







East Porter County School Corporation
COVID-19
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

[IDOE COVID-19 Impact on Schools FAQ](#)

Number	Question	Answer
1	How is EPCSC feeding students while students are away from school buildings?	<p>Lunches are distributed to families in need every Monday and Wednesday at Washington Township MS/HS between the hours of: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at the main entrance.</p> <p>If your family is in need of assistance, please contact our food service director Lori Sikora at lori.sikora@eastporter.k12.in.us or call 219.766.2231 Ext. 2020</p>
2	How will state mandated assessment administration be addressed while students are away from school buildings? (Taken from IDOE FAQ)	<p>State mandated assessments for the 2019-2020 school year have been canceled. A notification to schools can be found here.</p> <p>Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-05 states, "All state-mandated assessments are cancelled for the 2019-2020 academic year." This includes the assessments on the above mentioned link, along with the United States Naturalization Exam and dyslexia screening.</p> <p>Information regarding summer assessments coming soon.</p>
3	What is the status of all Indiana Schools?	Pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-16, all K-12 schools in Indiana shall provide instruction via remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Schools shall not conduct in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year, and school buildings shall remain closed except for the purposes described in Executive Orders 20-04, 20-05, 20-08, and as may be described in any future Executive Orders.
4	Do minors need to have a work permit on file with their employer during the mandatory school closure?	The Department of Labor has suspended the requirement for employers to have on file a work permit for minors they employ effective Monday, March 16. This will be in effect until May 1, 2020. Therefore, the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Child Labor inspectors will not hold employers responsible to have a work permit

		on file for minors employed between the dates of March 16 and May 1.
5	What are the graduation requirements for the 2020 cohort?	<p>Guidance pertaining to graduation requirements for the 2020 cohort can be found here and here.</p> <p>As far as earning a diploma goes, the state has said that any 2020 senior who was on track at the end of first semester this year (7th semester total) and is enrolled in the proper course work this year, will be eligible for a diploma.</p> <p><u>Seniors need to finish their course work.</u> Students must obtain a passing grade to earn a credit for the course. The entire faculty is here to support them through this time and would also like to see them complete their high school journey in this capacity.</p> <p>Please realize seniors who stop now <u>will receive an incomplete</u> on their transcript for their currently enrolled courses as mandated by the state. This could adversely affect college, trades, military and work.</p> <p>In addition, any student who needs to complete an Odyssey course to graduate, must complete that course or courses.</p> <p>If you have questions regarding grades, credits, and graduation requirements, please contact your counselor or assistant principal.</p>
6	What are we doing about Graduation Ceremonies?	<p>Right now our current graduation date is postponed and all plans are on hold. We will be looking to make a decision more towards the middle of May. We want to give our seniors the best possible solution and there are just too many unknowns at this time.</p> <p>We are also exploring options in the event that a traditional graduation will not be possible this summer. Please keep checking back for updates.</p>
7	What are we doing about Dual Credit?	<p>Ivy Tech: Dual Credit (DC) Programming: The College is committed to ensuring that DC students are able to earn college credit for the courses in which they are enrolled this semester while maintaining academic standards. This requires continued partnership with our DC teachers to ensure that the Ivy Tech course learning objectives are covered though e-learning delivery. Teachers are reviewing the Course Outline of Record for the course(s) they are teaching, self-assessing progress</p>

		<p>toward coverage of the required objectives, and developing plans for covering the remaining objectives.</p> <p>Your DC teachers will be contacting you about your options for credit issued by Ivy Tech.</p>
8	What are we doing about Prom?	<p>We are currently planning on postponing prom until safety and regulation allow us to have something close to a traditional setting.</p> <p>We are also exploring options for if a traditional prom will not be possible this summer. Please keep checking back for updates.</p>
9	Are there going to be finals? 	
10	How will AP exams be administered this year?	<p>AP Exams this year will be take-home exams. For more information regarding resources, support, exam formats, and exam dates visit this link from the College Board: https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students</p> <p>If you have additional questions, contact your AP teacher, counselor, or building principal.</p>
11	What is happening with athletics?	<p>The IHSAA has cancelled the spring sport season. We will share news about conditioning for next year's athletics during the summer when we have that information.</p>
12	Who should I contact if I am having issues with my Chromebook?	<p>Please contact your building technology assistant.</p> <p>We have a process in place to repair devices that are in need.</p> <p>Washington Elementary- marianne.harrison@eastporter.k12.in.us Washington Middle/High- kim.brys@eastporter.k12.in.us Kouts Elementary- sherri.lindeman@eastporter.k12.in.us Kouts Middle/High- shelly.dick@eastporter.k12.in.us Morgan Elementary- dara.jeffries@eastporter.k12.in.us Morgan Middle/High- erin.venicefortner@eastporter.k12.in.us</p>

