Essential Information for Colleton County Students and Parents

What is Distance Learning?

Colleton County School District has developed a plan for distance learning days to provide students with assignments for lost instructional time due to school closures. This plan allows students to complete standards-based assignments from home while school is not in session. While we cannot replace the value of the teacher-student interaction in the classroom, we are continuously working to provide resources and activities that will help students remain engaged in learning while schools are closed.

Distance Learning Packets

- **How will the distance learning packets be graded?**
  - Students are graded based on turning in complete packets. Teachers will use student work to generate a grade/grades that will be included in the 2nd semester grade.

- **What protocols will be followed to distribute any remaining packets?**
  - If you are unable to pick up a packet, the materials are available online. Go to your child’s school website and download the documents. The district will not deliver packets to students with the exception of some students with special needs.

- **When can parents drop off the 2nd packets?**
  - Parents can drop off the 2nd Distance Learning Packets on May 8, 2020. Each school will have bins/tubs available in front of the school for parents to drop off Distance Learning Packets. The deadline for submitting the packets is May 15, 2020.

- **When can parents connect with my child’s teacher?**
  - Teachers are accessible for students and parents from 9:00am to 12:00pm and from 1:00-3:00 daily. You may also schedule an appointment.

- **What hours is someone available at each school?**
  - School hours are from 8:00am to 3:00pm. The school leaders or a designee should be on campus to receive telephone calls only. You can also email your school’s principal.

- **What learning platforms are available for my child?**
  - Please click the following link: Distance Learning Platforms.
Special Education

- **What guidance is being provided to parents of children with disabilities?**
  - Refer to Parent Guidance

Student Registration and Transfers

- **Is there an extension for 4K and Kindergarten registration?**
  - Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration deadline has been extended to May 7, 2020. Applications are available in fillable form on the district's website. Completed applications can be scanned or a picture can be taken and emailed to Linda Hyman at lhyman@colleton.k12.sc.us.

- **Has the transfer window been extended for student transfers (Intradistrict, Admittance, Release)?**
  - Transfer request applications for extenuating circumstances have been extended to May 7, 2020. Applications are available in fillable form on the district's website. Completed applications can be scanned or a picture can be taken and emailed to Emily Williams at ehwilliams@colleton.k12.sc.us.

Social Emotional Support

- **Are Professional School Counselors and School Psychologists available to connect with their students?**
  - Yes, you may contact your Professional School Counselor and/or School Psychologists through their district email. Please refer to your school website to obtain their email address or ask your child’s teacher.

- **What help is available if my child needs mental health services?**
  - For immediate assistance, parents may contact Coastal Empire Mental Health (843)549-1551 or (833)364-2274.
  - Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
  - Supporting Families During COVID-19

Tutoring and Enrichment Support

- **South Carolina Department of Education Remote Learning Portal**
- **Middle School Students**
  - We are excited to provide access to 21st Century GAP to all middle school students in the virtual environment from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Logon to the CCMS website to get more information as to how to access the program.

- **Elementary School Students**
  - We are excited to provide access to 21st Century Robotics to all elementary school students in the virtual environment from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Logon to your child’s school website to get more information as to how to access the program.