



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SCHOOL CLOSURE AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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The Novi Community School District is committed to sharing timely and accurate information as it becomes available. This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document contains answers, as we know them right now, to some of your questions with additional guidance on closures, instruction, and resources available to support families, and COVID-19 updates. This is a living document and will continue to be updated as new and additional information is available.

In order to find the subjects that you are looking for more easily, they are listed in alphabetical order.

ACADEMIC PLAN:

Phase 1 - From March 16 - April 17, weekly academic plans have been posted via Schoology and SeeSaw. Beginning Monday, April 20, the new Continuity of Learning Plan will be implemented. These plans will also be shared via Schoology for grades 7-12 and SeeSaw for grades K-6. These academic plans provide class content, online links, and messages from teachers.

Phase 2 – Beginning April 20, the District rolled out our Oakland Schools approved Continuity of Learning Plan and under the guidelines set forth in Executive Order 2020-35. The Novi Community School District will build upon its existing framework of providing students weekly Opportunities for Learning. This phase 2 documentation can be found on the NCSD website (<https://www.novi.k12.mi.us/academics/continuity-of-learning>). The plan moves into the area of new instruction, with teachers focusing on the most important areas left to be covered this school year.

- Why is Novi choosing not to do any Zoom type virtual class time like many of the other area districts so students are more connected with their teachers and teachers have a more active role in the continued learning plan?
 - Our Continuity of Learning Plan that begins April 20 will include Zoom and other engagement activities that will connect teachers and students.
- What will the beginning of next fall look like with such a big part of this year being lost, no grades or assessments given, how will teachers know if all kids are starting the year with the same skill set of knowledge. Especially in classes like math, English, Spanish. Will there be a longer review session in the beginning of the year to assure all kids are ready for the next level. With no grades, assessments or virtual learning it seems like this will highly affect next years academics for students also. Is there a plan in place for that?
 - Our students are receiving instruction and have received instruction since March 16.
 - The second phase of our instructional practice will start April 20.
 - Clearly the beginning of the new school year in September will be different than it has been in the past.

- Every year we assess students at the beginning of the year. This year that will be more critical than typical.

ACADEMIC PLAN/SPECIAL ED:

- Our Special Education staff will be contacting families and attempting to comply with the requirements of each child's IEP.
- They will be following the Guidance for Compliance with IDEA and the MARSE During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Our goal is to provide programs and services to our students with IEPs and demonstrate a good-faith effort to meet the needs of our students.

ADVANCING TO NEXT GRADE:

- In high school, grade determination will be made based on the number of credit hours earned.
 - A 9th grader will need to have 6 credits to be considered a sophomore and on track..
 - A sophomore will need 12 credits to be considered a junior and on track.
 - A junior will need 18 credits to be considered a senior and on track.
- Credit will be earned for second semester at the high school based on these factors:
 - Students participate weekly
 - Reasonable effort is given
 - The high school will identify the criteria to be used to determine "reasonable effort"
 - If students are having difficulty meeting the "reasonable effort" standard the teacher and the student will conference to determine what help can be given.
- High school students in grades 9-11 during the 2019-2020 school year will still be expected to meet the district's graduation requirements.
 - Counselors will work with students to ensure that they have a plan to successfully graduate.
- Students in K-8 will be advanced based on the work that they have done this year through March 13.
 - Work done from March 16 through the end of the school year will be examined to ensure that students are prepared to move forward.
 - If there are concerns teachers and administrators will reach out to students and their parents.
- Will there be any assessments available to determine if specific students will be ready to move on to the next grade? If my student was already struggling in their elementary class and has now essentially missed a large portion of direct instruction, I am concerned about being even more behind going into the next grade level? Who do I speak with regarding this subject?
 - Our teachers and building principals will review each child individually. Retention is typically not a good strategy. What works best is advancing and providing support. Our district is committed to ensuring that every child's needs are attended to and that every child is placed in a position where they will be successful.

Also, if my child moves on to 4th grade, is there any anticipation of having additional classroom help next year or perhaps lowering the threshold of those who qualify for services in an effort to balance what was lost this year and help my child catch up?

