

**Harper Woods High School  
2019-2020 Emergency School Closure  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**



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**1. When does the emergency school closure period end?**

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35 orders all K-12 buildings in the State of Michigan to close for the remainder of the school year – unless restrictions are lifted – and ensures continuing of learning by setting guidelines for remote learning.

**2. Will the school district be providing students with electronic devices and/or internet access during emergency school closure?**

Harper Woods School District will not be supplying families with electronic devices and/or internet service at this time. Superintendent McGhee is actively exploring options to potentially provide these tools/resources in the near future. In the interim, the district will be affording students without technology/internet access the opportunity to complete all coursework in hard copy form.

**3. Will students automatically be promoted to the next grade level/graduate without having submitted work assigned during emergency school closure?**

Governor Whitmer has given school districts in the State of Michigan the autonomy to create educational plans for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic school year. In order for students to earn credit, they must fulfill the requirements outlined in the plan. HWHS seniors must be categorized as “on-track” to receive their diplomas. This categorization is determined based on the number of credits earned and completion of coursework highlighted in the district's emergency school closure educational plan. Harper Woods School District will offer several options to families to guarantee that the academic needs of all students are met.

**4. Will completion of a community service project remain a graduation requirement for students in the Harper Woods High School Class of 2020?**

For the 2019-2020 academic school year ONLY, the community service graduation requirement (as it relates to visiting homeless shelters, soup kitchens, food distribution centers, etc.) has been waived. However, students will still be responsible for successfully completing the research component of the community service project as outlined by their respective teacher.

**5. When will students be able to retrieve personal belongings from their lockers?**

When school re-opens, students will be able to retrieve personal items from their lockers. The district mandated that all buildings be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Thus, we will not be allowing people in the building (until the social distancing executive orders have been lifted) in an effort to limit the spread of germs and infectious diseases.

**6. How do I obtain a student work permit during emergency school closure?**

Student work permits will be available for pick up on designated days of HWHS student work packet distribution. Once student work permits have been completed by the employer, they may be mailed to or dropped off at the Harper Woods School District Central Office (**19851 Anita; Harper Woods, MI 48225**). At Central Office, student work permits will be signed and either returned via standard mail or available for pick up on the upcoming HWHS student work packet distribution day(s).

**7. Will summer school be offered during the 2019-2020 academic school year?**

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35 allows for both summer school and student enrichment programs to be held if the social distancing executive orders have been lifted. Thus, detailed information pertaining to summer school/student enrichment will be forthcoming.

**8. Will the first three-week student work packets, distributed on March 18, 2020, be collected and graded?**

The student work packets that were distributed on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**, as their intended purpose was for review/reinforcement/enhancement. The goal for issuing these assignments was to empower students to engage in learning in the initial absence of face-to-face instruction.

**9. When will the next student work packet distribution take place?**

Student work packets to cover the period beginning Monday, April 13, 2020, through Friday, May 1, 2020, will be distributed the week of Monday, April 13, 2020 (by school). For your convenience, alternate days have been scheduled for families who are unable to pick-up student work packets on their school's designated day. Detailed information related to the upcoming student work

packet distribution can be found on the district website and was previously forwarded to students and families via MISTAR mass email, DOJO, and robocall.

**10. Will student work packets be modified for students receiving specialized services?**

Work packets assigned to students who receive specialized services will be modified via collaboration between the students' general education and special services teachers.

**11. What is the status of the Harper Woods High School Credit Recovery Program?**

Due to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35, the structure of Credit Recovery Session #4 (*which will run from Monday, April 20, 2020 – Thursday, May 21, 2020*) has been modified. At this time, only students in grades 9-12 who were enrolled in Credit Recovery Session #3 and need to recover additional credits will be scheduled in Credit Recovery Session #4 courses. The fee for Credit Recovery Session #4 has been waived. However, students who participate in Credit Recovery Session #4 must have access to the internet and technology other than a cell phone (i.e. laptop, desktop, tablet, etc.) as the program will be rooted in a blended learning format. In a blending learning model, students will complete coursework online and via hard copy work packets. Details regarding the Credit Recovery Student Work Packet Distribution Day will be forthcoming. The decision to make the aforementioned adjustments was based on our inability to execute a traditional registration process with the State of Michigan strictly enforcing social distancing orders. Still, we are committed to ensuring the academic success of all students. Thus, we will be creating comprehensive plans to meet the credit recovery needs of students when the social distancing orders have been lifted.

**12. Will there be a Class of 2020 Senior Prom and Commencement Ceremony?**

The Harper Woods High School Class of 2020 will have a Senior Prom and Commencement Ceremony. The confirmed dates for these events are as follows:

- **Senior Prom** – Sunday, September 20, 2020; 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM  
Venue: Roostertail
- **Commencement** – Monday, October 5, 2020; 5:00 PM  
Venue: DSO - Detroit Symphony Orchestra

**College & Career Institute (CCI)**

**13. What is the plan for students who are enrolled in a Career and Technical Education Program at Harper Woods College and Career Institute (CCI Center)**

Based on the Office of Career and Technical Education, in order for students to receive full credit/mastery (passing grade) in a CTE program; all CTE clock hours, program instruction and technical skills assessments must be fulfilled. All curriculum alignments will be modified to support virtual

instruction/demonstrations facilitated by the Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers. During demonstrations, students **MUST** participate in direct dialogue in their Google classrooms in order to ask and answer questions for content mastery.

### **Athletics**

**14. Will Winter and Spring sports teams practice and/or participate in athletic contests for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic school year?**

Per the directive of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has canceled 2019-2020 Winter and Spring sports seasons to help decrease the spread of COVID-19.