



DEER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Deer Creek COVID-19 FAQ's for Students & Families

1. When will school resume?

The Oklahoma State Board of Education has closed public schools until Monday, April 6, 2020. However, we should all be prepared for the possibility that this closure could be extended. The State Board of Education will consider a possible extension at their next meeting on March 25, 2020. **Update: Schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.**

2. Will we receive online lessons from teachers?

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister and the State Board of Education have mandated that all operations cease during this time of closure. They have specifically directed districts to cease all instruction, grading, testing, online instruction, family/student/staff meetings, and professional development. All school campuses are to remain closed to students, families and staff. **Update: Distance Learning will begin Monday, April 6, 2020.**

3. Can we email the teachers and ask questions or get work?

No, not at this time. Since schools have been mandated by the State Department of Education to cease all operations including academics, our staff will not be allowed to respond to emails of parents or students asking for or about work. We encourage our parents and students to refrain from emailing our staff during this 2 week cessation period. **State Department of Education FAQ'S. [CLICK HERE for the full list.](#)**

What action did OSDE and the State Board take at its emergency meeting on March 16, 2020? On March 16, the State Board of Education ordered all accredited public schools to cease operations, effective March 17 until April 6, 2020.

What is included in "operations" that must be ceased? All instructional services, grading and extracurricular activities, staff development, trainings and conferences must cease. However, essential clerical and administrative activities such as business management (i.e, encumbrance clerk, human resources, fiscal services, governance), nutrition services and maintenance may continue as needed.

Update: You may begin emailing your teachers on April 6, 2020.

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4. **Can we complete online learning at home? I do not want my child to fall behind.**

We understand and share this same concern. However, at this time, our state leaders want all families to focus on staying safe and following CDC, state, and federal guidelines. Please do not worry about your child falling behind. We are all in this together. We are providing [“Engaging Student Resources”](#) on our district website. Please refer to this link for suggestions that will keep children engaged in meaningful learning activities at home. We will update the links as we find additional high-quality resources. There are many things that families can do to keep their children active, engaged in learning, and following healthy routines at home. However, we have been specifically directed not to create an online learning environment at this time. **Update: Distance Learning will begin on April 6, 2020. Please Click Here for Distance Learning Highlights. Please Click Here for Distance Learning Plan and Information.**

5. **What about State Testing?**

State Superintendent, Joy Hofmeister, announced there will NOT be State Testing or School Report Cards.

6. **What about practices, rehearsals, graduation, prom, field trips, student performances, awards ceremonies, and such?**

As directed by the State Dept of Education, all events, competitions, practices (both mandatory and non-mandatory), and all tutoring, instruction, and meetings (both online and in-person) are to cease until April 6, 2020. The State has made it very clear that all means all. As we get closer to events scheduled beyond April 6, 2020, we will continue to closely monitor and follow CDC guidelines as well as state and federal recommendations. The State Board of Education may extend the time of closure for all schools and activities statewide beyond April 6, 2020. The safety of our students, families, and staff must be our top priority during this unprecedented time. We will take this one day at a time together. It would be a good idea for us to mentally prepare our students and families for the possibility of wide scale cancellations. However, it would not be appropriate to make those decisions now as this is a rapidly changing, ever-evolving time, and much of what we are potentially facing is difficult to predict.

UPDATE: Due to federal, state, and local guidelines prohibiting gatherings of more than ten people we have made the decision to cancel the 2020 DCHS prom. While we are saddened to have to make this decision it was made with the best interest of the health and safety of our DCHS family in mind

The High School and District are evaluating options for graduation ceremonies and will update you when we have more information.

At this time, in accordance to OSSAA guidelines, there will be no gatherings, practices, games, individual lessons, or tryouts for sports or extra-curricular activities.

7. **My high school student is concurrently enrolled. Will concurrent classes continue?**

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education governs the colleges of Oklahoma. Please follow the guidelines and procedures being issued from your child’s college. Your child can continue these courses if allowed to do so by their collegiate institution. Please see your child’s college website for additional information.

8. My child is on an IEP. Will there be support services during this time for special needs students?

To protect the health and safety of all students, their families, and our staff, the State Dept of Education has directed that all school operations cease. This includes instruction and thus includes IEP/504 accommodations for school settings and all supportive services. IEP/504 meetings and deadlines that were scheduled for this time of closure will resume as soon as school resumes. The State Department of Education will be providing additional guidance in the days/weeks ahead. **UPDATE: The Special Services staff will make contacts for virtual meetings with individual students and their families beginning the week of April 6, 2020. Each family who has a child with special needs will receive a letter outlining what the expectations are for services as we move forward. In addition, we do not want to risk exposure for our students who are medically fragile as they fall in a high category for injury. We have in place extra precautions regarding services to students with special needs and our service providers will be implementing these additional precautions as they provide those services.**

9. Will our district be providing meals for students?

At this time the Deer Creek School District does not meet the federal waiver guidelines regarding the percentage of free and reduced lunch students required to serve students. Guthrie, Edmond and Putnam City have feeding sites that qualify for federal funding and will serve qualifying students 18 and under from Deer Creek Schools. Notifications of times and locations for drive through pick up have been sent to qualifying families via Infinite Campus email. They are also listed under our COVID-19 Child Nutrition Resources: [COVID-19 Child Nutrition Website](#). Students must be present to receive a meal.

We are thankful for these districts and their willingness to help us care for our students. The State Department of Education has requested a federal waiver that would allow Deer Creek to serve its students. Deer Creek Schools have applied to serve meals under this waiver when approved. This waiver has not been approved at this time. If and as soon as this changes, we will notify our families.

