

Sumter County School District

Parent Guide- Question & Answers

What are the graduation plans for our high schools this year?

South Sumter High School Graduation will be held on May 29, at 4:00 in the SSSHS Gymnasium. A senior processional will begin in the old Sheriff's office parking lot with a car line up which will be led by a Sheriff's deputy around the block and back to the high school. Students and their parents will be invited into the gym for a traditional opportunity including the walk across the stage, receipt of diploma from the superintendent, turning of tassel, class flower, and photo. At this time they will also receive scholarships and awards that they have earned prior to returning to their car. All speeches are to be prerecorded and posted on the web so that they can view them from their car while waiting their turn. After the ceremony, all graduates will receive a full video from speeches to walking including personal messages from board members.

Wildwood Middle High School 2020 Graduation will be held on Saturday morning, May 30th at 10 am. The ceremony will be held near the athletic fields with stage set up next to paved area that runs from the school down toward the fields. Cars will enter from the football field entrance and the graduates family cars will be parked alphabetically in pre-marked spots facing the stage. This will be much like many of the church services currently being held. When it is time for graduates to cross the stage, they will exit their cars one row at a time. Once the first row is complete, the second row will exit until that row is complete, etc.

In addition, we are looking into broadcasting on an FM station the way many churches are currently doing if this is feasible. Regardless of whether the broadcasting works out, we will have a large PA system that will cover the entire area.

How will I retrieve my student's 3rd and 4th nine week report card and 4th nine week progress report?

- 3rd nine week report cards will be available beginning March 30, 2020.
- Report cards and 4th nine week progress reports may be accessed via the online Skyward Parent Portal. If you would like a hard copy of your child's progress report or report card, please contact the school.

What are the lesson expectations for my student?

March 23, 2020- April 6, 2020

District created lessons for all core classes (i-Ready, Achieve 3000, Springboard, etc.)

Elementary Students: Due to school site front office by **April 6, 2020**

Secondary Students: Due **April 6, 2020** via OneNote Class

Notebook/Teams—check with home school on submission details

April 6, 2020- until end of 2019-20 school year

Teacher created lessons for all classes (see below for further guidance)

Grades K-2:

- Teachers will assign 2 assignments per core class each week (ELA and Math).
 - 2nd grade will also assign one assignment per week in Science.

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- Schools will print K-2 lessons for a two-week period, every other Thursday, by 3pm.
- All assignments will be focused so that students can complete them without additional resources other than those available to them. For example, do not require extra materials to which students may not have access.
- Assessments are at the discretion of the teacher.

Grades 3-5

- Teachers will assign 2 assignments per core class (ELA, Math, Science).
- Teachers will post lessons each Friday, by 8am via Class Teams/OneNote Class Notebook.
- Students are required to sync between Fridays at 12pm-Mondays 3pm to receive the assignments for the following week in all courses.
- All assignments should be focused so that students can complete them without additional resources other than those available to them. For example, do not require extra materials to which students may not have access.
- Flexibility will be considered for students who do not have internet access. These issues will be addressed on a case by case basis as needed. Please contact your child's teacher/school if this is a hardship (i.e. internet access ideas, hard copies, etc.).
- Assessments are at the discretion of the teacher.

Grades 6-12

- Teachers will assign 2 assignments per core class and 1 assignment per elective each week.
- Teachers will post lessons each Friday, by 8am via OneNote Class Notebook.
- Students are required to sync between Fridays at 12pm-Mondays 3pm to receive the assignments for the following week in all courses.
- All assignments should be focused so that students can complete them without additional resources other than those available to them. For example, do not require extra materials to which students may not have access.
- Flexibility will be considered for students who do not have internet access. These issues will be addressed on a case by case basis as needed. Please contact your child's teacher/school if this is a hardship (i.e. internet access ideas, hard copies, etc.).
- Assessments are at the discretion of the teacher.
- AP/AICE and CTE classes will follow their designed curriculum to meet test specifications.
- Dual Enrollment classes will follow the local college guidelines.

If my student does not participate in the distance learning, what will be the consequence?

- Any student not participating in distance learning will be considered legally truant and appropriate actions will be taken. In addition, any assignments not completed by the student will be given a failing grade and calculated into their overall grade for the year. Students will receive a failing grade for the final grading period if they choose not to participate in distance learning, just as they would if they were attending in a classroom setting.

I am a parent of an elementary student, how do I pick up the school laptop to use after April 6th?

- Tentatively, students in grades 3-5 will be able to pick up their assigned school laptop beginning March 26, 2020.
- Each school site will share specific details for date, time and location of laptop pick up.

What are the grading & assignment submission expectations for my student?

