

Dear CPS Families,

We made it through our first day of alternative learning! It was not without some trials and tribulations, but there were some triumphs too. With the launch, we experienced some outages with Schoology. This was an issue nationwide. The positive here is that you all are signing on. The negative is the frustration of not being able to connect. We understand. We're continuing to work toward resolving issues. We can't begin to thank you enough for your flexibility, understanding, and support during this unprecedented, uncertain and difficult time.

Below is updated information on the operations of the school district.

Academics

We know we've entered a unique situation with at-home learning. Alternative learning is being designed to reinforce what students have learned so far and to review what they know. We encourage routines as this will help students connect with this new learning style. Teachers are prepared to be flexible and will be communicating directly with families and students. We want to be helpful during this time, but in no way want to overwhelm. This is new territory for all of us and we are confident we will get through this together.

We are continuing to add resources and information to www.cpsk12.org/COVID19. Please check the site for academic resources and supplemental learning applications.

As a reminder, elementary (PK-4) have been provided packets of work to be completed through April 10. We are working on developing plans for learning post April 10 with the extension of the stay-at-home order. Fifth graders and secondary students will be able to continue to submit assignments to their teacher through Schoology. English Learners and students receiving special education services are being provided access to learning, or in the event IEP goals cannot be met adequately through alternative methods of instructions, we will provide compensatory services. IEP teams will work to make the best decisions for our exceptional learners.

Technology

Our technology team has added a resource link to our COVID-19 website to check system outages as online learning increases. You can check for system issues here: <https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/17719>

The COVID-19 site also has information on help with user IDs and passwords, logging in to the portal, and many other resources: www.cpsk12.org/COVID19.

If you have a broken device or charger issue you can contact Technology Services at 573-214-3333 to arrange a replacement.

WiFi hotspots have been mailed to students. The hotspots were mailed to the address for the household on file with the school district. The hotspots will work with all CPS devices in the household, both iPads and laptops. They provide filtered internet access per our school district internet use policies. Instructions on how to connect the hotspots are included and a video on the connectivity is available on our website at www.cpsk12.org/COVID19/technology. Instructions will be provided in multiple languages for families with English Learners.

For others needing internet access, Spectrum, Mediacom and Socket have options available. Additionally, CPS filtered-WiFi is available from any of our school parking lots (until 10 p.m.). You can pull up and sign on for free access.

Food & Family Support Resources

Grab-and-Go meal delivery for students in need began today. The stops and times are available here:

<https://www.cpsk12.org/cms/lib/MO01909752/Centricity/Domain/9415/CPS%20Grab-and-Go%20Meals.pdf>

We will have 8 buses running multiple stop routes Monday-Friday. Stops are not school specific, but rather designed regionally to include as many high-need areas as possible. **Please find the stop closest to you and go there with your student at the designated time. Students ages 2-18 years of age can obtain a meal. Stops will last approximately 15 minutes.** We ask that you practice social distancing while at the stop. Both breakfast and lunch will be packed as a Grab-and-Go bag. Students may select a sack meal, one milk and a fruit and/or vegetable. Meals contain mostly non-perishable items. Please adhere to disposal and refrigeration instructions for perishable items.

Federal regulations require that the student be present in order to obtain the meal. If your student has mobility concerns (or the parent has mobility concerns) which prevent them from getting to meal drop-off locations, another trusted adult may come to the drop-off location and pick up the student's meals. In this case, when the parent/guardian/trusted adult picks up the student's meal, they must provide their student's ID number. If parents are unsure of their student's ID number, please email sped@cpsk12.org for assistance.

Bus stop and menu information is also attached.

Additional resources available to families:

Agencies providing food assistance: <https://sharefoodbringhope.org/agencies/boone>

City-County Assistance Resources: <https://comohelps.org/>

Boys and Girls Club providing evening meals and snacks M-F 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.:
<https://www.bgc-columbia.org/programs/current/>

United Way Assistance: <http://www.211helps.org/>

Additional Resources: www.cpsk12.org/COVID19

Many local restaurants and businesses are providing food for students and families as well. We're grateful to our community for the support being provided to those in need.

Thank you again for your flexibility and all your at-home efforts to keep our students learning. Please continue to follow the instructions and information being provided by our lead government and health agencies so that we can all remain safe and healthy. Together we are living our school district values of empathy, grace, collaboration, integrity, transparency, and trust. Stay safe!

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