- We are committed to assessing and identifying needs at the beginning of the school year in September. This will allow us to identify the level of support needed and how we can use our staff to meet those needs.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

- What will happen to Advanced Placement Testing this year?
 - The College Board continues to update its **May 2020 AP testing information**. Here is a link: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>
 - Exams will be held May 11-22 in 45 minute sessions - here is the **calendar**
 - Please note all exams have their own session between noon and four negating the need for late testing.
 - Late testing is available from June 1-5 only for disruptions to exams - i.e. technology disruptions, illness. If a technology problem occurs during testing, students will have the opportunity to alert the College Board and request a late test.
 - The College Board has shared these **tips and resources** for online testing. Additionally, they will continue to provide online instruction and simulations to prepare students for at home testing.
 - April 16 at 7 pm, the College Board is hosting a webinar for families about this year's exams session. Please **register** to hear from the head of the Advanced Placement Program, Trevor Packer.
 - 504/IEP Accommodations: The College Board has assured schools that all accommodations will be provided.
 - If students do not have access to the internet or a device, they can receive either or both from the College Board by filling out this **form**.
 - The College Board has assured the AP community that colleges and universities will recognize AP credit in the same ways as in the past.
 - The College Board warned that it has numerous ways to monitor academic honesty, violations will be reported to colleges and universities.
 - Students will be required to perform multiple steps that validate their identity before they can access the exams.
 - Multiple, undisclosed security measures have been developed and will be implemented to detect group work, impersonators, group chats, inappropriate use of the internet, etc.
 - Exam design was developed to ensure that students are answering the questions from their authentic, unique perspective.
 - Teachers will receive the responses for all of their students by May 26th. Teachers will be directed to contact the College Board if they feel a response is not authentic to the student.
- What will happen in AP classes after the AP exams? Will there still be instruction or will they end after the exam?
 - AP courses will still have learning opportunities for students 9-11 through June 12th.

ANNUAL REQUIRED HOURS OF LEARNING:

- In a typical year the state requires a minimum of 1098 hours of instruction.
- For the 2019-2020 school year that requirement has been waived.

- The Novi Community School District will continue to provide instruction and opportunities to learn, but we will not be able to determine how many hours of instruction each child will have this year.

ATHLETICS/REFUNDS/LETTERS:

- Do families get refunded for dues that were paid to NCSD for spring team sports that now will not be happening?
 - All Families will be receiving a refund for their payment of the district's required Pay to Participation Fee. The refund will not include the "Convenience Fee" that would have been charged if the family paid online through final forms. All families will receive an email from the Athletic office regarding pay to participate fees.
- Kids that just made varsity for the first time will not get to play. Will they still be eligible for a letter? This was their only chance to letter and get a jacket for Senior Year if they only play spring sports.
 - As for the Varsity Letters. All awards that the student/athlete would have received from our department had the season been played will still be distributed. For those situations where there was only a Varsity team (I.E. Track and Field) there will be a coach's discretion as to if the Varsity Letter will be awarded. All other Varsity letters will be awarded for other Varsity Spring teams.
- Once this is over and people can gather in public could we arrange scrimmages in the summer?
 - This has yet to be determined.
- Will the Novi High School track remain open during this time?
 - Yes, the track remains open at this time. The District encourages users of the track to adhere to social distancing guidelines established by the CDC: stay at least six feet away from other people and do not gather in groups. The District reserves the right to close the track if CDC guidelines are not followed.
- How/when can we expect final transcripts to be provided to the NCAA clearinghouse? Senior going D1 already has an account with the NCAA eligibility center and has everything else (test scores, initial transcript) already.
 - You should contact Andrea Tobis in our Counseling Center for more information.
- I assume that refunds will be issued for spring sports, since the season was canceled. Can you advise how that process will work?
 - We are presently working as quick as we can to refund all of our spring sport families. Refunds will come in the form of a check where they will be mailed to your son/daughter's home address. If you paid by check and your check has yet to have cleared the bank, we will not process your refund until that said check has cleared. All cash payments will be processed as soon as possible.

C.A.R.E PROGRAM

When will be a decision made if summer care will be available this year? I understand that we

all are trying to figure out things but if there is any direction you may have would be helpful to know.

