

Sandy Creek Central School District

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April 15, 2020

Sandy Creek Students, Families and Staff,

The team here at Sandy Creek Central is doing our best to keep all of you up-to-date on the latest directives and policy changes that we receive. I appreciate your patience as we sort through this information. Please continue to check our district website, your email and continue to listen to the automated calls from the district for the most up-to-date information.

Please be advised of the following updates:

Meal deliveries:

We will continue to provide meal deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Should you need additional assistance in regards to the meal deliveries please use the following email address: COVID19Meals@sccs.cnyric.org or phone the District Office at (315) 387-3445 x1510. Please leave a message if our phones are busy.

Instructional updates:

Sandy Creek teachers and staff have assembled another set of instruction packets. These packets will be distributed to each child's primary residence on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Grades for marking period 3 (1/27/2020 - 5/1/2020) will be based on the following in order to best support our students during this difficult time. Quarter 3 grades will be based primarily on the assignments and work that students completed up to the last day of on-site classes on March 13, 2020. Instructional packets, online learning, etc..., through April 29, 2020 will also be factored into grades. College courses are being completed in conjunction with the college. Students enrolled in these courses must follow direction from the teacher/college to meet these course requirements.

Given the recent changes and possibility of an extended closure, we are moving away from review and into a phase of new instruction with the delivery of these instructional packets on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. We urge students to complete any new and necessary work such as the instructional packets being delivered today as it will impact marking period 4 and end of the year grades.

Teachers will be working directly with individual students on collecting or gathering completed work. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child's teachers if there are questions. While we understand that many students will share their work online, we also recognize that not all students have this same ability, especially our primary students. To provide all students with the same opportunity, we will have an option for families to drop off completed work. We will share information next week through an automated call on how this will safely take place. Before doing so, we encourage parents to check with your child's teachers to determine class expectations and required assignments.

In order to meet the individual needs of each student, the Sandy Creek instructional team is monitoring which students have and do not have access to the internet. For those students who have access to an online platform set up by a teacher, we ask that you encourage your

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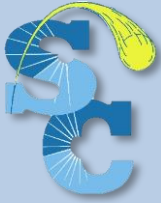
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child to log on whenever possible so that teachers can support your child. One option for anyone with a Chromebook but limited internet access is to park in the school parking lot and connect to the WiFi for uploading and downloading.

We also realize that online access is not possible for all students. As a result, we are providing paper-based materials to both elementary children and those without internet at middle and high school levels. To support your child through this time of closure, please know that teachers will be reaching out to interact with students and/or families through various methods (phone, email, online platforms, etc...). We look forward to hearing from each of you so we know you and your families are doing well.

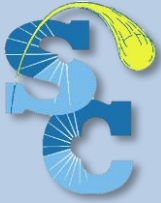
New York State 3-8 Testing:

In response to the statewide closures of districts to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the New York State Education Department is cancelling all NYS Elementary and Intermediate Level State Assessments for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This includes NYS 3-8 ELA and Math Tests, Science 4 and 8 Exams, K-12 NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Tests (NYSESLAT), and Gr. 3-12 NYS Alternative Assessment (NYSAA) Assessments.

New York State Regents Exams:

Students in grades 7-12 intending to participate in one or more of the Regents Exams shall be exempt from the requirements of taking the exam, provided they meet set guidelines. Please see the chart below (created by Roseann Bayne from CiTi BOCES) summarizing the recent guidance for our middle and high school students taking Regents level courses:

Student Profile	Exemption Status (Regents, Pathways, Checkpoint B, CDOS, Technical Assessments)
Grades 7-12 students currently enrolled in a course that will culminate in a Regents who will earn course credit by the end of 2019-20 school year	Exempt from <u>Regents Exam</u>
Grades 7-12 students currently enrolled in a course that will culminate in a Regents who will not earn course credit by the end of 2019-20 school year	If student attends summer school in 2020 to earn course credit , they are still exempt from the culminating <u>Regents Exam</u> if it is administered in August 2020
Grades 8-12 students who are not currently enrolled in a course that will culminate in a Regents, but were in the past and have already earned course credit and planned on taking the Exam in June 2020	Exempt from <u>Regents Exam</u>
Any student preparing to take a +1 Pathways Assessment in June 2020 who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently or previously enrolled in the course that leads to the pathway assessment and will or has already earned course credit or, 	Exempt from <u>Pathway Assessment</u> (including <u>Technical Assessments</u> for purposes of graduation)



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<p>2. ELL whose home language is Chinese, French, Italian, Korean or Spanish, intending to take LOTE +1 or, Student intending to use the ASL +1 Pathway</p>	<p>Exemption from <u>Technical Assessments</u> for the purposes of a <u>CTE Technical Endorsement</u> is not automatic. This determination is student-specific and a local decision using data regarding individualized student proficiency.</p>
<p>Any student who has earned 3 course credits by end of school year 2019-20 in LOTE, who was intending on taking the LOTE Checkpoint B Exam in June 2020 for an Advanced Regents Diploma</p>	<p>Exempt from <u>Checkpoint B Exam</u></p>
<p>Any student exiting high school in June 2020 who is unable to meet the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential or the CDOS +1 Pathway because of the COVID-19 situation, who has demonstrated proficiency of the CDOS learning standards may be granted various waivers.</p>	<p>1. Granted a waiver from the completion of the <u>216 hours of CTE Instruction</u> and/or 2. Granted a waiver of the <u>54 hours of work-based learning requirement</u> and/or 3. Granted a waiver from any other <u>NYSED approved exam</u> that may have been being used to achieve the CDOS +1 Pathway *Student eligible to earn either the <u>Regents or Local diploma</u> as applicable</p>

Chromebooks for students in Gr. 3-12:

All enrolled students in grades 3-12 have a 1:1 Chromebook. For those students at grades 3-12 who do not currently have their devices at home, please call the school at 315-387-3445 to arrange pick up or delivery of the device.

If a student/parent/guardian needs tech support with the school device at any point, please use the following help desk link: <https://students.sandycreeksd.org/> or phone the technology office at (315) 387-3445 ext. 1949. (Please leave a message so that a tech support staff member can return your call.)

Spring Sports:

Section 3 athletics are postponed until April 29th to comply with NYS mandates and policies. https://twitter.com/john_rathbun3/status/1247236433569513475/photo/1

We will continue to provide updated information. Please continue to check the district website <https://www.sandycreeksd.org/> for updates.

Sincerely,

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