

## General Guidance

Caddo Parish Public Schools is committed to providing opportunities for all students to stay actively engaged during this unprecedented time. In order to keep students' needs as the focus above all else, our district has adopted a "*Do No Harm*" philosophy that has guided our decision making while establishing the following guidelines for schools:

- The district is providing opportunities for students to learn through their teachers' Google Classrooms or other approved virtual platforms. These learning opportunities are meant to provide a review for prior content, as well as provide new learning.
- Teachers should continue assessing students' work throughout this school year.
- Principals and/or their designees are expected to monitor all Google Classrooms for content and engagement.
- **JGradebook** will open during the week of April 6th
- Students shall not be penalized academically because of their inability to access devices, the internet or academic resources. If a student's current situation does not allow him/her to take part in academic activities, the principal and/or teacher shall excuse all assigned work.
- If a student declines academically during this period of school closure, his/her grade will revert back to the grade he/she had at the time of the school closure (i.e., "*Do No Harm Philosophy*".)
- No JPAM calls will be used during this time of school closure. This means JPAMS will not notify parents of failing grades, absences, tardies, etc. The district does not want to create additional anxiety for families during this time.
  - Teachers may communicate with students and families through Google Classroom, phone calls, Zoom conference calls, or email.
- Principals and teachers should constantly monitor the amount of work assigned to students. Our district does not want to create additional anxiety for families due to an unreasonable amount of work. One grade per week is reasonable.
- If a teacher has any questions regarding grading, instruction, or content, contact your school principal.
- If a principal has any questions regarding grading, instruction, or content, contact your school director.

## Elementary and Middle Schools

- The annual instructional minute requirement has been waived.
- No standardized testing will be given during the rest of the 2019-2020 school year.
- The requirement to use standardized test scores when making promotion decisions for students in the 4th or 8th grade has been waived.
- As in previous years, the School Building Level Committee (SBLC) will consider multiple sources of data when making promotion/retention decisions. Specific grade level guidance will be provided (pending LDOE guidance).

## High School Information

- The annual instructional minute requirement has been waived.
- No final exams will be given for the 2019-2020 school year.
- No standardized testing will occur during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year
- For graduating seniors who were enrolled at the time of the closure, the following have also been waived:
  - EOC testing requirements
  - Financial Aid requirement (FAFSA completion)
  - Terminal Industry-Based Credential for students earning a career diploma
- The above waivers are also in place for students enrolled as a 5th or 6th-year senior, for those students included in the February 1, 2020, MFP student count, and who meet course graduation requirements.
- ACT Tests
  - The National ACT test administration has been moved to June 13.
  - The ACT state test administration, originally scheduled for March 17, has been rescheduled for June 2 (tPaper Based)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Assessment Updates:
  - In-person exams are canceled and instead, a 45 minute AP exam will be taken online at home.
  - The College Board has provided online review classes for students
  - Exam dates will be released on April 3.
- CLEP
  - CLEP Testing Centers are closed due to COVID-19.
  - The College Board will be providing CLEP exam vouchers for registration tickets that expired after March 1, 2020. The exam voucher will be good through June 30, 2021, and all scores earned by 2020 cohort members through June 30 will be used for accountability purposes.