- As of now we are planning on summer camp being open. If information becomes available regarding a change in start date we will update our website. Stacey Job (Stacey.Job@novik12.org) is taking registrations via email. Information, including documents, can be found on the website at <https://ecec.novi.k12.mi.us/programs/care>
- Summer camp registrations will be accepted without payment at this time. If you have already registered and made payment for summer camp a full refund will be given if camp does not run. Information will be updated on our website as needed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- I moved so I want to update our new address to school. So that we can receive any mail from school. But I don't know where I can update my new address.
 - Parents can email Tanya Vuichard tatiana.vuichard@novik12.org their new proof of residency and the change will be made in MiStar.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

- ACT and SATs: Any information about this would be helpful. Will Michigan Universities still be requiring them?
 - Students should check the Novi High School Counseling Resources in Schoology. All high school students have been manually added to this group and have access. Within the resources section, the "college resources" folder has COVID specific updates including which Michigan schools are going test optional. This document is being updated as schools update their policies.

EARLY GRADUATES:

- There are also concerns from the early graduates - they are worried now that they haven't met with their counselors to confirm the eligibility of early graduation and they won't be able to graduate. Is there a way to confirm their eligibility to ease their concerns beyond my just telling them I am getting answers and that everything will work out for them.
 - Any student who applied for early graduation by the annual deadline in October, has been placed on an early graduate list. If a student is on track to graduate early in 2020, they will have met with their counselor and outlined a plan to complete all requirements. If there is a concern regarding the completion of these requirements, the student/family should reach out directly to their assigned counselor.

ELEMENTARY MATH PLACEMENT TESTS:

- Will there be 5th grade math placement tests for students going to Meadows?
 - The math placement process for 5th grade will be detailed later in May.

ENROLLMENT

- Our daughter is going from private school to Novi public in the coming fall. She is finishing 8th grade and will be attending Novi High School for 9th grade. She did attend Novi for K-4. My wife already pre-registered her. Since we can't provide proof of residency in person because of the lock down, can we do it by email? We want to have her fully registered.
 - Please contact Tanya Vuichard tatiana.vuichard@novik12.org to verify your registration.

FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNTS:

- Seniors will be receiving a letter stating the amount currently on the student's account and the options available for transferring, donating or being reimbursed for the money.
- Students leaving the district may request a reimbursement check via email by contacting Lori Heicher at lorraine.heicher@novik12.org. Please allow at least two weeks for checks to be processed and mailed. Account balances may also be donated.
- For students with a negative account balance it is still expected that these accounts are paid in full by the end of the school year. Payments may be made via [Parent Portal](#) or by sending a check to the Education Services Building at 25345 Taft Rd, Novi, MI 48374. Please put attention to Food Services and make checks payable to Novi Schools Food Service.

GRADES:

- How will grades be handled for this semester? Pass/Fail or letter grades?
 - High school
 - No second semester grades will be given.
 - Second semester is credit/no credit
 - Credit will be earned in second semester classes if:
 - Students participate weekly
 - Reasonable effort is given
 - The high school will identify the criteria to be used to determine "reasonable effort"
 - If students are having difficulty meeting the "reasonable effort" standard the teacher and the student will conference to determine what help can be given.
 - Middle school
 - Students taking high school credit classes
 - A determination will be made when to establish their grade.
 - A grade will be given but it has not been determined when to draw the line.
 - After that line is drawn, the rest of the course for their high school credit class will be credit/no credit
 - Credit will be earned in second semester classes if:
 - Students participate weekly
 - Reasonable effort is given

