

# Columbus Public Schools

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Dear parents and students:

We are truly going through an unprecedented time in Montana's educational history. Never before have schools been closed for several weeks with a mandate to continue education should the closure last longer.

Beginning on Monday, 3/23, each teacher will send home one assignment to be completed by Friday, 3/27. These assignments will be distributed to the students via Google Classroom and/or the student's school email. Students will need to download the assignment and submit it using Google Classroom or their school email. For students without internet access at home, hard copies of the lesson will be available between 8 AM - 2 PM, Monday-Friday, at the high school office. Hard copies of the work can be turned into the high school during those same times. If a student needs a computer because one is not available at home, students can check out a Chromebook from the High School Tech Department between 8 AM - 12 PM on Thursday.

Please note that during this closure, lessons will not be streamed live. We don't want to penalize students that do not have internet access by streaming individual classes. All assignments will be assigned with a hard copy available for students that do not have technology access.

If your student has an IEP, please be watching for communications from Ms. Stimpson. The Special Education Department is offering additional support for their students during the closure.

We will be using the school app, which can be downloaded from your device's app store by searching Columbus School District, the Infinite Campus notification and messenger services, as well as email and standard mail to keep everyone as informed as possible during this time. For now, your student(s) will only be required to complete one assignment per class for the week of 3/23. Should the school closure last for longer than the two-week period, we will adjust the assignment load per week appropriately once we find out how students, parents, and teachers adjust to this mode of education.

Please feel free to contact me or your student's teacher if you have questions.



Jim Browning, High School Principal