UPDATE: Deer Creek was notified that the State received a federal waiver that now allows us to feed students from locations here in the district. Up to Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Guthrie, Edmond and Putnam City will continue to provide meals for our Deer Creek Students. Beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2020, Deer Creek will serve curbside Grab and Go meals to all children ages 1-18 from 11:00- 12:30 each weekday. Any student from any site may pick up their meal, which will be lunch for the day and breakfast for the next day, at either Spring Creek Elementary or Prairie Elementary. The student must be present in order to receive the meal.

Spring Creek Elementary School
15400 N. Rockwell, Oklahoma City, OK 73013

Prairie Vale Elementary School
22522 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Edmond, Ok 73025

10. Will our school year be extended into the summer break?

Whether or not we are required to make up missed school days will be determined by the State Board of Education during the March 25, 2020 meeting.

UPDATE: No, school will end for students on May 13, 2020.

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11. How will we receive information and updates from the district? What about from our school sites?

Deer Creek Schools are committed to supporting our students, families, and staff during this time of uncertainty. Please save the web address to this ONLINE NEWSLETTER. As we find additional information and resources helpful to our families, we will add it to this page. You may also visit the [Deer Creek COVID-19](#) page on the District website for all parent notifications, letters from Student Services and Health and Wellness, Engaging Student Resources, Child Nutrition Resources and additional COVID-19 Information. When we have important information to push out, we will add it to this page and resend the link via email and social media. We are very concerned about the stress of information overload for our families. We have asked our staff not to send information to families, but rather send it to the site principals, and they will send it to our district administration to pass on to families through this collective online newsletter. We do not want our families with children in multiple DC schools to be flooded with information in addition to the abundant information that is currently going out to all citizens via news outlets and social media. This online newsletter will serve as your one-stop source of information for all Deer Creek Antlers.

UPDATE: Individual teachers have begun communicating with students and/or parents via email. Watch for additional information sent on Friday, April 3, 2020 regarding google classroom. Distance Learning starts Monday, April 6, 2020.

12. Can my student retrieve their personal items from school?

At this time, Deer Creek will follow all CDC, Federal and State Guidelines. We will not be opening schools sites for students to retrieve items in an effort to protect our staff and our student's health. There is no feasible way to allow the high number of students who want to retrieve items from school without violating the guidelines that have been set forth by the CDC and State. Deer Creek principals and administrators will devise and notify of a plan for when the time comes that we are available to open sites for entry.

13. Are campus facilities open or available for use?

In compliance with local and state directives, all outdoor facilities (tennis courts, track & field, and all playground equipment) are closed to the public. Other than essential employees as outlined for us by the State Department of Education, no employee, patron or student will be permitted in school buildings. Please help us help others remain healthy and flatten the curve.

14. I forgot how to log into my student email account?

All Students PreK through Twelfth Grade have a Deer Creek Google Account. Helpful reminders are listed below:

- Email: student ID number @student.dcsok.org
- Default Password: lower case initials + six digit birthday (MMDDYY)
- Example:
 - Name: Albert Brian Chapman
 - Student ID: 00000000
 - Birthday: April 6th, 2010
 - Username: 00000000@student.dcsok.org
 - Password: abc040610
- Fifth through Twelfth Grade Student passwords will remain unchanged

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- 15. How do I get assistance with Infinite Campus, On-Line Registration or Login?**
- New Student questions should be directed to enrollment@dcsok.org
 - Returning Student questions should be directed to student's school secretary
 - Login questions should be directed to campusportal@dcsok.org
- 16. How will I receive communication from the District, School Site or my Teachers(s)?**
Deer Creek School District will communicate through the following methods:
- Email
 - Google Classroom
 - District Website
 - District Social Media (Facebook & Twitter)
 - Deer Creek App (via SchoolMessenger)
- 17. How will grades work?**
Parents may have their children do as much or as little of the learning activities as will work for their families at this time. Student work will be tied to state standards giving opportunity for mastery of those standards. A student's final grade will be what it was on March 12, 2020 unless your child completes assignments given weekly to raise their grades.
- 18. Can my child's grade go down?**
If your child does no further work, their grade will be the grade they had on March 12, 2020.
- 19. What if I have a child on an IEP or 504?**
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- 20. Will my senior still graduate and will there be a graduation ceremony?**
Students in good standing and on track to graduate will be afforded the opportunity to graduate. The High School and District are evaluating options for graduation ceremonies and will update you when we have more information.
- 21. What will my student need for Proof of Enrollment and Reading Test Requirement in order to obtain a Driver's License?**
The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety has announced due to school student's not returning to school this year they are waiving certain requirements for learner's permits and driver licenses. You are currently not required to provide documentation proving enrollment or of having passed the 8th grade reading test. We will not issue any more of these letters until the DPS reinstates this requirement.
- 22. Will AP Testing still occur and how will my child be prepared?**
Students in Advanced Placement courses have been contacted by the school. *The College Board* is presenting online study sessions and packets for students to prepare for the Advanced Placement Exams. Students will have the opportunity to take a modified exam at home.

23. I have students in multiple buildings using Istation. How do I access each site?

Parents will need to change the domain for each building. Instructions for this are on the Distance Learning website and listed below:

- Type CONFIG in the username and password
- Select a new domain
 - Deer Creek Elementary: deercreekele.dcs6.ok
 - Grove Valley Elementary: grovevalley.dcs6.ok
 - Prairie Vale Elementary: prairievale.dcs6.ok
 - Rose Union Elementary: roseunion.dcs6.ok
 - Spring Creek Elementary: springcreek.dcs6.ok
 - Intermediate School: deercreek.dcs6.ok
 - Middle School: deercreekms.dcs6.ok

23. How long will we have access to the academic links?

Links to many academic programs will be open and available through the end of July for student use and practice. However, assistance will not be provided after the students last day of classes on May 13, 2020.