

# McDade ISD

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"Dream Big...the path to the future begins here"

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Dear McDade ISD Families and Staff,

Out of an abundance of caution and after taking in consideration the advice of the CDC, our Governor Greg Abbott and in collaboration with the County Judge Pape and other school districts in Bastrop County, the District has made the decision to remain closed with continued packet and online learning through the end of the school year.

While we truly miss our students and staff being on campus, we are confident we are doing what is in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

Our buildings may be closed, but the administrators, teachers and staff are carrying on with what they do every day, and do very well - caring for kids, supporting families, and being there for each other. As we continue to adjust to the changing events of the COVID-19 pandemic, we also must adjust some of our on-going services to protect the best interest, health, and well-being of all of our stakeholders. Please note the information below for meal service, packet pick-up/drop-off, and grading expectations:

1. **Meals** -- Distribution will continue Monday through Friday at the high school for non-bus riders and through the bus stops for bus riders. For safety procedures the food is placed on a table in the drive-through line for a parent to pick up as opposed to Child Nutrition staff members putting food into the vehicle. This is for the additional protection of our workers and families.
2. **At Home Learning** -- All students should be actively engaged with either Google Classroom, Class Dojo, Edugenuity, Odyssey Ware, Education Galaxy, Reading A-Z, paper packets or several of the above. Please reach out to teachers immediately if your child has not been contacted or is not engaged in learning. Teachers are collecting and grading assignments each week. The last week of packets and assignments before the last day of school are due in by May 15.
3. **Grading Guidelines** -- We are following board policy grading guidelines that will hold students accountable for their continued learning and growth; however, we are giving students additional time to complete packets and assignments to account for this unique environment of COVID 19.

4. **Graduation** -- We are working on plans for a progressive graduation ceremony that will follow the CDC, State, and County safety requirements and we will share those plans soon.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact your campus administration. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience as we navigate this on-going ever-changing environment.

Be safe. Stay home. Stay connected.

Thank you,