- The high school will identify the criteria to be used to determine “reasonable effort”
 - If students are having difficulty meeting the “reasonable effort” standard the teacher and the student will conference to determine what help can be given.
 - K-6 credit/no credit
 - Teachers will work with students to encourage effort and identify for students what reasonable effort looks like. If students are not meeting that “reasonable” expectation teachers will work to motivate and encourage.
- How will GPA be determined?
 - High school Grade Point Average (GPA) will be determined without the use of the second semester 2020 grades.
 - Students who complete high school will have seven (7) semesters.
- Why are our kids will not be receiving grades i during the second semester?. Students that have been working. Won't this put Novi kids at a disadvantage for their grade points especially if they had a chance to raise your grade point. Seems like this should have been mandated by the state, so all students would be treated equally.
 - From the Michigan Department of Education:
 - We strongly urge districts to consider adopting a credit/no-credit policy. This will help to incentivize students to engage in ongoing learning while at the same time recognizing the unusual and challenging situation students face. Districts must recognize that having grading policies without a fully formed plan for absolute equity runs the risk of creating disparities in the education of students, thereby disadvantaging more students than will be advantaged.
- For class of 2021, will first semester senior year grades count towards the GPA we have before we apply to college if colleges push their application deadlines for next year?
 - First semester grades for the 2020-2021 school year will be posted around the first week of February. If college application deadlines are prior to this date, first semester grades will not be indicated on transcripts.
 - Colleges have always reached out to student applicants and/or high school counselors for current grades if it is necessary for their decision making process. Colleges will continue to reach out and request such information during the fall 2020 application season.
 - This type of information will be regularly updated in the documents housed in the Counseling Schoology group.
- Why are there no plans to grade any of the online learning goals in this next section? How does that make moving forward any different if students aren't really held accountable?
 - We are not grading students because we do not believe that in these circumstances grading is appropriate. We are focused on engagement, continued learning, and ensuring that students receive what they need to be ready for next year. The Michigan Department of Education encourages districts to use the credit/no credit system.

- We are working to ensure that each student is engaged in the online process. Teachers will be connecting with students and reaching out to those students who seem unengaged.

GRADUATION

All decisions on events that will bring together large groups of people will be based on what the state allows and scientific consensus.

- Commencement for the class of 2020 will be held if at all possible. It is unlikely that it will be held on its regularly scheduled date. We are looking for alternative dates - probably later in the summer.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- I read through the FAQs and didn't see anything about requirements for Seniors to graduate. Is there anything that needs to be done?
 - Our counselors and administrators are reviewing all Seniors transcripts. The Board of Education passed a resolution waiving board policy and granting graduation requirement flexibility for the class of 2020. At this point students do not need to do anything. The school will be in touch as graduation approaches
- Caps and Gowns
 - Jostens has announced that they don't do refunds for cap and gowns.

GRASP

- My son is currently in 3rd grade. I enrolled him for summer GRASP program. I paid for the program in early March and the payment details are below. Usually the GRASP books (Math and Reading) get delivered to his class by first week of June before School closes for that academic year. With the current situation, will we get the books delivered to our homes or will there be a check refund for this?
 - Information about previous orders will be communicated soon.
- How could I apply for GRASP this year?
 - We are no longer taking GRASP & Skills Link summer programs. Information about previous orders will be communicated soon.

HEALTH UNIT 4th GRADE:

- Will fourth graders still have the health unit?
 - This unit is waived for this year's 4th grade students.

IB TESTING

IB is not assessing in May, but is basing scores on Internal Assessments that teachers typically submit around now online as one of three scores (May testing provides the other 2-3).

- IBO recently updated their **COVID-19 update page:** <https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/> and their exam page: <https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/#examinations> The May exams are still cancelled. However,

in order to still award scores, certificates and diplomas for IB coursework, all SL, SL2 and HL2 IB students will be required to complete all previously assigned internal assessments and related coursework by Friday, April 3. Teachers will use all completed coursework to assign predicted grades. IB will use predicted grades and now externally scored external assessments to award scores, certificates, and diplomas. What does this mean for Novi students? Look for more detailed communication coming from your IB teachers in terms of course specific deadlines. IBO is still finalizing the details. If you have any questions, please contact Alaina.Brown@NoviK12.org.

INSTRUCTION TIME FLEXIBILITY:

- If we are converting to an online sort of format, will the instruction time be flexible?
 - Our plan calls for primarily asynchronous instruction - meaning that users will be able to login at their convenience.
 - There will be times when classes are meeting so we will encourage students to login at those specified times.

