

# BISD *at Home!*

## FAQs About BISD School Closure

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QUESTIONS RELATED TO SAFETY	ANSWERS
Will the buildings receive a deep clean during the closure?	Yes. All campuses and other buildings will receive a deep clean and disinfectant.
What is being done to protect our custodial and food service staff?	We are communicating regularly with our outsourced partners, and they continue to provide assurances they are taking precautions to protect their employees using guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and local and state health authorities.
What procedures will be in place for staff and others who have to come onto campus during the closure?	BISD is doing everything possible to work "virtually". For essential personnel who have been notified to report, BISD will act according to our local and state health authorities' guidance and direction, including checking for temperature and other symptoms.
What kind of communication/education will be given to parents on best health practices during this heightened time?	We will continue to remind everyone of this guidance, but at this time it is the responsibility of all parents and staff to stay updated and informed about the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and local/state health authorities.
What documentation will be required regarding travel during the closure?	Until such time as we get closer to the reopening of schools, we are not requesting or requiring travel information. We encourage all those who have traveled to act in accordance with the travel guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control.
Upon returning to school, can there be a sanitizer/ washing hands procedure for all students and staff?	Yes. There has been and will continue to be guidance to the campuses encouraging all teachers, staff and students to follow proper hygiene. All restrooms are being fully restocked over the break with hand washing supplies. Teachers classrooms will have disinfectant wipes.
How will we treat any positive tests for staff and students?	As required by law, BISD will work with our local and state health authorities' guidance and direction.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO MEALS	ANSWERS
What is the plan for providing meals for children?	BISD will provide curbside pick-up of breakfast and lunch each weekday during school closure to any child in the community age 18 and under. Students in the Bastrop Works program will also receive free meals any pick-up location.
Is there a cost for meals?	No. During this closure, all breakfast and lunch meals will be free to all children 18 and under and Bastrop Works students regardless of income eligibility.
What are the locations and hours for meals?	<p>Breakfast and lunch will be provided for children age 18 and under and all Bastrop Works students at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bastrop High School</li> <li>● Cedar Creek Intermediate School</li> <li>● Bluebonnet Elementary</li> <li>● Lost Pines Elementary</li> <li>● Red Rock Elementary</li> </ul> <p>The hours for pick-up are 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. To ease transportation for parents, two meals per child (breakfast and lunch) may be picked up at the same time rather than having to make two trips per day.</p>
Are students who attend Gateway or the Juvenile Justice Center allowed to be on campus to obtain breakfast and lunch?	Yes. During this closure, all students are eligible to pick up breakfast and lunch each day.
Do children have to be present to receive a meal?	Yes. Meals will be provided only to children who are present to receive them.
Will meals be provided to adults?	No. Federal guidelines do not allow us to provide meals for adults. We encourage families who need food assistance to reach out to the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry at <a href="http://bastropfoodpantry.org">bastropfoodpantry.org</a> or by calling 512-303-0033.
Will children be able to eat in the school cafeteria or other school location?	No. In the interest of public health and safety, meals will be available for pick up only. There will be no dine-in option.
Are volunteers needed to assist with curbside pick-up of meals?	At this time, we are not requiring or asking any assistance of teachers and staff with meal pick-up at the curb. If this becomes a need, we will reach out at that time. Thank you to all who have offered!
How will homebound students or students with mobility issues/immunocompromised students receive meals?	The BISD Special Programs staff will identify those students and assist in coordinating meal delivery.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO STUDENTS	ANSWERS
<p>Will BISD be providing learning resources for students while the district is closed due to the coronavirus?</p>	<p>Yes. We sent by email an initial plan to parents for the week of March 23-27. During that week we will be working on a more comprehensive learning-at-home plan. Please stay tuned for more details.</p>
<p>How will we get print materials to students who cannot access electronic instruction?</p>	<p>For this first week, BISD has selected online resources that can more easily be accessed on a Smartphone. BISD is currently considering print materials to be made available. More details to come.</p>
<p>How will learning at home work for students served through special education and/or our deaf/hard of hearing students who need accommodations in general education classes?</p>	<p>For students who receive adapted curriculum through Special Education, a platform called Unique Learning Systems will be available for these enrichment opportunities. Additional instructions for accessing the program with your child will be sent to families as needed.</p> <p>Additional information also will be sent to students and families with instructions for turning on closed captioning for students with auditory impairments.</p> <p>The Curriculum &amp; Instruction team, along with Special Programs &amp; Services staff, are working on plans to meet the needs of all students, including those with Individualized Education Plans. Additional communication about instructional resources and access will be made available at a later time as those plans are developed.</p>
<p>Will BISD provide any assistance to families without internet access?</p>	<p>BISD is exploring all options to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn while they are at home during this unexpected closure. At this time, we are aware of the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spectrum 844-488-8395. Providing free broadband and WiFi for 60 days plus free installation for non-Spectrum households with a K-12 or college student at home. Also opening WiFi hotspots for public use.</li> <li>● Xfinity hotspots are available free for anyone who needs them. A list of public hotspots is available at <a href="http://xfinity.com/wifi">xfinity.com/wifi</a></li> <li>● AT&amp;T is waiving home internet data caps during the closure.</li> <li>● TMobile is removing data caps for cellular customers during the closure.</li> </ul>

