

What resources are available currently for my child to access?

- Click [here](#) for instructions on how to use Clever from home. Clever is our single login portal that allows you and your child access to many of our digital learning applications, all in one spot! This document also tells you a little bit about the apps you'll find in Clever. Please contact Jennifer Kuntz, Director of Teaching and Learning, with questions regarding the apps found in Clever: jennifer.kuntz@esd401.org
- Another resource for elementary students called "What's a Parent to Do" created by Dr. Sharon Walker, CWU professor, can be found [here](#). This

Will I have to repeat this grade?

In general, it is not ESD's practice to require students to repeat a grade. Research has demonstrated that having students repeat a grade can be detrimental to the overall academic success for students in first through eighth grade. Unless directed by OSPI, ESD will not be asking students to repeat any grades. Students in high school are required to make up credits or classes that they fail in order to graduate.

When will we get to go back to school?

The plan as of today, March 26th, is that all students will go back to school on April 27th. Could that change? It sure could. We will take all of our direction from Governor Inslee, State Superintendent Reykdal, Kittitas County Public Health Officer Dr. Larson, and Ellensburg Superintendent Jinger Haberer. We hope that we will get to go back on the 27th of April, but we are also preparing to continue supporting all students, if that isn't the case.

Will I have to repeat PNW (Pacific Northwest History)?

ESD is working on a plan that makes sure that students receive credit for completing this course without having to redo the whole thing. Morgan Middle School will be sending out more information about this course next week.

Will we be working from home?

Yes, students will be working from home. Starting next week, students will receive some suggested work to be done which could include firming up some ideas and skills while the teachers are getting prepared to offer all students enrichment activities in this virtual world.

Will we interact on video with teachers/peers or just do work?

Right now we are learning about the different systems we could use to interact with video. The goal is to set up regular video sessions with Google Meet in order to make sure students get questions answered and talk directly with their teachers. The teachers will be getting trained on this next week, so that they can then connect with students about work they might be doing.

Will we still have the same teachers?

Yes. Teachers miss seeing their students, and they are anxious to get back to providing learning opportunities for their students soon. Every student will have the same teachers to work with throughout the rest of this school year.

Will we still have the San Juan trip?

This is a tough one... because we don't know! Part of the decision will be made just with how things progress in Washington State and in the nation. We also have to work with the San Juan Island School District to see how things are going over there and find out if there is an opportunity to reschedule the trip for another time. Stay tuned on this one!

Will we need physical textbooks?

If you do, building administrators will make sure to make arrangements for students to get them. Many of our books are now available online, so if you have good WiFi, you will be able to access them on your Chromebook. Middle school science and math books are completely available online already. ESD schools will make sure to send out directions for accessing online resources next week. If students are asked to access technology for learning, school administrators will make sure students have the information about how to get the necessary resources.

Making up assignments that were missing before the school closures:

Students should be working on missing assignments that they had before the official school closures. If teachers determine that students will need specific materials from within the school, teachers will make arrangements for students to get whatever they need. For example, maybe the book mobile or a school bus will make deliveries around the district if we determine that everyone has to have something specific. Once we know with a little more certainty about what we are going to be able to do for education, we will make sure you have the information you need to access it!

How will IEP meetings be held and will my child have support specific to his/her IEP?

This has been a huge topic for conversation with district administrators. IEP meetings will be held, mostly by video with Zoom or Google Meet. We have to make sure we keep the timelines tight on those! If students have IEPs or individual needs, teachers will work together to make sure they receive the services they are entitled to receive. As with all of the teaching and learning in the near future, things might not look as they did when we were attending regular school. We will be making sure that students are still provided with the best we are able to offer!

What will happen with spring sports?

The short answer is that we really don't know yet. If we return to school as planned on April 27th, the league will work to see if they can fit a season in for middle and high school. There are regulations about how many practices have to be held, for safety reasons, so there would have to be enough time for those and for competitions.