JAPANESE STUDENTS/DEADLINES FOR JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES:

- If you are a high school student we would encourage you to contact your high school counselor.
 - If a student completed paperwork with Ms. Alex in the counseling office to request these documents, Ms. Alex will complete the documents in the same time frame that was originally communicated. If a student has not formally requested documents, they should email the request to their counselor and [Ms. Alex.](#)

KINDERGARTEN

- I am reaching out to find out about kindergarten enrolment. I registered my son. What would be the next steps?
 - Thank you for registering. We are working on next steps and will communicate them as soon as they are finalized. If you have a student who will be in kindergarten next year you can still begin the registration process outlined on our webpage. <https://www.novi.k12.mi.us/why-novi/enrollment>

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS:

- My son has several books that he checked out from the library before the kids were to self quarantine. How do I get the books back to the library?
 - We will communicate about library books once we are able to identify a process.

LINK CREW

- Will applications be online for this now?
 - Link Crew will be suspended for the 2020/2021 school year. Because of the current circumstances we cannot provide the training necessary before the start of the 2020/2021 school year.

LOCKER CLEANOUT:

- When can students pick up their stuff?
 - We will communicate the plan to allow students to clean out lockers and pick up personal belongings. It will happen after May 1.

MAKING UP MISSED SCHOOL WORK

- Our child was out for a medical reasons and missed tests in Algebra and AP Bio, how will make up work (it was scheduled to take before the closing) be handled? I don't want my child to be penalized or fail the semester.
 - Students will be able to work with their teachers to make up missed work and to ensure that they receive credit for the course. Students should work with their teachers to identify a plan to make up missed work.

MANDATORY HEALTH CLASS THIS YEAR FOR 8th GRADERS:

- Middle school students in orchestra, choir, or band were supposed to have a mandatory health class at the end of the year, so are we still going to be doing that?
 - That requirement is waived for this year.

MEDICATION PICKUP:

- How and when will we be able to pick up medications?
 - If you have a concern about medication left at school, please contact your building principal.

MEDICAL SUPPLY DONATIONS:

- The Governor's Executive Order allowed the district to donate personal protective equipment that the district had purchased to health care providers. The district has done this as of April 8.

MICHIGAN VIRTUAL ONLINE CREDIT:

- Michigan Virtual courses will not be used as a substitute for courses that our students are currently enrolled in. Our teachers will continue to provide support and instruction to our students until the end of the year.
- High school students may currently be enrolled in MiVHS coursework through the **21F online learning program**. These students are expected to continue all work and complete the course(s) in the timeframe originally communicated by MiVHS. There has been no lapse in learning for these students and expectations have not changed due to COVID.
- Students may also be enrolled in **MiVHS Essentials** (credit recovery) coursework. These students are also expected to complete the course in the timeframe that was originally presented. There has been no lapse in learning for these students and expectations have not changed due to COVID.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

- How will middle school students who are taking high school classes have their GPA calculated?
 - That process is still being examined. When a decision has been made we will post the answer here.

MOVING OUT OF STATE/COUNTRY

- We have to move back to India but currently the situation is not favorable . I want to know how we will get results for 10th grade as in India we have to show them the results of grade 10 to get admission in 11 grade

- We are still conducting business as usual even though it is remotely. So, please email your building counselors, building secretaries and principals and they will be able to help you.
- We are asking parents to email multiple people to ensure that the email goes through.

NCAA

a. All juniors and seniors with an active NCAA Certification account will have their transcripts uploaded in June after final grades are posted. Please see the [NCAA Covid-19 Updates](#) or the Counseling Schoology page for the latest on NCAA eligibility guidelines.

NEW LEARNING:

- Will new material be provided?
 - Phase 2 of our Continuity of Learning plan begins April 20. New content will be introduced as part of this plan.

ONLINE/DISTANCE LEARNING:

- I heard that some schools in the country are extensively using zoom and doing online interactive classes for students. Are we thinking of doing something similar?
 - We will use Zoom and other online resources as we move forward. However, we will not conduct daily Zoom classes as part of our plan.
- I am wondering, will NCSD have a remote learning task force?
 - At this time, we have no remote/online learning task force. However, this may change as we move forward. If it does we may look to utilize parent expertise.
- Will there be tests and graded assignments in the new learning plan?
 - We will not be grading students during the period of closure. We will have new content introduced and teachers will be contacting and connecting with students. But there will not be grades.

