

DAKOTA PARENT COVID-19 INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How much time should my child be engaged in learning?

Your child's teacher will be reaching out with specifics in what is determined essential. In addition, ISBE encourages the teachers to give additional optional work, engagement opportunities as long as it's made clear to students and families the work is optional and will not negatively impact the student's grades. Below are the ISBE guidelines.

Grade Level	Minimum	Maximum	Recommended Length of Sustained Attention
PreK	20 minutes/day	60 minutes/day	3-5 minutes
K	30 minutes/ day	90 minutes/day	3-5 minutes
1-2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day	5-10 minutes
3-5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes/day	10-15 minutes
6-8	Class: 15 minutes/day Total: 90 minutes/day	Class: 30 minutes/day Total: 180 minutes/day	1 subject area or class
9-12	Class: 20 minutes/day Total: 120 minutes/day	Class: 45 minutes/day Total: 270 minutes/day	1 subject area or class

Further, we encourage teachers to give additional optional work, engagement opportunities, and enrichment opportunities (e.g. independent research projects) as long as it is made clear to students and families that the work is optional and will not negatively impact a student's grade. Additional engagement is especially important for primary grades, where it is not developmentally appropriate to expect a student to attend to academic tasks for a long period of time. Instead, students and families should be supported in having access to varied enrichment opportunities. In addition, students and families are encouraged to support academic skills and social-emotional health through activities that extend beyond assigned remote learning work.

2. Are the student breakfast & lunches available for all students?

YES. ANY Dakota student can receive a Free student lunch & breakfast during this COVID-19 pandemic They are delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays to the following drop off locations:

Route 1: (Gray Chevy Traverse)

8:00 - 8:15 Rock City "Horseshoe"

8:25 - 8:45 Dakota Park

9:00 - 9:15 Lancaster Heights (former Moose Lodge - Kenneth Drive)

9:25 - 9:45 Lancaster Heights (Lancaster Heights Road)

Route 2: (Dakota School Bus)

8:00 - 8:15 Davis Park

8:25 - 8:40 Lake Summerset Quarry

8:50 - 9:05 Lake Summerset Pool

9:25 - 9:40 (Fisher St & Rock Grove Rd)

Schedule changes will be announced through a phone call when necessary.

3. **Will my child's work be graded?**

The goal is to continue student learning. The recommendation of grading is based upon the principle of "No educational harm to any child". The aim, emphasis, and focus for school work assigned, reviewed, and completed during remote learning is on learning. Student work can only "help" your grade.

4. **Will there be mass retention because students are not able to complete assignments?**

NO. Unless retention was a consideration prior to COVID-19. When school resumes, student learning gaps will be addressed.

5. **Should we drop off completed student work to the school?**

NO. We ask that you keep the child's work until school resumes.

6. **Will the required state achievement testing be completed this year?**

NO. All required state testing has been cancelled or postponed for this year.

7. **Will the high school graduation ceremony be cancelled?**

NO. High School graduation will not be cancelled. In the event the state order is still in effect, it will be rescheduled for a later date. It will NOT be cancelled.

8. **Are there different guidelines if my child is taking dual credit or College Now classes?** Please click this link for specifics. [Joint-Dual-Credit](#)

9. **Will the buildings/office remain open during this quarantine?**

NO. The office & buildings will be closed @ noon starting Friday, April 3rd.

10. **Chromebook IT issues should be sent to the following e-mail address:**

<https://forms.gle/bVeQoT8QQ9vxMxVy9> Please include student name, grade and the chromebook problem. If you declined a chromebook initially, but now it is needed, please email this address as well.

11. **My student has an IEP. How is it being handled?** The focus on instruction should be individual and based on the child's IEP. Teachers will determine which goals can be addressed in light of the child's circumstances. Communication between special education teachers, classroom teachers, and clinician needs to be differentiated between e-learning materials. There is no need to make adjustments or amendments to the IEP at this time.
12. **What if my child had an IEP meeting already scheduled?** The IEP meeting will still be held virtually. Teachers will be in contact with parents.
13. **What if my child was receiving a reading or math intervention @ the elementary?** Continue working on information that was sent home, and by using Lexia and Raz-Kids. If you need more information on independent reading levels, please email Jennifer Kraft @ jkraft@dakota201.com or Barb Hickey @ bhickey@dakota201.com.
14. **Will students be expected to participate in e-learning on Good Friday & Easter Monday?** NO. These were approved holidays in the school calendar.
15. **Friday, April 24th**, has been designated as an e-learning inservice day for Teachers. This means students will not be participating in e-learning on this day. Teachers will use the day for planning.
16. **We are especially concerned about your child's mental health.** We encourage you to use this free mental health app - STOP, BREATHE, THINK. You can download using the following links: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/stop-breathe-think/id778848692>
<https://www.stopbreathethink.com/>

Questions can be emailed to teachers or administrators. Stay Safe!