

FAQ List – Parents/Families/Faculty&Staff
Updated March 17, 2020

Central York School District has prepared the list of “Frequently Asked Questions” to respond to a number of common inquiries we have received since the start of our state-mandated closure of schools and facilities March 16, 2020.

How Long is the Closure?

We are closed through Friday, March 27, 2020.

Why Are We Not Using Flexible Instruction Days During This Time?

Because we are closed by decree of the state, we are not permitted to offer education and may not use our Flexible Instruction Days during this 10-day period. This closure also extends to Central York Cyber Academy and all public cyber schools. We are monitoring the situation and, if we would need to extend the closure beyond 10 days, we will revisit the option to use Flexible Instruction Days at this time.

Will We Have To Make Up These Days?

As of today, our guidance from the state is that we do not need to make up these days. They do not impact our graduation date and they do not impact our last day of school.

Do We Have a New Date for Graduation?

Our graduation date has not been changed at this time, as the 10-day closure does not need to be “made up” and at this point does not have an impact on our calendar.

What About the SATs?

The College Board has notified us that the May 2020 SATs have been cancelled and that new dates will be scheduled in August 2020. We will share this information when it is available to us.

What About AP Courses/Credits?

The College Board has notified us that they are working on a plan for students enrolled in AP courses and that they will update us on March 20, 2020. We will share any updates when they are available to us.

Will IEP/504/Other Special Education Meetings/Services Be Held As Planned?

IEP Meetings and other Special Education Meetings scheduled for this time period will not be held during the closure. They will be rescheduled when the District reopens. We will continue to provide special education services to students until new meetings are rescheduled.

Who Should I Contact For Assistance with Building Access During Closure?

Our buildings and facilities are closed and are not staffed. Our administrative team is working remotely throughout the closure, and a limited number of maintenance and food services personnel are working to continue certain operations.

In the event that you need to access a building for an emergency or urgent reason, please contact your building principal by email.

What Should I Expect of My Child’s Teacher During the Closure?

Because this is a mandated state closure, Therefore, all student instruction has been suspended. We are monitoring the situation and are continuing to reach out to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for additional guidance.

We ask that parents and students refrain from contacting teachers at this time.

All building-specific questions should be directed to the appropriate building principal for the remainder of the closure.

Additional district-wide communication will be distributed when pertinent and/or new information is available to share with our school community

What About PTO/Organization Events/Fundraisers/Trips?

All events and activities scheduled during this closure are cancelled. If they are rescheduled or cancelled, we will share that information with you as soon as it is known.

At this time, we do not know if Basket Bingo will be held. If you wish to request a refund for previously purchased tickets to Basket Bingo, please notify the organizer at heika27@yahoo.com.

Hershey is extending discounted Hershey Park ticket sales. The new deadline will be Friday April 24th. Orders will be collected after the students return to school. If you placed an order all cash and checks will be held until we submit sales to Hershey Park on April 24th. If you would like to cancel your order, please contact the PTO Chair for your school.

Individual organizations may have already contacted families about events being rescheduled or cancelled. Please refer to those messages.

What Band Shows/Concerts Are Cancelled?

The Band Department concert scheduled for March 18 is cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Central PA Jazz Fest scheduled for April 4 is cancelled and will not be scheduled. The PMEA Music Performance Assessment has been cancelled and will not be held as scheduled.

Mr. Martini shared information with Band members directly via Skwyard concerning dates in May and other items related to High School Band.

All other events are pending a decision.

What Does This Mean for Central York Cyber Academy Learners

The mandated closure of schools includes all cyber schools in the Commonwealth per the announcement by Governor Wolf and the PA Dept of Education. Therefore, students enrolled in our Central York Cyber Academy today received an email indicating their courses were “dropped.”

Please understand this “dropped” status is only temporary and the course was NOT permanently dropped. The course will be reopened at the conclusion of our closure. All completed work is saved and students will be able to resume work in the courses exactly where you left off. Central York School District will notify students in advance when you are permitted to start working again and when your courses will be reopened.

What Co-Curricular Activities are Cancelled?

During the 10-day closure, no activities – athletic, music or otherwise – will be held. We will reevaluate guidance next week and provide information on what to expect following the closure at that time.

How Does This Impact College in the High School?

We are awaiting guidance from individual colleges and universities and will follow up with you as soon as we have more detailed information.

Does the Marking Period Still End on 3/24?

There has been no change to that date as of today, 3/17/20.

Are Finals Schedules The Same?

There has been no change to that date as of today, 3/17/20.

Will We Offer Food for Students During Closure?

We will continue providing lunches to students at Hayshire, Stony Brook, Central York High School and the York Learning Center throughout the closure. Lunches are free for students ages 18 and under and are offered as grab-and-go between 12PM and 1PM daily.

Should We Do the Work In Our FID Packets?

Any course work sent home with students in preparation for Flexible Instruction Days does not need to be completed and will not be marked or graded during the closure.

What About PSSAs and Keystone Exams?

We are awaiting state guidance on these exams and will provide an update as soon as it is available to us.

Are Volunteers Needed To Help Distribute Lunch to Students?

If you are interested in assisting during the closure and have your volunteer clearances, please email Ms. Bobbi Billman, Director of Human Resources, at bbillman@cysd.k12.pa.us.

How Will This Impact Kindergarten Registration?

No decision has been made at this time. If these dates should change, we will communicate with impacted families when we reopen.

What About Playdates/Parties During the Closure?

Because the goal of closing schools is to slow the spread of the virus through social distancing, we encourage families to follow CDC and PA Department of Health guidance to aid in these efforts.

What About High School Scheduling?

Please expect communication at a later date on the impact of this closure on high school scheduling for 2020-2021.

What Should I Do With My Middle School Course Selection Sheet?

Please hold those sheets until we reopen, or until you receive additional guidance.

Where Can I Find Ongoing Updates and Information from PA DOH and the CDC?

Please continue to refer to the PA Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control websites for updated, accurate information about Coronavirus. You can find links to these sites, and our previous updates, in our [Coronavirus Resource Center](#).