ORCHESTRA (MS/HS SPIRIT WEAR):

- Orchestra students at the middle school and high school level ordered and paid for Spirit Wear before the school shut down. That spirit wear has been delivered to teachers but we need to somehow distribute this to students. Can we coordinate a day for students to come in to pick up their spirit wear?
 - When restrictions on movement are relaxed we will schedule times for students to come and pick up personal items. This will include spirit wear.

OSTC

- We have not heard what the plan is for Oakland Schools Technical Center classes?
 - OSTC classes are operating under the same restrictions as Novi classes. OSTC should contact you about their plan.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: What happens to those?

- At the elementary level, the spring parent teacher conferences are intended for only those families where the parents and the teacher feel there needs to be a conference. The main purpose of the conference is to discuss areas of concern around academic and/or social emotional growth, as well as, lay out a plan to support the child in the classroom for the last trimester. Now that in person learning is suspended, the entire

delivery and monitoring of the curriculum is different. Teachers are always open to communicating with parents. If a parent really wants to talk about something, please, email the teacher and the teacher will email them back.

PRESCHOOL AT ECEC:

- My child is enrolled in the preschool program at Novi Early Childhood Center. I have paid tuition through the end of the school year. Will parents be receiving reimbursement of tuition for the months of school cancelled?
 - Refunds for Preschool are being issued the week of April 6th. Any questions in regards to refunds or Preschool Registration can be emailed to Ann.Hansen@novik12.org

PROM

- Will Prom be held?
 - All decisions on events that will bring together large groups of people will be based on what the state allows and scientific consensus.
 - An alternative date is being examined for Prom. Because we do not know when the stay at home order will be lifted it is difficult to finalize a date right now.

RE-ENROLLMENT -- first year in district:

- What will be the process for CARE enrollment for next year?
 - CARE for the 2020-2021 School Year will be accepted online beginning August 1, 2020. <https://ecec.novi.k12.mi.us/programs/care>

RETURNING INSTRUMENTS:

- Can we schedule a day, preferably towards the end of this school year, for them to drop off their instruments?
 - Directions on how to return Novi Schools instruments will be communicated when restrictions on travel are reduced.

ROBOTICS

- Will the district be reimbursing the money in the accounts given that the Robotics season has ended?
 - We will communicate about this topic soon.

SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY

- Will there be a Senior All Night Party?
 - All decisions on events that will bring together large groups of people will be based on what the state allows and scientific consensus.
 - If we hold commencement we will work with the Senior All Night Party Committee to try and schedule it for the same night.
- I know it's still a little early but if the senior all night party follows commencements and it does not happen until august then my daughter cannot attend. Would there be a reimbursement for the ticket I already purchased?
 - Our intent is to still have the raffle, as we have purchased and received donations that are specifically for these students. The raffle might be online, but it is still something that we feel we need to hold. After we assess where we are money-wise, our intent was to divide what was left by how many tickets were purchased and do a partial reimbursement. So the

short answer is, they are likely to get a partial reimbursement, plus their student would be eligible for the raffle prizes. For more information, please contact [Mary Hocking](#), [Amy Smith](#), or [Nicole Heur](#).

SENIORS' LAST DAY

- Seniors normally would have finished around may 24th. Will they finish online instruction before grades 9-11 and if so when is that planned for?
 - Cap and Gown was scheduled for May 20th so that should be seniors last day.

SENIOR T-SHIRT ORDERS FOR JUNIORS IN APRIL:

- High school juniors normally order their "senior" t-shirt in late April to wear towards the end of the school year. Will they still have this opportunity?
 - All class t-shirts will be sold when we return back to school in the fall

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Guidance from MDE encourages IEP teams to be creative by scheduling video conferences and finding other ways to provide FAPE.

- How is the school district supporting students with IEPs?
- What steps has the school district taken to make sure students with IEPs have the same access to the educational curriculum?
 - Our Special Education staff will be contacting families and attempting to comply with the requirements of each child's IEP.
 - They will be following the Guidance for Compliance with IDEA and the MARSE During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - Our goal is to provide programs and services to our students with IEPs and demonstrate a good-faith effort to meet the needs of our students.

