

Wink-Loving ISD

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs for Wink-Loving ISD Staff, Parents, and Students:

- 1. Will staff be required to work during school closures?**
Staff will be required to be available to work at times to be determined by administrators. As we have worked through this week, we have moved the majority of meetings to on-line through Google Meets to encourage social distancing. We are asking that when teachers come to the campus to work, they ensure that no more than 10 people are together at a time.
- 2. Will we be required to make-up the missed days of instruction?**
After listening to the Texas Education Commissioner, as long as we are making a “good faith” effort to provide instructional support/ educational opportunities for students, we will not be required to make up the time missed.
- 3. Will meals be provided for students?**
Starting Monday (March 16th), we will provide to-go lunches from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. for all interested WLISD students. Please line up in the drop off area by the cafeteria (front of the administration building). Lunches will be delivered to the vehicles. Beginning on Tuesday (March 17th), we will provide to-go breakfast from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Please follow the pick-up procedures for lunch pick-up. We will continue to provide this service as long as we are out of school.
- 4. What kind of educational opportunities will be available to our students?**
This will be a challenge for everyone involved. We met Monday morning (March 16) to decide the best way to educate our students. Instructional material was sent home to students on Tuesday, March 17th and will be dispersed again Tuesday, March 24th and March 31st.
- 5. Will school facilities be accessible for previously planned activities and events?**
All indoor school facilities will only be accessible for school personnel during the campus closures. All scheduled UIL events and practices (both indoor and outdoor) have been cancelled through May 4th. The Fitness Center will also be closed during school closures. All non-school affiliated activities will be suspended as far as use of school facilities.
- 6. Will students be required to take the STAAR/End of Course exams?**
It was announced by TEA that NO STAAR/EOC will be given for the 19/20 school year.
- 7. Should staff self-report if they travelled out of the Wink area over spring break?**
Yes. All staff members have self-reported their travel areas over spring break.

8. Should families/students self-report if they traveled out of the Winkler-Loving-Ward county area over spring break?

Yes. We will be requesting travel information soon. We will create a process for collecting this Information in the next week or so. We will use this information as we begin to make decisions about re-opening the district.

9. How long will Wink-Loving ISD be closed?

As of Thursday, March 19th, The Texas Governor ordered all Texas schools closed until Friday, April 3rd. We hope to have all students back in classes on Monday, April 6th.

10. Will the end of the school year change? Will the high school graduation date change?

Possibly, but we hope not. As of March 17th, we still hope to finish the academic year on Friday, May 22nd and have graduation on May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. (as originally planned).

11. Will we still hold end of the year events, such as prom, banquets, award ceremonies, etc.

Maybe, as of right now, yes. Commissioner Morath did state that we should consider operational adjustments and be aware of the possibility that large events might need to be cancelled. As we move forward and more guidance is available, we will keep you updated.

12. Am I expected to be available to work during the district closure period?

Maybe. Your immediate supervisor will contact you if you are required to report to work. As we work out plans and details for the next few weeks, you might be asked to come to work. We ask that you be accessible via email and phone during this time.

13. Will hourly employees continue to be paid during the district closure?

Yes. Per policy DEA (Local) - During an emergency closure, all employees shall continue to be paid for their regular duty schedule unless otherwise provided by Board action. Following an emergency closure, the Board shall adopt a resolution or take other Board action establishing the purpose and parameters for such payments. [See EB for the authority to close schools]
Nonexempt employees who are required to work during an emergency closing for a disaster, as declared by a federal, state, or local official or the Board, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked up to 40 hours per week. Overtime for time worked over 40 hours in a week shall be calculated and paid according to law. [See DEAB]
The Superintendent or designee shall approve payments and ensure that accurate time records are kept of actual hours worked during emergency closings.

14. How do I answer my children's questions about COVID-19?

Your child may be asking questions about COVID-19 and we want to ensure we are doing everything we can to ease their worries. Here is a resource you may find helpful:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>

15. What if my child has medication at the campus?

If your child has medication that needs to be picked up from their campus, please contact the school nurse via email at cwoody@wlisd.net or call the campus office to schedule a pickup. Medication can be picked up curbside as entry into the building is discouraged.

16. What is Wink-Loving ISD doing to control the spread of COVID-19?

Wink-Loving ISD is facilitating social distancing by closing all schools and cancelling district activities through April 3rd. We will continue to monitor the progress of the illness and communicate with parents and staff on an ongoing basis. The district is following the guidance of local, state, and federal health authorities in our continued response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

17. What is being done to keep schools clean and protect students?

Our custodial staff continues to work during school closures to ensure our facilities are cleaned and maintained.

- GermBlast disinfected and sanitized all school facilities on February 29th.
- During spring break, all campuses and school buses were deep cleaned and sanitized.
- High-touch surfaces are routinely wiped down.
- The district is providing campuses with extra disinfectant wipes for schools to use throughout the day as an additional prevention effort.

