



April 27, 2020

To Lodi USD Parents/Guardians,

We greatly miss seeing our students and spending time with them in the regular school environment. We know this has been very challenging and we appreciate the support you provide everyday. This letter provides important information about our Distance Learning Plan. The entire document can be found on the district website. The plan is designed around a “hold harmless” framework so that no student’s academic record will be harmed due to this situation. We hope you will take advantage of all the learning opportunities from teachers as well as utilize additional resources such as those that can be found on our website. School buildings and offices are not open to the public for the remainder of the school year. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the school or use the *Contact Us* section on the school website.

If you do not have internet at home, please contact your school as soon as possible or call (209) 331-7010.

Textbooks/Chromebook and Power Supply Return/Exchange

Schools will notify 12th graders of dates to return equipment and books.

Schools will notify 9-11th graders when to return books. They bring Chromebooks when school reopens.

Schools will notify 7th and 8th graders of dates to exchange technology equipment (before the end of May).

K-6 grade students will keep their current equipment and bring it when school reopens.

Student Recognitions

- All high schools will hold an alternative graduation celebration by the end of the school year. Details are determined by each school site.
- All high schools are making plans to host an in person graduation if permitted by health/safety requirements/guidelines to be held by August 7, 2020. The decision to have this ceremony will be made by June 30, 2020.
- Middle schools will plan 8th grade promotion recognitions in alignment with health/safety requirements/guidelines. Details are determined by each school site.
- All other student recognition activities will be determined by the school sites.

Meal Service

- Meals for students are available at designated locations on Mondays and Wednesdays. Locations and times can be found on the district website.

We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work on this important effort. We are committed to providing essential services to our students and community.

Wishing you health and safety,

Cathy Nichols-Washer, Ed. D.

Lodi Unified School District Distance Learning

Elementary School (grades TK-6)

Distance Learning Time

- 1-2 hours a day (10 hours per week) and physical activity.

Grading

- Students will not receive a lesser grade than their grade on March 13, 2020.
 - Teachers will share student progress with parents.
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Middle School (grades 7-8)

Distance Learning Time

- 2-3 hours a day (15 hours per week for all courses combined).

Grading

- Students will receive Pass/Fail grades on progress reports to be distributed in the mail during the first week of May.
 - For the final grade, students will receive a Pass/Fail grade based on the grade they had prior to March 13, 2020. However, if a student had a Fail at that time, the student may make progress to earn a Pass as the final grade.
 - Grades earned after March 13, 2020, will not be used in the calculation for promotion ceremonies or recognitions and all 8th grade students will move on to 9th grade.
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High School (grades 9-12)

Distance Learning Time

- 15-18 hours per week for all courses combined.

Grading

- Students will not receive a lesser grade than their grade on March 13, 2020.
- Students will be able to earn a higher grade.
- Students will have the choice of taking their letter grade or Credit/No Credit.
- For classes starting after March 6, students will earn a grade and can select Credit/No Credit.
- Semester grades will be posted in Aeries by May 22 at 2:30 P.M.
- Students can view tentative final grades to help decide if they want to request Credit in lieu of grades.
- Students have until **May 28, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.** to request Credit/No Credit on the Credit Petition Form.
- Students submit a Credit Petition Form to each teacher for each request (details available soon).
- Students with an F will automatically be assigned No Credit.
- Students may be assigned credit recovery as an option to make up credits.
- Lodi USD recommends that all students with letter grades A+ to B- take the letter grade. Some private universities and scholarship organizations may not value Credit as highly as a letter grade. As well, CTE and other courses with articulation agreements require a letter grade in order to receive college credit.
- Final semester grades and comments will be available in Aeries by May 29 at 2:30 P.M.