SPRING BREAK 2021 CHANGES?:

- We have two children in the NCSD, and we are inquiring about next year's school calendar. Currently, the district calendar lists next year's spring break as March 29 to April 2, 2021. Is there any possibility of this break changing?
 - Spring break in 2021 will be March 29 - April 2

SUMMER CAMPS & COMMUNITY ED REFUNDS:

- Will there be summer camp this year? If not, will registration checks be sent back to parents who have already registered their children?
 - If you are registered for Summer Camp and it does not run as planned, refunds will be issued via check or credit card. As of today there has been no change to the start date of summer camp.
- Will you be suspending the NCSD summer camp and summer school registration for the time being? I think with the current state of affairs it is unfair to fight for a camp spot or summer school without knowing what things will be like in the upcoming months and forcing people to spend money (that may not be coming in) when jobs are not secure and the future is unknown at this point.
 - At this time, we are still planning on running Summer Camp. Summer camp registrations will be accepted without payment at this time. If you have already registered and made payment for summer camp a full refund will be given if camp does not run. Information will be updated on our website as needed.

SUMMER SCHOOL:

- Is it possible to extend/carry-on the school year into portion of the summer for in-person instruction? This might mean reduced/modified summer school, but could potentially "buy-back" some of the weeks of in-person teaching that have been lost. This would obviously mean an attenuated summer vacation for the kids/families.
 - All decisions on events that will bring together large groups of people will be based on what the state allows and scientific consensus.
 - Summer School Program Schedule has been changed. New Schedule is June 29, 2020 - July 28, 2020. Session I - June 29, 2020 - July 7, 2020 (Final Exam July 7, 2020) Session II - July 8, 2020 - July 29, 2020
 - New this summer we are offering online elective courses through Michigan Virtual. Students can earn one (1) full credit in the online program. Michigan Virtual online elective schedule begins June 8, 2020 - August 14, 2020. Final Exams must be taken at Novi High School August 13 & 14 at 9:00am. Incoming 9th graders are eligible to register for this online program.
 - This summer only, students who were enrolled in courses in the 2019-2020 school year will have the ability to choose an AUDIT only option for semester B classes at registration. Students will be required to do all of the work, however they will not receive a grade or credit. This is an option being offered to help support students who were not able to complete the second semester class. The fee is the same as a credit recovery or advancement class.
- I have 10th grader, and who is going to take a summer class. We are thinking about an online summer class as well. However, there was a mandatory in person test based on last year summer school. How do you think it would be operated?
 - The final exam must be taken at Novi High School on the dates identified.
 - There are scholarship options for students who qualify for a free/reduced lunch.
 - Students enrolled in summer school coursework through other Michigan public high schools should reach out to those programs directly for clarification on their testing policy for summer work. As a reminder, all summer school coursework for high school credit must be approved by the student's counselor.
- Will there be a summer school program for 7th grade?
 - We are working to develop a middle school program. We have never had a middle school program so it will take us time to develop one for this summer.
- Our Child will be an incoming freshman at Novi High School next year. We have been in the process of registering online for summer school courses and see that there is an offering for Online Electives. She is registered for Visual and Performing Arts electives during the school year but we were wondering if any of the Online Electives can be used to satisfy VPA credits for graduation? It was not clear if the courses are credited on the transcripts or graded. And if the classes can be counted as credits can we update her next year's schedule to replace her VPA courses with alternative courses to satisfy her graduation requirements?
 - The counseling department is still reviewing these courses to determine which may meet the requirements of the VPA credit. However, as with all schedule changes after schedules are submitted, they will be based on space available. If there is not another open course in the fall that your daughter wants to take, she may still need to remain in the course that she selected this spring. The courses in summer school will be reported with a grade and credit on the transcript as any

other summer course would be. We will continue to provide information about the summer program as it becomes available, please bear with us as we learn more about this program.

- Online Health classes are not available through Novi's summer school options. It is available through Northville's summer school options. If my child takes Northville's online option, will they receive credit for it?
 - Yes. If your child registers and successfully passes Northville's online Health course, then they will receive credit for that course.