18. What can I do to prevent being infected or spreading the virus?

- Avoid contact with anyone that is sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Adhere to the preventative measures as recommended by public health officials, such as limiting interaction and practicing social distancing.

19. What about students with special needs?

TEA has provided specific guidance regarding special needs students during district closures. The guidance is as follows:

If schools are closed, but the LEA continues to provide educational opportunities to the general student population during the closure, the school must ensure that students with disabilities also have equal access to the same opportunities, including the provision of FAPE. The LEA must ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, each student with a disability can be provided the special education and related services identified in the student's IEP.

20. Will seniors, who are still attempting to pass EOC(s), be able to graduate since STAAR/EOC have been waived for this year?

Most students have already completed courses that have corresponding EOC assessments before their senior year. Normally, a student who has not passed up to two of his or her required STAAR EOC assessments may graduate through the individual graduation committee (IGC) process. For students who are still working to meet assessment graduation requirements as seniors in the 2019–2020 school year, required performance on academic assessments to graduate under TEC, §28.025(c) and §39.025(a) is being waived for spring 2020. Effectively, this

means that current seniors may graduate through the IGC process regardless of the number of EOC assessments they still need to pass.

21. What about UIL events and practices? (Updated 3/24/2020)

On March 19th, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) extended its suspension of all UIL sanctioned activities due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Texas. All contests, practices, rehearsals, and workouts will remain suspended until further notice.

At this time, the earliest games and contests may resume is Monday, May 4th. Prior to this date, the UIL will allow its member schools a reasonable acclimatization period for rehearsals and practices to occur. All decisions remain flexible and will be consistent with the advice of local, state, and federal officials.

For athletic activities that are out of season, schools shall limit remote instruction to a maximum of sixty minutes per day Monday through Friday. UIL continues to work through various contingency plans to complete our state championship activities. As information comes available, we will keep you informed as best we can. We continue to stay committed to completing all of our competitive seasons if at all possible.

We have received several questions about providing remote learning/coaching as it relates to UIL activities. This email provides some guidance on that topic.

During statewide school suspension, remote learning/coaching of UIL activities is allowed through electronic, video or teleconferencing type methods. Schools shall limit instruction for UIL activities to a maximum of eight hours per week per activity, in addition to a maximum of sixty minutes per day Monday through Friday.

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22. What if my son/daughter still needs to take a college entrance test (SAT/ACT/TSI)?

All testing at the school is currently suspended. At this time, we do not have an option to test students locally for the TSI. WLISD encourages parents to contact the college or university your son/daughter plans to attend to get more direction.

ACT Exam - ACT has rescheduled its April 4th national test date to June 13th across the U.S. in response to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). All students registered for the April 4th test date will receive an email from ACT in the next few days informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13th or a future national test date.

SAT Exam - In response to the rapidly evolving situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19), College Board is canceling the May 2nd SAT and SAT Subject Test administration. Makeup exams for the March 14th administration (scheduled for March 28th) are also canceled.

23. How do I contact the school if I have questions, need to enroll or withdraw my child, or need to pick up my child's personal items?

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, we will have at least one staff member available to answer the phone at each campus during regular working hours (8:00 am – 3:00 pm). If we

do not answer immediately, please try again later (we may be on another call, helping someone in the office or running an errand). Additionally, you can send an email to the appropriate administrator .

District contact information is as follows:

Wink Administration Building - 432-527-3880 ext. 7001
Scotty Carman - Superintendent - Mobile (432) 208-3044
Email - scarman@wlsd.net

Wink Elementary School – 432-527-3880 ext. 7013 or 7012
Lance Wineinger - Elementary Principal
Email – lwineinger@wlsd.net

Wink High School – 432-527-3880 ext. 7016 or 7015
Kittie Gibson - JH/HS Principal
Email – kgibson@wlsd.net

Tax Assessor-Collector - 432-527-3880 ext. 7004
Grace Harrison - Tax Assessor-Collector
Email - gharrison@wlsd.net

Business Manager - 432-527-3880 ext. 7003
Geanna Coker - Business Manager
Email - gcoker@wlsd.net

Athletic Department - 432-527-3880 ext. 7093
Brian Gibson - Athletic Director
Email - bgibson@wlsd.net

Technology Department - 432-527-3880 ext. 7113
Mike Dawkins - Technology Director
Email - mdawkins@wlsd.net

District Counselor - 432-527-3880 ext. 7010
Priscilla Salgado - Counselor
Email - psalgado@wlsd.net

Maintenance - 432-527-3880 ext. 7018 or 7007
Anaan Ramirez - Maintenance Supervisor & Greg Rogers - Director of Operations
Email - aramirez@wlsd.net or grogers@wlsd.net

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