

Dear Lakeview High School Parents,

“When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves.”
Viktor E. Frankl

We are not in control of the COVID-19 situation, and it is changing our world. How are we going to change because of this? You have two choices of how you emerge after experiencing a changing event; (1) function worse than before the event, or (2) function better than before the event. You will never function just the same as before. We all have a responsibility to help our students emerge from this experience with new resilience and new skills to be able to function better in the world. It is very easy to look at this situation from the lens of what we have “lost,” but we need to work together to see what we have “gained.”

The Governor’s order this week has canceled face-to-face school for the remainder of the year, therefore we are moving to a completely remote system of learning. Let’s be honest, no online system is better than our teachers being physically in front of your kids. What teachers do for online learning from now until June will not be the same, or frankly, as good as what they would have been doing in school. Full online school CAN NOT take the place of highly qualified teachers in classrooms interacting with kids. That being said, that does not mean that education stops. Education will continue and it’s very important that every student remains engaged.

Grading and Credits

Students will earn credit for the classes they are enrolled in, but they will need to be active online with their teachers and turn in the assessments required by teachers. All classes will be graded as pass or fail. With only five days in the physical classroom for the third trimester, the only equitable way to award credit is by pass/fail. We have heard from colleges that there will be no negative impact on college admissions based upon pass/fail grades for this trimester. Many high schools around the country are using pass/fail grading because of the school closures.

Graduating Seniors (credits)

For the class of 2020 only, the total number of credits to graduate will be reduced from 33.5 to 32.5. ALL seniors still must pass the state-required classes to graduate regardless of the number of overall credits (per Governor’s order).

Chromebooks & Wifi Hotspots

Chromebooks and Wifi hotspots are available for households that have no computer or internet access. Please call 269-565-3711 to set up an appointment to pick up a Chromebook or hotspots starting Wednesday, April 8th.



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Building Accessibility

Although the Governor gave limited access to schools, the CDC has recommended that everyone stay at home until April 30th. This weekend Calhoun County had its first death due to COVID-19. In the interest of safety for staff, students, parents, and the greater community, we will continue to keep the school buildings closed until April 30th. We will communicate when it is safe to open the buildings for people to retrieve items.

Graduation

There will be a graduation, but we can not promise that it will remain on the current date. Once the Governor has lifted the restriction on large events, we can determine the possible new date if needed.

Prom and Other Senior Events

This will be up to when the Governor lifts the restriction on large events. Based on current data, it will be unlikely these events will occur when scheduled, and we can not promise they can be rescheduled. We will keep the senior class informed as we have more information. Caps/gowns, graduation announcements, etc...will be available for pick up once we reopen the building for picking up student items, sometime after April 30th.

Use of School District Fields

Under the Governor's current "stay home" order, no one should be using the school district athletic fields.

With Spartan Pride,
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