



# Coronavirus Updates



Good afternoon RUSD families.

Thank you for your support these past weeks. As we have worked through this difficult situation, you have taken on challenges of your own supporting your child's learning in a whole new way! We value your patience and your partnership. We know it's not easy, but we are here to support you. **Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or principal if you have any questions.**

Today, we are sharing the next steps and some additional information about our plans for RUSD students learning at home.

## Grades PreK-8

- For the remainder of the school year, PreK-8 teachers will continue to focus on providing learning materials for their students utilizing Google Classroom. For students who do not have Internet or technology access, paper copies will be mailed home again. Watch for new materials in the next week or so (we know mail has been slower than normal).
- Teachers will check in with students weekly to assess work completion and skills attained.
- **Grading for PreK-8:** Fourth quarter grades will be based on student performance in third quarter combined with student's demonstration of their understanding of the material based on check-ins with their teacher and/or online learning submissions.

## High School

- High school teachers will provide additional enrichment lessons that support individual student learning needs through the end of the year utilizing Google Classroom or in print form. Your child will continue to receive learning materials through the channel you requested (print or electronic). If this has changed, please let your child's teacher(s) know. If you have questions or concerns about the materials or you are not receiving the materials, please contact your principal.
- **High school for-credit packets:** Packets are due May 20. They can be dropped off at [any of the food distribution sites](#). Make sure the cover sheet has the student name, course and school so they can be properly sorted. Packets can also be scanned in and emailed directly to the teacher.
- **High school grading:** Students in grades 9-12 will be given a semester grade which will be posted at the end of the school year. Grades will be determined based on work done and learning demonstrated January 19 - March 13 combined with evidence from work/packets turned in as well as any other assignments distributed between March 16 and the end of the school year. Teachers will also assess student learning and skill attainment through weekly check-ins with students. RUSD does not intend to penalize students by lowering grades during the closure. Work done and evidence collected can help improve a student's grade. Students who are not able to demonstrate an understanding of the standards in that particular content area will be eligible to attend summer school and participate in credit recovery virtually.
- **High school graduation requirement:** Seniors will be required to meet the minimum state requirement of 15 credits for graduation including a minimum: 4 English, 3 math, 3 science, 3 social studies, 1.5 physical education and .5 health. The Civics Exam has been waived for class of 2020 seniors who have not satisfactorily completed it yet. Seniors should complete final graduation eligibility checks with their counselors.
- **Graduation and prom:** Information was shared with senior students and families earlier and is available on the [District website](#).
- **Cap and gown pick up:** Jostens will be at the high schools this week handing out the caps and gowns that have been paid in full already. Dates/times are as follows (please note Horlick was held today):
  - Park: Wednesday from 10 a.m. - noon
  - Case: Thursday (4/30) from 10 a.m. - noon
  - Walden III and The R.E.A.L. School will have an alternative plan.

Please know that no money will be collected and this is a curbside pick-up only to limit contact and follow health department guidelines. If seniors still need to pay for caps and gowns, please pay online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com). If you need to order a cap and gown, go to [wigraduation.com](http://wigraduation.com).

- **Yearbook pick up:** This will take place at the end of May. Watch for more information.

While work is underway to support our students through the current school year, we also want you to know that our staff are working quickly to find solutions to providing virtual learning options for ALL students. Here's what we're doing:

- Working to acquire enough hotspots for all families who need them (this has been difficult since districts across the country are trying to tap into the same limited supply).
- Exploring RUSD's options for providing 1:1 devices for our students.
- Training all teachers and support staff in Google Classroom and Advanced Google Classroom.
- Working with districts across the state to develop a re-entry plan to ensure additional resources and supports are in place to get our students caught up when schools reopen.

To help prepare parents/guardians support their children in an online learning environment, we have developed a set of suggested guidelines to prepare your home for learning. [Included here is a Parent's Guide to Google Classroom.](#)

We will continue to provide you information as we can. Again, thank you for your understanding and continued partnership as we navigate this new learning environment. We'll continue to provide updated information on our [website](#) and in our [FAQ](#).

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. We miss you.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent

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