

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 the continuation 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 provide these tools/resources in the near future potentially. 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 the 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 has been waived.

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) to limit the spread of germs and infectious diseases.

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

All student work permit requests must be submitted to Lynn Logan (Student Service Center – Administrative Assistant) via email at lynn.logan@hwschools.org. Upon receipt, Ms. Logan will ensure that the student work permits are signed and ready for pick-up on the designated days that high school work packets are distributed.

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.

College & Career Institute (CCI)

What is the plan for students enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program to earn course credits?

Based on the Office of Career and Technical Education, CTE clock hours, program instructional design models, and curriculum will be modified to support virtual instruction/demonstration facilitated by the Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers. During demonstrations, students will participate in direct dialogue in order to pose questions and answers for content mastery.

Athletics

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 the 2019-2020 Winter and Spring sports seasons to help decrease the spread of COVID-19.