13	<p>How will I return my Chromebook and other textbooks or novels?</p> 	
14	<p>How do I pick up medication that was in the nurse's office?</p>	<p>Please email your child's principal.</p> <p>Each principal will work with you and the nurse in your building to provide a way for you to pick up the medication that is in the building.</p>
15	<p>How can I return uniforms?</p> 	
16	<p>How can I clean out my locker or my desk?</p> 	
17	<p>Are grades still going to count?</p>	<p>All high school grades will be counted on the student's transcript. All high school students need to earn the state required credits.</p> <p>SENIORS: Please be aware that it is unclear how colleges, trades, and the military will view your diploma. It is important that you finish your final credits. Seniors will be given credit for classes they are currently enrolled in and will be contacted regarding diploma eligibility</p> <p>Please realize seniors who stop now <u>will receive an incomplete</u> on their transcript for their currently enrolled courses as mandated by the state. This could adversely affect college, trades, military and work.</p> <p>Elementary students will still receive letter grades as well on their report cards for the last nine weeks of school. Promotion to the next grade level will include student growth during our first three grading periods as well as what progress students make during this time of eLearning. So, it is important for students to do their best work on eLearning, and submit their work in a timely manner.</p>

18	What about the Top 10 Banquet for seniors?	<p>We still plan to recognize our students and the educators that they wanted to acknowledge as being instrumental in their lives.</p> <p>The recognition of students and their honored educators will likely be included during our graduation ceremony.</p>
19	How is the school calendar impacted by the Governor's decision to require 160 days?	<p>EPCSC has revised a calendar to reflect the now required 160 instructional days (rather than 180 in a typical year). This is what is now required by Indiana, through an Executive Order from Governor Holcomb.</p> <p>Our last student day will be Friday, May 22, 2020.</p> <p>A revised EPCSC calendar</p>
20	What about registration for the 2020-2021 school year?	<p>We will hold online registration for all school buildings for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>Information will be published from each building about each specific online registration process and dates.</p>
21	How will students be scheduled for classes for 2020-2021?	<p>Counselors are in the process of completing student schedules which will be emailed to students. Information about scheduling is also posted in each grade's Google Classroom.</p> <p>Counselors have been meeting virtually with students; emailing students; or speaking by telephone with parents and/or students.</p>
22	How will final GPA be calculated for 2020 graduates?	<p>The GPA will be counted for all courses that have been completed.</p>
23	Will EPCSC recognize a Valedictorian and Salutatorian and/or cum laude status in the Class of 2020? If so, how will those honorees be determined?	<p>Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be selected as we have in the past. It will include all eight semesters of their high school career.</p>

24	Will EPCSC still be accepting transfer students for the 2020-2021 school year?	Yes. We will be following our normal board adopted policy for accepting transfer students. Please contact the school principal.
25	Will EPCSC be offering summer school courses?	We are currently exploring options for summer courses. We will work with the IDOE and follow their recommendations.
26	Who should I contact if I have questions about my grades or attendance?	Check your grades in Skyward. If you have further questions, please contact your teacher directly. Attendance is dependent upon your participation and timely submission and completion of eLearning lessons.
27	What if I have a case conference or ACR scheduled?	Special education services will be provided throughout the school closure. If there are questions about these services, please contact the student's teacher of record. Case conference meetings will be held via phone or on a virtual platform.
28	What if I am concerned about my child's social and emotional health, is there anyone from the school that I can contact?	Yes, you may reach out to your schools' guidance counselor, social worker, or principal. Counselors: Kouts MS/HS: Celeste Robinson celeste.robinson@eastporter.k12.in.us Morgan MS/HS: Kelly Johnson kelly.johnson@eastporter.k12.in.us Washington MS/HS: Jennifer Symer jennifer.symer@eastporter.k12.in.us Social Workers: Kouts: Chelsea Winder chelsea.winder@eastporter.k12.in.us Morgan Elementary: Becky Whited rebecca.whited@eastporter.k12.in.us Morgan MS/HS: Mary Axarides mary.axarides@eastporter.k12.in.us Washington Elementary: Kris DeMick kristine.demick@eastporter.k12.in.us
29	What resources are available to parents so that they can support remote learning?	The Indiana Department of Education has curated resources for families and teachers while providing at-home learning experiences for students. The IDOE link to COVID-19 Remote Learning Resources can be found here .

30	As a parent, what should I expect from eLearning?	<p>Our teachers are following the recommended best practice design guidelines from education experts and the IDOE.</p> <p>Lessons should cover content that would have been addressed if school were in a traditional setting. The lessons will include an instructional component, practice, application, and demonstration of learning.</p> <p>In general, elementary students will spend about 15-20 minutes per subject per eLearning day. Secondary students will be spending approximately 30 minutes per subject per eLearning day.</p> <p>If you have questions about the content of lessons, contact your child's teacher or building principal.</p>
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