TEACHERS CHECKING THEIR STUDENTS PROGRESS

- Will teachers be checking the progress and work of students in Phase 2?
 - Yes. Teachers will be checking in with students and making sure that they are learning the content. If students are struggling, they will also have the opportunity to check in with their teachers. The Continuity of Learning plan overview will be available starting Friday, April 17, at 4:00 PM on the district website in the Academics tab. Monday, April 20, the new learning plan starts.

TECHNOLOGY

- I know the school offered Chromebooks right when the school was closed. At that point, I didn't feel it was necessary to get one for my girls because they have access to an ipad to do their learning opportunities. Now that we are transitioning to a more substantial online learning environment, my high school daughters really do need the Chromebooks. Will another opportunity to borrow these from the school be made available?
 - Email Sheila Holly sheila.holly@novik12.org to be put on a waiting list for technology. We will try and meet everyone's need starting the week of April 20.

TEST OUT:

- Will there be test out options for students for the next school year. If so, when will there be test dates and how can we register.
 - We are targeting August as a make up time frame for Test Out. Specific dates have not been determined at this time. We will confirm that date in the near future.
- What will happen to the test out's? They were scheduled for May 6th.
 - The test-outs will NOT occur on May 6th.
- What are your plans around conducting Algebra testing out at Meadows.
 - This is being discussed currently but no decision or information is available at this time.
- My son, who is currently in 8th grade, is registered for the May Japanese I test-out. What will happen with test-outs?
 - This is being discussed currently but no decision or information is available at this time

TEXTBOOK RETURNS:

- How will students return the school-provided textbooks?

- We will communicate about textbooks once we finalize our process and have a plan for ensuring that students will be safe as they enter school.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Changes in walk zones were discussed for next year. Will new walk zones be implemented for the 2020/2021 school year?
 - No changes will be made for transportation and walk zones for the 2020/2021 school year.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 8th GRADE TRIP IN NOVEMBER 2020:

- Can you please provide information on the status of the 8th grade trip to DC in November?
 - The trip is still planned at this point. As more information becomes available we will update this information.
- If we opted out of purchasing trip insurance for this November's DC trip, but would like to add it now in the event the trip still happens but we are not comfortable with sending our student on the trip – can we add that option at this time and how do we go about doing this?
 - Yes, there does appear to be uncertainty and mixed messages regarding the upcoming months. Our account manager told me that because of the current situation, they are opening the window for you to purchase trip insurance. You just need to call Customer Service..800-468-5899.
- What will happen if as a district, we decide to cancel or postpone the trip to the Spring? Will all money paid be refunded or offered for refund if postponed or cancelled?
 - At this point, **no plans have been made to cancel or postpone** the November 2020 8th grade Washington DC Trip. One of the nice things about traveling in the fall is that, if need be, we could postpone our trip until Spring 2021. However, as of now, the trip is still scheduled for November 3-6, 2020. We will take a closer look at our plans as the months pass and we know more specific information regarding the spread of the virus. Worldstrides is giving parents until September 19 to cancel. If you purchased the Refund Guarantee Program up front, you would receive all of your money back other than the \$125 cost of the RGP. If you did not purchase the RGP up front, Worldstrides will refund all of your money minus \$125 and any fees that you incurred so far. Therefore, **there is no advantage to cancelling your child's trip now!** If you cancel now, and the trip still takes place or is postponed, you would be put on the waiting list if you wished to re-register your child. If you wait to reassess the situation in September, your refund will not be any different than if you cancelled today.

XELLO ACCOUNTS:

- Do seniors need to complete these Xello accounts?
 - At this point seniors do not have to complete these. If a senior wants to complete their Educational Development Plan please contact Jennifer Kerbrat jennifer.kerbrat@novik12.org to help.

YEARBOOK:

- Is the yearbook staff still working on publishing a yearbook?

- The 2019/2020 Yearbook will be published in the fall.

ZOOM:

- Can teachers now use zoom?
 - Teachers will use Zoom more frequently starting April 20 with appropriate security protocols in place.

If you have additional questions please email to Sheila Holly, sheila.holly@novik12.org.