

Greetings Warrior Parents:

By now you know that our district offices and schools are closed effective Monday, March 16, 2020 (note: this is a Professional Learning Day, so students had off on Monday anyway). **While our schoolhouse is closed for at least 2 weeks, school will continue from home. We are implementing distance learning across the district, where students will continue school virtually from home, as will our school staff.**

What does virtual learning look like for my child?

My Backpack and **Google Classroom** are the keys. Fortunately, all of our students are well-versed with Google Classroom, as well as My Backpack (which is where links to multiple technology resources for students and staff are housed). Students know how to access the Google Classroom for each of their classes. Teachers will be posting the assignments to their Google Classroom on a regular basis. Students can communicate with their teachers through this platform, as well.

Should your child have any questions about the work, his/her first point of contact should be the teacher. More information on how to contact school staff is below, but Google Classroom allows for two-way communication. Additionally, many teachers utilize REMIND as a tool, and there is always e-mail.

For most Core Classes, much of the work (although not all) will be through the **Atlanta Virtual Academy's EDGENUITY** program, which is a widely used platform for online instruction. This program includes lessons, activities, and assessments. Edgenuity can be accessed through My Backpack. The link is also on our school's web page and app. We have been working with students throughout this week to ensure they know how to and can access Edgenuity.

For most non-core classes, or core classes without a corresponding Edgenuity course (such as AP/IB classes), assignments are being posted on Google Classroom by each teacher. These assignments will incorporate a variety of resources, including from College Board, USA TestPrep, online programs, IB sites, and more.

For students in Dual Enrollment/Early College, please direct your questions to your grade level counselor.

How will my child turn in his/her work?

Most assignments can be turned in through Google Classroom. My advice is to not allow the work to pile up. Stay on top of it. There is no guarantee of how long we will be out of school.

What if my child is having technical difficulties or has trouble logging in to a particular program?

Please have your student email their teacher. He or she will contact technical support and get the issue resolved.

How do I contact the school if I have questions or need to speak with a teacher/staff member?

Starting Monday, March 16, all APS employees are expected to work from home. All school staff are expected to and will check and respond to e-mail Monday through Friday during the work day. *Please allow up to 24 hours during the business week for a response.* Both our website and School App have all of our staff's e-mail addresses, as well as phone extensions. Although we will not be at the school, you can leave voice messages at work extensions and they are forwarded to our e-mail. Please do not leave a message at the main number, 404-802-4700.

ALL staff are on Telework status, including counselors, social worker, graduation coach, administrators, clerks, the registrar, and paraprofessionals. Reach out to them as needed.

What about school athletics and other after-school activities?

During the district and school closure, ALL activities, including School Athletic games and practices are cancelled.

How will we stay informed during the closure?

- Utilize the wide variety of online resources and social media sites to stay informed about school and district news during this closure:
 - Visit the APS website on a regular basis: www.atlanta.k12.ga.us
 - Go to the **North Atlanta High School App** or school website, **especially for staff contact information** <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/northatlanta>

Some Suggestions for Successful Virtual Learning

- Stay organized and manage your time carefully. You can easily become overwhelmed without effective organizational and time-management skills.
- ***Establish a regular, uninterrupted work time each day! Limit outside distractions, aka turn off Netflix and TikTok.***
- Contact your teachers, counselor, and/or administrator sooner rather than later when you have a concern.
- **Stay Sharp!** In order to reduce the impact of the learning slide from a prolonged period away from face-to-face school, don't forget the following beyond your class work:
 - Read (for pleasure and for class);
 - Work on <https://www.khanacademy.org/> This site has many free academic courses (including AP) and SAT prep;
 - Engage in free ACT Test Prep at <https://academy.act.org/>

During this closure, how will students who rely on school breakfast and lunch be supported?

- Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, all APS students can daily receive free bagged meals at 5 school sites that will be open for food distribution Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - Douglass High School
 - Cleveland Ave Elementary School
 - Bunche Middle School
 - Sylvan Middle School
 - Phoenix Academy
- Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, APS partner, GOODR, will provide ready to eat meals at the following local community sites:
 - Hosea Williams Feed The Hungry (4779 Mindy St. Atlanta, GA. 30366 * 404-755-3353)
 - Food Pantry - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - 10 a.m. - Noon
 - Bring ID and Social Security Card
 - Loaves and Fishes @ St. John the Wonderworker Parish (543 Cherokee Ave., SE Atlanta, GA. 30312 * 678-373-9433)
 - Serves food Monday - Friday
 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, all APS families can report to one of the 5 open APS school sites Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. to receive a bag of shelf stable grocery items from the Atlanta Community Food Bank.
- Beyond these resources, if you have a need or know of someone with a need, PLEASE contact me so that I can share the information with our Social Worker. You can also reach out directly to our social worker, Ms. Gayle Roque, Gayle.Roque@atlanta.k12.ga.us We will do everything possible to support our Warrior Families!

Please be safe and remain healthy during the extended break.

Sincerely,

Curtis Douglass
Principal