

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As a follow-up to Superintendent Iassogna's letter of earlier today, Trumbull Public Schools will be implementing beginning this week a distance learning plan consistent with the new guidance of the Connecticut Commissioner of Education. This letter outlines the basics of that plan.

General Goals & Parameters

- The goal of distance learning is to maintain continuity of educational opportunities for students. Distance learning cannot totally replicate what would happen if schools were in session. However, it can keep students academically active by both reinforcing earlier learning and introducing new content.
- To the greatest extent possible, distance learning will align with the goals of the curriculum the students have been learning. Work will be assessed and recorded consistent with the practices that were in place at the time school was closed.
- The primary means of teachers' communication with students and parents/guardians will be electronic. Teachers may utilize telephone communication at their discretion.

Grade-Level-Specific Protocols

- Grades K-2: Teachers will be available starting this Fri., March 20, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily (Monday through Friday) to communicate with parents/guardians of their students key literacy, mathematics, and science learning that can be achieved primarily offline. Additional activities in music, physical education, and visual arts will also be made available.
- Grades 3-5: Teachers will be available starting this Fri., March 20, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily (Monday through Friday) to post instructional activities/assignments on GoogleClassroom, to assess student work, and to respond to and communicate with students and parents/guardians. Instructional activities may be a mixture of online and offline work. Teachers will focus on priority standards in literacy, mathematics, and science. Additional activities in music, physical education, and visual arts will also be made available.
- Grades 6-8: Teachers will be available starting this Thurs., March 19, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily (Monday through Friday) to post instructional activities/assignments on GoogleClassroom, to assess student work, and to respond to and communicate with students and parents/guardians. Instructional activities may be a mixture of online and offline work.
- Grades 9-12: Teachers will be available starting this Thurs., March 19, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily (Monday through Friday) to post instructional activities/assignments on GoogleClassroom, to assess student work, and to respond to and communicate with students and parents/guardians. Instructional activities may be a mixture of online and offline work. We have received updates from the College Board regarding modifications that will be made this year to Advanced Placement Examinations; the latest details will be forthcoming by next week. We will also provide updates next week on THS students concurrently enrolled in college courses (e.g., through UCONN ECE) and on the THS course registration process for the 2020-21 school year.
- PreK: Specific details will be forthcoming tomorrow from Ms. Hapken, Dr. Wheeler, & myself.
- ELITE: Specific details will be forthcoming tomorrow from Ms. Hapken, Ms. Beaman, & myself.

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Related Details

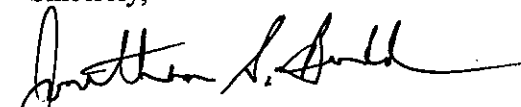
- Families without devices to access digital content, and/or without Internet access, are urged to contact the District office at 203-452-4336; TPS will provide devices, and/or hard-copy printed packets, as necessary.
- The Trumbull Public Library offers several online digital download services for Trumbull Public Library patrons; please see <http://www.trumbullct-library.org/kids>. Trumbull residents who do not have a library card can get a library card number by calling 203-452-5197 and contacting the library's information desk, or e-mailing referencelibrarian@trumbull-ct.gov; individuals will be able to download material immediately and will be able to pick up their library card at the main library's circulation desk once the Public Library reopens in the future.
- For the duration of the closure of the Trumbull Public Schools, meals will be provided to any Trumbull Public Schools students who would like to pick up a grab-and-go lunch and breakfast. This is offered to all household members aged 18 and younger, as long as one child in the household is enrolled in any Trumbull Public School. Families can come to Trumbull High School (72 Strobel Road) between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. for curbside pickup of a free lunch for that day, and also a breakfast for the following day. Families will need to provide their child(ren)'s name(s) and will be asked to take the meals home with them. There will be no eating at the school or use of the school by students and families during this time. Meals and food preparation will meet all requirements of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Meal distribution will be at the front entrance (Door 1) of Trumbull High School. Please look for TPS food services staff and security personnel, who will direct traffic for the curbside pickup.

Tomorrow, Trumbull Community Television will be taping and then broadcasting a session with Christina Hefele, Director of Digital Learning, and me; the session will focus on the primary goals of our distance learning plan, and the methods to achieve them. We will also be providing relevant online materials for parents; please check www.trumbullps.org.

Knowing the vital role of schools in children's lives, distance learning poses challenges on many fronts. However, keeping our students connected with their teachers and their learning can continue even when school is closed for an extended period of time.

Please continue to provide your feedback. We ask for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters, but we are a team and will get through this together. District updates continue to be posted daily at www.trumbullps.org.

Sincerely,



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