

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

PEMBROKE PINES K-8 CAMPUS

COVID-19 | Frequently Asked Questions



SCHOOL CLOSURES

- **How long will the school campus be closed?**
Governor Ron DeSantis announced the closure of all Florida Public School campuses until at least April 15, 2020.

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PLAN

- **What educational platforms will my child be required to use to continue education while school is closed?**
The virtual instruction platform implemented at the Pembroke Pines K-8 campus is Google Classroom. Students may access Google Classroom and instructional resources via the Clever portal. The easiest way to access Franklin's Clever portal is via: clever.franklin-academy.org.
- **How often will my child be required to log on to Google Classroom?**
Students will be expected to log on to Google Classroom via their Clever portal daily to check for new assignments.
- **Will I need any materials that my child left at school?**
No. All materials and assignments will be made available via Google Classroom.
- **Will lessons be posted during Spring Break?**
No. Virtual Instruction officially begins on Monday, March 30th.
- **What types of assignments will my child be required to complete?**
For students in grades K-8, students will continue to be required to use i-Ready for a minimum of 45 minutes per week for both Reading and Math. Additionally, teachers will be assigning differentiated lessons for students based on their levels. Students will continue to have access to their online textbooks, where applicable; and will therefore be assigned work on an ongoing basis.
- **Will my child's work be graded?**
Yes. Assignments submitted through Google Classroom will be graded and those grades may be viewed as usual on PowerSchool. You can expect the same turnaround time of 72 hours for graded work.

- **Where will my child submit their work?**
All work will be submitted through Google Classroom.
- **How will I know what lessons and assignments my child is required to complete?**
Lessons will vary by grade level and by subject area. Teachers will post a welcome video on Google Classroom by 8:00 am every Monday to communicate expectations, assignments and due dates for the week. Grades will be published in PowerSchool for all assignments submitted.
- **Who do I contact if I am having trouble logging in to:**
Clever: Michelle Hunt | hunt.michelle@franklin-academy.org
Google Classroom: Classroom Teacher
i-Ready: Classroom Teacher
PowerSchool: Yamile Sanchez | sanchez.yamile@franklin-academy.org
Google Classroom: Classroom Teacher
USA Test Prep: Classroom Teacher
- **Will my child have an opportunity to communicate with his/her teachers?**
Yes. Your child's teachers will send communication via Google Classroom related to online "office hours". Students are encouraged to communicate with their teachers via the Google Classroom chat. Additionally, teachers will check email several times daily to address parent questions. One-on-one meetings can also be scheduled by contacting your child's teacher directly.
- **Will teachers be posting video lessons for students?**
Yes. All videos and lessons will be posted by your child's teacher(s) on Google Classroom. For this reason, it is imperative that your child logs on each day to check for updates.
- **What mobile devices can be used to access Clever and Google Classroom?**
Clever: Students can install the Clever app which is compatible with Apple iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch.
Google Classroom: Students can install the Google Classroom app which is compatible with Android, Apple iPhone and iPad or Chrome OS mobile devices.
- **How can I obtain complimentary Internet service?**
Families can get free internet during the Coronavirus crisis. Low-income families in Comcast service areas who sign up as new customers can get 60 days of free internet. For details, qualifications, and sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/bcpscomcast>.
- **Will I be able to contact the school administration while school is closed?**
Yes. All school administrators will be available by email throughout the day to answer questions. The school phone will be operational and you may call the main number to speak to a member of our team, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

ASSESSMENTS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROMOTION

- **What about Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and End-of-Course (EOC) Exams?**
All K-12 state standardized assessments are cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year (FSA, EOC, Statewide Science Assessment, etc.)
- **How does the cancellation of state assessments impact students?**
The answer will vary based on students' placement within their educational journey:

Grade 3 Promotion: Generally, the Grade 3 ELA FSA is a key component districts use to make promotion decisions. Since this data will not be available due to the cancellation of statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, promotion decisions will be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students' classroom performance and progress monitoring data.

End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments: The Department of Education is waiving the requirement for students who are currently enrolled in a course that requires an EOC to take the associated EOC (i.e. Civics Grade 7, Algebra Grades 7-8, and Geometry Grade 8). Information regarding future test administration requirements for assessments required for high school graduation will be available at a later date.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **My child has an IEP. Will specialized instruction and related services continue?**
Each student with an IEP, or 504 Plan, is included in the school's Virtual Instruction Continuity Plan to the same extent as all other students. This plan includes virtual instruction, as well as virtual specialized instruction and related services to the extent practical. All areas of the student's IEP or 504 will be considered.
- **What about IEP Meetings and Required Evaluations?**
Any and all required evaluations, IEP meetings etc. may be held virtually to the extent practical.

SPECIAL EVENTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **How will the school closure impact promotion ceremonies?**
Promotion ceremonies are in May, and we will provide additional guidance later.
- **Will I be reimbursed for after school clubs if the program is cancelled indefinitely?**
Yes. All payments received for after school clubs will be reimbursed.
- **Will I be reimbursed for cancelled EOC Academic Camp?**
Yes. All EOC Academic Camps (Civics, Science, Algebra, Geometry) are canceled. All payments received for EOC Academic Camps will be reimbursed.

PARENT SERVICE HOURS

- **What if my family did not complete the Parent Service Hour requirement?**
The Franklin Academy Parent Service Hour requirement is suspended for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, without repercussions.

AFTER SCHOOL SERVICES

- **Will aftercare services continue at the schools?**
No. AfterSchool Connections will NOT be offering aftercare services nor Spring Break camps as they are stopping services through at least April 15th. Field trips for all aftercare childcare programs are suspended until further notice.