	Families must contact providers directly.
If an ACC student does not have internet access or computer access for their college classes during this closure period, will we be providing any assistance?	Yes. We will work with those students who need devices and internet access to the extent possible to ensure they are able to complete their college courses.
Will devices be made available to students, and how will they be allocated?	BISD will coordinate a plan to identify those students who are most in need of a device to assist them with learning at home during the closure.
What is the status of previously scheduled field trips and ceremonies?	During the time of school closure, all events remain cancelled. Any future trips or ceremonies outside of the closure window will be handled under the guidance of our local health authority for social gatherings.
Will credit-by-exam (CBE) be rescheduled?	It is too early to know how closure may impact the CBE schedule.
Will there be any changes to April 10 and April 13 on the school calendar, which are currently staff/student holidays?	There are no modifications to the school calendar being considered at this time.
What will happen to driver education classes scheduled for the week of March 23?	All events at the campuses are cancelled during the closure.
What will happen to the SAT School Day scheduled for March 25?	The SAT School Day will be cancelled and rescheduled at a later date.
When are cheer tryouts able to be rescheduled? Can students be recorded at school one at a time?	At this time, we do not know when a cheer tryout reschedule will occur. Cheer tryouts will be handled once the district has reopened.
How will students obtain medication that is kept at the school for them?	Nurses will be on campus Monday, March 23 and will reach out to students who have medication at school to arrange for pick up. Pick up for student medication kept in the nurse's office will be Monday, March 23 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.
Will the BISD Family Resource Center be open for students who need assistance?	Although the physical building on Hill Street will not be open due to the district closure, individual staff members will be available to assist students experiencing homelessness or otherwise in need and to coordinate services with community partners who are housed in the Family Resource Center.
Will students be able to complete their art murals as part of their AP exam?	Not at this time. During the time of school closure, all events remain cancelled.

<p>Will seniors (whether retesters or first-time testers) who need to take an End of Course exam be prevented from graduating if they are unable to take the exam prior to the end of the school year?</p>	<p>The Texas Education Agency has authorized districts to use the Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) protocol to consider whether or not students in this position have fulfilled graduation requirements and should graduate under alternate requirements.</p>
<p>Will an Individual Graduation Committee need to be formed for senior re-testers who were set to take an End-of-Course exam in order to graduate?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Will there be an extension for TELPAS testing?</p>	<p>We are awaiting further guidance from the Texas Education Agency on the agency's waiver request submitted to the US Department of Education.</p>
<p>Will the AP testing window be extended?</p>	<p>Yes, but we are awaiting information from the College Board.</p>
<p>For seniors in credit recovery to fulfill graduation requirements, can we allow them to work from home including tests and quizzes?</p>	<p>Yes. We are currently working on a remote learning plan.</p>
<p>For students at Genesis High School who have completed all graduation requirements except passing an End of Course exam, may these students graduate given the waiver for STAAR EOC exams as a graduation requirement?</p>	<p>The Texas Education Agency has authorized districts to use the Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) protocol to consider whether or not students in this position have fulfilled graduation requirements and should graduate under alternate requirements.</p>
<p>Will students scheduled to take an EOC between now and the end of the school year have to take that EOC next year?</p>	<p>It is our understanding at this time that a special exception or plan will be made for students in this situation. We will provide additional information as we receive guidance from the Texas Education Agency.</p>
<p>Will parents who've paid for STARS childcare or daycare be reimbursed or credited for unused service during closure?</p>	<p>Yes, the district will provide a credit to those parents who reserved and paid for STARS or BISD daycare services but were unused due to the closure.</p>
<p>Will students who are missing school due to closure be withheld from passing to the next grade?</p>	<p>Students will not be held accountable for attendance during the time the district was closed for coronavirus.</p>
<p>What happens to the speech therapy Pencil Program for 3-year-olds?</p>	<p>We are currently working on a plan for this and will contact parents who have students involved in this program.</p>
<p>Will there be restrictions placed on one-to-one services for students who may need therapy?</p>	<p>Yes there will be restrictions. In accordance with guidance to limit contact in the interest of public</p>

	health, we will provide virtual services whenever and wherever possible.
Will we be able to schedule virtual ARD meetings?	We have not received complete guidance/clarification on evaluation timelines yet, although we know they have not been waived. We are currently considering a plan for virtual ARDs.