



Q&A

Dear Caesar Rodney School District Families,

Below are the answers to questions regarding the steps forward the Caesar Rodney School District is taking now that our buildings have been closed for the remainder of this school year. Our goal is to engage our students in a meaningful way, provide the concepts they will need as they move forward and reward them for their participation.

1. How will instruction be delivered from now until June 16th? When will the district begin to teach new concepts?

Now through May 5th, teachers will continue to provide Remote Learning using Zoom for the purpose of review and reinforcement. (No change in current practice). The target date for the introduction of new concepts into the lesson will be May 6th.

2. Can my student complete assignments missed during the 3rd quarter?

Teachers will continue to allow students to submit missing assignments from the 3rd marking period to improve the student's 3rd marking period grade.

3. How will attendance be taken during Remote Learning?

Attendance will be taken beginning Tuesday, April 28th and Wednesday, April 29th to determine the number of students that we are currently able to reach. Attendance will be determined by students actively participating in live Zoom sessions, checking in after watching a prerecorded Zoom session, by answering a worksheet on Schoology assignment or through contact made through a phone call home by the teacher.

4. How will the district determine what concepts need to be provided to ensure students are prepared for promotion?

A pause will be taken on Thursday and Friday, April 30th and May 1st so teachers can be given additional training and can discuss and plan for what essential concepts need to be introduced to students as they progress to the next grade.

5. My child may not be able to participate in all of the sessions? Will the district take into account my child's ability to access lessons during these unprecedented times?

A determination will be made as to how to best assess student understanding of the concepts and to reward participation and effort – without penalizing those students who are unable to participate. For families who request paper / pencil activities, teachers will contact families to ensure they are receiving the necessary support to complete the assignment. Building principals are currently working on how to celebrate students who are participating.

6. I have multiple children with limited access to devices? Are there any suggestions as to how I can manage getting their assignments completed?

We certainly understand the challenges that both parents and students face. Teachers are being instructed to provide ample time for students to complete any assignment. Should a student experience any difficulty in meeting the timeline they should contact their teacher.

7. How will the district address concepts not provided this school year?

The 2020-21 school year will begin with a review and introduction of concepts from the 2019-20 school year.

8. When will the district begin the 4th marking period?

The district will end the school year with the 3rd marking period. This will provide time for students to make up any work and to provide continuity for students and teachers.

9. How will 3rd marking period grades be computed?

The 3rd marking period will represent a student's second semester grade. This will be averaged with their first semester grade to determine the final grade for each course. For semester classes, the 3rd marking period grade will be the semester grade.

10. What happens to students who were scheduled for a new 4th marking period class?

We are currently seeking guidance from the Delaware Department of Education regarding state mandated courses.

11. I have a student who is a Senior. How does changes in the calendar affect them?
Seniors last day will remain May 29 th , with graduation scheduled for June 6th. Dr. Kijowski will continue to share updates with Seniors in regard to end of the year senior activities.
12. When is the last day of school for students in grades K-11?
K-11 students' last day remains June 16 th .
13. My child left things at school. How can they retrieve their items?
Your child's principal will contact you with the procedure for picking up your child's belongings from school.

Thank you for working with us as we create meaningful educational experiences for our children. I will provide another update with additional information next Monday, May 5th. We understand that there are unique challenges within our community at this time. Please contact your building administrator should you have a question that is not answered here.

Stay well,

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