

Good afternoon East Windsor families,

On behalf of all of the administrators, we hope that all of you are doing well and staying healthy. We have a few updates and reminders for you and please be reminded if you have any questions, please contact your building administrator. We are still checking phone messages at each school and respond to emails. At times, we have experienced some email issues. If you do not receive a response to your email please call the building and leave a message. Administrators will always respond to emails, typically within 24 hours so lack of response may indicate we did not receive your message.

Devices and Academic Materials

At times, families may need to pick up paper materials or exchange broken, district-issued laptops. We ask that anyone needing to do a swap contact their building administrators in advance to confirm when materials would be available.

Laptops may be available for exchange. We have distributed a significant number of laptops and have to prepare any more being sent home. We also are limiting the staff in our buildings so we limit exposure to our essential staff. You may experience a delay in exchanging a damaged device so thank you for your patience in advance.

If you experience any technical difficulties with SeeSaw, please give the program a few minutes and try again, They have had some minor difficulties and we appreciate your patience

Field Trips

Some parents have contacted the schools with questions about field trips. All field trips or school related activities that would require access to our buildings or that our students and staff congregate are cancelled. We will update you as we receive guidance from the Governor about changing restriction and what that will mean for the East Windsor Public Schools.

Grading

Based on guidance provided by the State Board of Education, East Windsor Public Schools has decided to adopt a modified grading system for the fourth marking period. We believe this structure will create equitable performance opportunities for all of the students we serve.

High School/Middle School

- Quarter 4 grades will be based on a *Pass/Fail* system. Students can earn a grade of *Pass*, *Fail*, *Pass with Distinction* or *Incomplete*. All assignments will be weighted the same as one another.
 - *Pass* = 60% or higher
 - *Pass with Distinction (P+)* = 90% or higher
 - *Fail* = Lower than 60%

- Students' overall GPAs for the 2019-20 school year will be calculated based on grades earned for Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Mid-Term Exam, and Quarter 3.
- Class rank will also be calculated using grades for the first three marking periods and the mid-term exams.
- Students who need to earn a certain numeric score during Quarter 4 in order to earn their credit for the year must still do so. If the target numeric score is achieved, he/she will receive a *Pass* for the Quarter 4 and numeric grade for final grade of a 60% or higher.
- Final Exams will be eliminated this year
- *Incomplete* grades will be assigned for grades 5 through 11 to students whose unique life circumstances have prevented them the opportunity to fully engage in distance learning.

Broad Brook

- Quarter 4 grades will be based *Participation*. Students can earn *Satisfactory Participation, Limited Participation or No Participation*.
 - *Satisfactory Participation = over 60% of activities completed*
 - *Limited Participation = 10% - 60% of activities completed*
 - *Did Not Participate = under 10% of activities completed*

Meals

Please remember breakfast and lunch are served daily at East Windsor Middle School from 7 am – 10 am. If you are unable to get to the Middle School for meal pick up, please contact your building administrator.

Website

We have updated the district website to include a tab for “Distance Learning” and included all of the resources from the website onto one page. We hope you find this page helpful and encourage you to check back frequently as we update resources on a regular basis. Please let us know if there are any topics about which you would like information.

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kaminski and I are researching ways to make this year's graduation special. We have heard from a representative group from the senior class but will be doing additional research and will communicate shortly with our thoughts. We are taking a variety of factors into consideration as we consider options.

As we continue with distance learning, we continue to encourage students to do their best. We know that all families are experiencing different challenges and ask that you check in with your child(ren) periodically to see how they are doing. If you or your child(ren) are having difficulty with work or with getting work completed, please email their teacher.

Please keep checking the portal and Facebook for upcoming spirit days! There are a number of special days planned in the upcoming weeks.

Join us in honoring our administrative assistants for all of their hard work as Administrative Assistants' Day was April 22. Even as we are working from home, these folks have continued to support our schools and the East Windsor Public Schools' community says THANK YOU!!!

We have a variety of ways we can support you and your children during distance learning so please contact your child's teacher or building administrator if we can offer help.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe

Christine