



## **Washington Middle School Distance Learning Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Will we return to school this year?**

The Governor of the state of California has determined for the safety of students and staff, we will not be returning to school this school year.

### **Is my student receiving any instruction?**

Instruction has been occurring since we returned from Spring Break. Teachers have been in contact with students through Google Classroom and other avenues (i.e. teacher blogs). While the district Distance Learning Assessment plan was being developed, the access to the parent portal was blocked. Parents can now access the portal and monitor student progress. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teacher for assistance.

### **How will my child be graded?**

A district wide grading committee worked to determine a policy that takes into consideration the uniqueness of our current situation. The policy can be found on the district and the Washington website. Here is the link to the information and the Distance Learning Assessment plan: [Continuity of Learning | Update Center](#). We encourage parents to sit down with their students(s) and review completed assignments and grades to monitor student progress.

### **What about the end-of-year activities?**

All 8th grade promotion activities have been cancelled. Other topics such as distribution of promotion certificates, student recognition and awards, are currently under discussion. The Washington Staff has a great desire to be able to recognize our promoting 8th graders. Additionally, we are looking at how we continue to recognize our academic standouts in both 7th and 8th grade.

### **When can my student get PE clothes and other possessions from their PE lockers?**

Until we clearly know when we will be able to be back on campus, this remains unknown. We are hoping to be able to schedule a time for iPad collection, for students to gather their possessions, but again, until we are given the okay from both district and state authorities we cannot make a determination.

### **Technology still remains an issue for me. What can you tell me?**

The district technology department initially had to focus on the distribution of devices to all elementary students. The help desk currently had about a 48 hour turnaround on requests for assistance. Hot spots have been ordered to support families without access to the internet, but the delivery date remains unknown. Students' grades will not be affected in cases where access to technology remains an issue. Soon Washington Middle School will have parking lot access and the amphitheater where students and families could access the internet.

### **Will my 8th grade student have a transition IEP to support success in high school?**



Yes, transition IEPs will be scheduled with the receiving high school. Parents will be notified of the date and manner in which the meeting will be held.

**Are there any parent resources available for me?**

On the school and district website a list of available parent resources are available to help you as you work with your student, to help address social-emotional issues, and resources and services available to support the needs of your family. Here is the link to the information: [Mental Health and Wellness](#)

**My student did not have to pay for lunch. What is available to help me feed my children?**

School lunches continued to be distributed at Washington Middle School parking lot. There is no requirement to show any eligibility or to demonstrate your student attends Washington Middle School

**Will there be summer enrichment programs?**

The district is looking to offer a summer enrichment program. There is a high likelihood that if the enrichment program does occur it will be through online resources such as Google Classroom.

**We ordered a yearbook. When will I be able to pick it up?**

Currently, we are having the yearbooks shipped to the district office. If we are able to distribute yearbooks to our 8th grade students, we will do that at the same time we present promotion certificates and collect 8th grade iPads.

**What about course selection for next school year?**

For current 8th grade students - If you have not sent your information back to the high school, you will need to communicate directly with them. We support the high school by distributing the information, but the registration and course selection is completed with high school staff.

For current 7th grade students - WMS administrators are working on developing an online process for elective choices for students to choose to be enrolled in next year.