

March 31, 2020

Dear Elgin High School Students, Parents, and Guardians:

We have been working diligently to make a plan to complete the 2019-2020 school year. Our goal is to design a plan that will work for all students. Please take a moment to read through this letter with your parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

This is a unique time, and because of that, learning will look different than it has in the past. However, we are doing our best to design plans that will work for individual students based on their access to resources and technology.

We need to make sure that we can contact each student on a regular basis. For students who have access to the internet via home internet, phone, or another source, students need to check their email at least one time each weekday. Resources and lessons will also be provided via Google Classroom. Many students are already enrolled in a course that utilizes Google Classroom; the use of Google Classroom will continue and may expand if additional teachers choose to use that platform. Log on to Classroom regularly to check for assignments. Continue to log in to your email and Google Classroom account as before using your student ID number @elginps.net (ex. 999999@elginps.net).

Paper packets will be offered to students without access to the internet. We ask that paper copies be requested only when the paper option is the only learning option for the student. For students who do not have internet access, the student's parent/guardian needs to provide their current mailing address and phone number. In order to do so, please email Mr. Lorah, EHS Principal, at clorah@elginps.net, or call and leave a message at (580)492-3671. In that message, please be sure to specify the name of your child and if he or she will need paper copies of assignments in lieu of online assignments. If your child will need paper copies, please request those by April 6, 2020.

Students will be awarded credit for their current courses. Final grades recorded to the transcript and report cards will not be lower than a student's current grade. Grades will not be impacted negatively from now until the end of the academic year. Students who would like to improve their current grades or students who are currently below passing in any class need to reach out to the teacher of that course, and the teacher will work with the student to provide opportunities for the improvement of those grades. Teacher contact information is located at the bottom of this letter.

Learning will begin on Monday, April 6. Students need to log onto their email and/or Google Classroom prior to that date to make sure they are able to login. If there is a problem with the login process, email techwork@elginps.net, and they will assist with login issues. The end of instruction date for the 2019-2020 school year has been set as May 8, 2020.

Pre-enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will be available after April 13. Students who are planning to enroll in concurrent coursework for the 2020-2021 school year can find information now about that process on the Google Classroom page created by the counselors.

Plans for belongings in lockers, the return of books and school uniforms, yearbook distribution, graduation, and other end of year activities have not been finalized. Direction regarding these processes will be given by administrators when a final plan is made.

Feed the Need is a program that has been established in Elgin to help families who need help with student lunches. Please reach out to Rachael (816-838-7687) or Sarah (580-215-3665) for additional information about the services available.

Hilliary Communications is working to help provide internet access to students. Call them at (580)529-5000 to learn about the programs they have available.

We are here to help both our students and their families during this time. The goal of distance learning is not to add stress to the current situation but instead to provide opportunities for students to continue to learn and grow. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Curtis Lorah
Elgin High School Principal

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Junior / Senior Counselor