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East Side Union High School District
Frequently Asked **Top Ten Questions (FAQs)**
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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1. What is the status of holding traditional graduation ceremonies?

At this point in time, the Santa Clara Public Health Department has not approved any traditional graduations for the month of May and June. Each site principal has been tasked to work with their Senior Class Officers to survey the Class of 2020 so that student voice will be taken into account. Each site will then determine how they will celebrate their Class of 2020. The options include a virtual graduation and/or waiting until later in the summer, fall or winter. Each site will also determine time and dates to pick up cap and gown and the lawn sign that the district has purchased for all graduates.

2. Will ESUHSD be offering Summer School?

Summer School will be offered through distance learning. If the guidelines from Public Health change to allow limited access to school, we may provide the opportunity for in person assessment and in person classes for our students who qualify for Extended School Year (ESY). Summer School will start on June 11 for ESY, credit recovery and enrichment. Summer Bridge for incoming 9th graders will start June 22.

3. Will students return for in person instruction in the new year beginning August 11, 2020?

All school districts in California and throughout the majority of the United States will be closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. The expectation is that we will see the decline of the COVID-19 pandemic within the next several months and, therefore, we will be able to return to our schools for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Returning to school will be based on Governor Newsom's Executive Order and the guidelines for social gathering as defined by Santa Clara County Public Health. We are planning for several scenarios. Some form of distance learning will most likely continue to be part of your child's learning experience for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. Why is the district not following many districts in the state of offering Credit/No Credit versus issuing letter grades?

We believe that because school closures did not happen until two and a half months into the second semester, students should not be penalized for the work they had completed. A student

earning an A as of March 13, should not have to then be told they will only receive credit for their work and no letter grade. We feel this would disengage many students. Conversely, by establishing a grade floor as of March 13, no student could receive a grade lower than what they had earned. They could only improve their grade, thus, keeping a student more motivated to stay in engaged with distance learning.

In addition, we are concerned with the Class of 2021, 2022 and 2023. We believe that they would be less competitive applying to college than the peers from other school districts.

5. What happens if a Senior was failing a class prior to March 13 and chose to not engage in distance learning?

Just like a normal school year, if a senior is not eligible to graduate at the end of the school year, they will be allowed to take courses in the summer and graduate in July. If a senior is further behind, they then can come back for a fifth year or enroll in Adult Education. Senior F lists are due by May 22, 2020.

6. What do we do about students not participating online even after repeated parent contact by us, staff, and principal?

Similar to the previous answer, we will consider a program shift which varies according to the grade level of the student. Current options include, attending Independent Study, attending our Alternative Education programs, Adult Education, and credit recovery.

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7. What will happen to the students when their parent is unable or unwilling to help them? Will they be required to attend summer school or make-up credits lost? How will you ensure equity for all the students?

One of the key reasons why ESUHSD has provided the use of the Chromebooks and teachers are using Google Classroom, Zoom and School Loop is to provide work and instruction that is as independent as possible so that parents are not required to instruct the student directly. Students who are unable to engage with Distance Learning will be eligible to enroll in Summer School. Additionally, we will provide intervention and support for students requiring further assistance once the new school year begins.

8. Why are not all teachers offering Zoom or recorded YouTube videos for lessons during their assigned period?

Most of our teachers are using either Zoom, Google Hangout, Canvas or School Loop to engage and provide feedback to their students. In the area of mathematics, many teachers are also using Khan Academy as a way to support math instruction with recorded lessons. We are all working hard to adapt to this new work and learning environment. We will get better at distance learning and we are working hard to ensure, that if distance learning continues into the next school year, we have common assurances across every classroom in the district. Please see the list of resources at the end of this FAQ.

9. When will we be able to pick up medications that students have in the Health Office?

All parents whose children take medication during the school day and have medication in the Health Clerk's Office should have already received a call from the administration to pick up the

medication. If you have not received a call, please contact the site principal and they will arrange with you a pick-up time of the medication on a Monday-Friday between the hours of 10am-2pm.

10. How do our students pick up any items that were left at school and when do we return textbooks, Chromebooks, etc.?

At this time, only Seniors and students who are not coming back in the fall will need to return textbooks and Chromebooks. Each site will determine a range of days and times for this to happen while maintaining social distancing and gathering guidelines. If your student has something that was left behind, please contact the school administration to set up a specific time to pick up their things.

Below are several links to resources to support your continued learning while schools are closed. We highly encourage you to continue reading and stimulating your learning during our school closures.

Resource	Website
Khan Academy	https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSZhOdEPAWjUQpqDkVAIJrFwxxZ9Sa6zGOq0CNRms6Z7DZNq-tQWS3OhuVCUbh_-P-WmksHAzbsrk9d/pub - kix.qnihjaybzd4
Gale Databases:	Access to various text, video, and images on a variety of topics. Click on the following link to access the databases: GALE Resources Access codes by school sites: GALE Access
American Chemistry Society	https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/resources/highschool/chemmatters/articles-by-topic.html
Fiveable: AP Study Guides	https://app.fiveable.me/
Scholastic	https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html
Exploratorium	https://www.exploratorium.edu/learn

Unique Learning (lessons for students with moderate to severe learning challenges)	ATP Middle School High School
Audio Books	https://learningally.org/solutions-for-home/overview
Parent resource for talking to children with autism about COVID -19	https://www.autism.org/webinars-autism/
Understood.org	https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/coronavirus-latest-updates
PBS learning resources	KVIE 9th-12th grades from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Visit the KVIE TV schedule.