- Students will be given credit for all work turned in.
- K-2 students will be given work in two week increments and will be submitted at each school site, every other Monday between the hours of 7:30 am-12:30 pm and 3:00-5:00 pm.
- 3-12 students will be given a full week to complete assignments. All work will be assigned on a Monday and due the following Monday by 3pm.
- Flexibility will be considered for students who do not have internet access. These issues will be addressed on a case by case basis as needed. Please contact your child's teacher/school if this is a hardship (i.e. internet access ideas, hard copies, etc.).
- Grades will continued to be posted weekly for students in grades 3-12 and every other week for students in grades K-2. Continue to monitor Skyward Parent Portal.

Will I be able to communicate directly with my student's teacher(s) and/or school?

- Elementary classroom teachers will contact their students twice a week by telephone available technology. Please confirm all contact information in Skyward is current.
- Secondary classroom teachers will contact their students once a week by telephone or available technology. Please confirm all contact information in Skyward is current.
- Monday through Friday, 8am-3pm, teachers will be expected to respond to student and parent questions via phone, text, e-mail, Remind, etc.
 - Any communication after hours will be responded to within one business day.
- The school will have an active Help Line to assist in directing calls and supporting parents and students.
- If you need assistance in Spanish, please call: 352-793-6061.
- If your child has an IEP and you would like to discuss their plan, please contact your child's staffing specialist/IEP teacher.
 - Inclusion teachers will reach out to students/parents weekly.

What do I do if I don't have internet access at home and my students need it to access and submit assignments?

- School WiFi: Parents can park near school building and students can access school WiFi to download course content to work from home with no internet. There will be a designated space marked.
- During the hours of 8am-11am, Monday-Friday, off-site food service school buses will have available WiFi. (See last question for locations.)
- The District is investigating partnerships with service providers to provide internet access to students while schools are closed.
- Check with your provider on free internet.

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- Spectrum and Comcast are providing free internet for 60 days.
- Check with local restaurants and fast-food chains.
- Sumter County Library System offers access to internet.

Will there still be AP, AICE, and Industry Certifications?

- AP Exams: AP Exams will still take place. AP Teachers have communicated the new testing expectations with students. Contact your child's AP Teacher directly for course specific details.
- AICE Exams: AICE Exams are canceled for the 2020 school year. However, students will still receive a grade/score from Cambridge. AICE Teachers have communicated the steps to earn a score with students. Contact your child's AICE Teacher directly for specific details.
- Industry Certifications: At this time, SCSB is planning to offer industry certification testing as allowed by the testing companies. CTE Teachers will be contacting their students with more information in the coming months.

If I choose to retain my student, will he/she be granted an additional year of athletic eligibility?

Middle School:

- In accordance with FHSAA Bylaw 9.5.2, an individual student in 6th, 7th or 8th grade may participate during their first year in each grade level. With that said, a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student who repeats a grade will not be eligible during the grade being repeated.

High School:

- In accordance with FHSAA Bylaw 9.5.1, an individual student has eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility from the semester he/she enters 9th grade for the first time. This does not imply that the student has eight (8) semesters of participation. With that said, a student who decides to repeat their current grade level will not be eligible to participate in athletics during their ninth (9) and/or tenth (10) semesters.

Will my students still have access to meals during school closure?

Yes, all children under the age of 18 have access to breakfast and lunch. Students must be present to receive meals. Parents/guardians are able to access food service at the locations and times listed below:

On-site: At each site (South Sumter High, Lake Panasoffkee Elementary, Webster Elementary, and Wildwood Elementary) breakfast and lunch will be served from 8:00 to 11:00. Meals may be picked up from those sites during these times.

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Off-site: Meals may be picked up at the schools listed above, at the above stated times. The district will also deliver to the following locations in the community and remain at those locations from 8:00 to 11:00.

Wildwood Elementary: 300 Huey Street

Royal Park:	9750 NE 6 th Blvd.	(WIFI Available)
MLK Park	6925 Walker Rd.	(WIFI Available)
True Temple Church	10456 CR 100	(WIFI Available)
MLK Community Bldg.	101 MLK Blvd.	(WIFI Available)

Lake Panasoffkee Elem: 790 CR 482N

Marsh Bend Outlet Park:	3100 CR 413	(WIFI Available)
Sumterville Park:	2427 CR 522	(WIFI Available)
Coleman City Hall:	3502 E. Warm Springs Ave	(WIFI Available)

South Sumter High: 706 N Main St.

Dollar General Nobleton	9301 West CR 476	(WIFI Available)
Croom Store	4120 CR 656	(WIFI Available)

Webster Elem: 349 Market Blvd.

SSMS East Loop	773 Northwest 10 th Ave.	(WIFI in Parking of school, not bus)
Center Hill PD	94 Virginia Ave	(WIFI Available)