything new that we find out. On April 3rd, College Board will release information on how AP exams can be accessed and when. For more info follow this [link](#).

7. MTech Credit

MTEC has made the difficult decision to postpone their classes until at least May 4th. Many private schools are making the same decision. This means that students cannot complete the hours required to earn high school credit. Because many of our students are dependent on this credit for graduation, any student who maintains their enrollment and was in good standing with MTEC (or their private school) prior to this decision will receive a "P" on their transcript for each high school credit for which they are enrolled. Scholarships from our CTE office for private cosmetology school will not be impacted. Students will need to work with their respective schools to meet their requirements for program completion and licensing. Any student or parent with questions or concerns can email Michelle Price directly at michelleprice@alpinedistrict.org

8. Virtual Try-outs

Alpine School District schools are not going to have virtual try-outs at this time for any activities. This includes things like cheerleading, drill team, dance, choir, drama, etc. We will have live try-outs when the school dismissal is lifted after May 1. If school does not resume on May 1, we will have guidelines in place to have virtual try-outs for all activities during the month of May.

9. May Events

As of right now, the school dismissal is scheduled until May 1. We are not cancelling May events at this time (lagoon day, graduations, senior activities, etc). We will address May activities if there is reason to believe the school dismissal will go longer than May 1.

10. Trip Refunds

School groups are continuing to work on getting refunds from out of state trips.

11. Reach out to Students

Counselors, Advocates, aides, teachers, should be proactive in reaching out to check on students. If your student is struggling with on-line learning, then please contact the teacher. They should respond within 48 hours.

State Superintendent Sydnee Dickson said:

“During the uncertainties of the coming weeks, it is more important than ever to remain socially

connected with our students and families while doing our best to ensure learning continues."

12. Teacher/Student Scheduling Online Meetings

If teachers are scheduling online meetings with your students, they have been asked to do it during the time of their typical class (A/B day schedule). We have received feedback that multiple things are being scheduled at the same time for students. This will prevent overlap of scheduled tutoring. They have also been encouraged to set up tutoring after 2:15 pm.