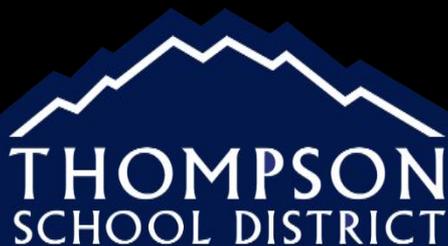


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School Year Extension

- CDE has granted a waiver for the number of required instructional days to all school districts in Colorado and we will not be extending the school year. We are committed to preparing our students to be ready for the next grade. Instruction will continue through May 22, 2020, the last day of the 2019-2020 school year. Throughout the summer months, the TSD Learns! Website will be available for supplemental resources. We are also evaluating summer school options.

Instructional Model

- Staff were back to work this week
 - Learning strategies to teach in a virtual environment
 - Setting up online classrooms
- Instruction starts Monday, April 6 with review of previous content
- New content will be started no later than week of April 20
- Instructional Packets will be available at food distribution sites on Mondays

Special Education Services

- Special education and related services will be provided to students or caregivers, as appropriate, through a variety of platforms...virtual online, telephone, workbook/packets/ manipulatives, website resources, etc
- Services will further the progress in curriculum and IEP goals

Assessments

- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has cancelled all Colorado Measures of Academic Success for grades 3-8 for this school year.
- CDE has cancelled the PSAT and SAT assessments for grades 9-11 for this school year. They are working with The College Board to provide an opportunity for students to take these assessments. We are waiting for additional guidance on this and will share it when we receive it.
- School readiness assessments required by CDE for Early Childhood and kindergarten are cancelled this spring.
- International Baccalaureate has cancelled its assessments for this spring.
- The College Board is offering two different testing dates for Advanced Placement exams with more information available by next week
- District assessments paused until further notice

High School Concerns

- Prom
 - In person proms cancelled
 - Students and staff planning a virtual prom for *May 9*
- Graduation
 - Senior class and families providing input on ceremony options

High School Concerns

- This week, members of TSD's senior leadership team and high school principals are meeting to discuss graduation requirements, possible assessments and credit recovery. More information will be shared no later than Wednesday, April 8.
- High School Sports and Activities
 - Refunds will be given for athletic/activity fees

Grading during TSD @ Home Learning

- At this time, we are evaluating how to assess student work when we cannot assure that all students have access to the same learning opportunities at home. Guidance will be provided to staff, students and families on how we will approach grading should instruction continue to be delivered at home for the remainder of the year.

Accessibility to Instruction

Thompson School District strongly believes in equity and access. Unlike nearby districts, we do not have one device (like a laptop or a tablet) for each student. TSD is loaning Chromebooks to families who do not have a device. For information about Chromebook checkout, visit the ITS webpage from the Thompson School District website.

Student Devices

- Students can access their online school work through any internet browser (Chrome preferred). But if they do not have any computer options at home, they can check out a device from the district. See <https://tinyurl.com/uqzh9ce> for the procedure.
- If you are having problems logging on or if you need technical support, call the Help Desk at 970-613-7777.
- You must fill out the form first before coming to pick up a device. Adults 18 or older are required to pick up the device.

Internet Options

If you have problems accessing the internet:

1. Comcast has offered 2 months of free internet to families who qualify
2. You can also try using a free Xfinity Hotspot near you. See our website for directions on how to find one.
3. You can park your car in the Loveland High School east side parking lot, Berthoud High School parking lot, TSD Admin Building south parking lot, or Big Thompson Elementary School parking lot.
4. Use a cell phone as a hotspot. Many cell phone providers are offering free data plans and hotspots for students.

All other questions are answered at

<https://www.thompsonschoools.org/page/4082>

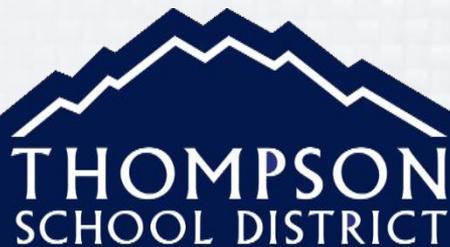
Open Enrollment

- Open Enrollment Requests are being processed on the original timeline
- Communication sent to families with information on how to submit forms electronically

Operations

- TSD is performing roaming patrols of our schools as there has been an uptick in vandalism and large social gatherings, this helps us protect our community and assets.
- We are developing a plan to access District buildings for all students and staff. We will identify the process for pickup and the timelines very soon.
- The operation staff is performing modified work tasks in buildings. Our goal is to ensure our employees are safe as they perform duties for the district.

Thank you!



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