

Message update from Hampshire County Schools:

I hope this message finds everyone safe. I continue to express my appreciation to our staff, students, and parents for their teamwork as we strive to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. The support from our community remains strong, and we value the assistance and encouragement from all. Our greatest concern is for the health and well-being of our students and their families. Please continue to maintain social distancing and practice good hygiene.

Currently, all schools in West Virginia are closed until at least April 30th. To serve our students, we are preparing student engagement activities that will provide learning opportunities for either an extended closure or return to school. The plan will be as follows:

On Monday through Wednesday, April 20-22, all Hampshire County Schools will have their mantraps/foyers open for students/parents to drop off snow packets days 3, 4, and 5 and all assigned instructional materials. Students may also continue to send their completed assignments through the use of available technology: Live Grades, photos, digital and/or scanned assignments. Students and/or parents may drop their school work at their local community school instead of traveling to multiple schools. For example, high school students living in the Capon Bridge area may drop their work at CBMS or CBE. If you live in the Levels or Slanesville area, you will be able to leave your high school and/or middle school assignments at the elementary schools. I have consulted with our local health officials, and it is suggested that you enter our schools one at a time and maintain social distancing. You can visit our website for the times each school will have their mantraps/foyers open.

New student engagement activities for all grade levels will also be available for pickup at all school locations on the same dates of Monday through Wednesday, April 20-22. Student engagement activities are available on the Hampshire County website at <http://boe.hamp.k12.wv.us/index.aspx?NID=714>. The student engagement activities are prepared for the remainder of the year, unless students return to school. Students should adhere to the following assignment schedule:

- Elementary schools:
 - Week of April 20th – 3 ELA and 3 math and 1 activity each for science and social studies
 - Week of April 27th - 3 ELA and 3 math and 1 activity each for science and social studies
 - Week of May 4 - 3 ELA and 3 math and 1 activity each for science and social studies
 - Week of May 11 - 1 ELA and 1 math and 1 activity each for science and social studies
- Note: Pre K, Kindergarten, and First Grade have ELA and math activities only.
- Middle schools:
 - Week of April 20th – 2 activities per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Related Arts)
 - Week of April 27th - 2 activities per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Related Arts)
 - Week of May 4 - 2 activities per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Related Arts)
 - Week of May 11 - 1 activity per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Related Arts)

- Foreign Language and BCA students must complete assignments provided by their teacher
- High school:
 - Week of April 27th - 2 activities per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Electives)
 - Week of May 4 - 2 activities per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Electives)
 - Week of May 11 - 1 activity per subject (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Electives)

Teachers have been provided guidance to address grades for the 4th nine weeks. Completed work submitted by the students, including Snow Packet Days 3-4-5, and online work through LiveGrades, will be graded by the teachers with the thought in mind that we are looking at **effort, not accuracy. No student will earn a grade lower than the cumulative grade they had on March 13.** Teachers will follow set guidelines to provide the greatest benefit to students. Any student still needing to get these assignments needs to contact your teacher, principals, or the central office.

Beginning April 20th (Elementary and Middle) and April 27th (High School), Hampshire County Schools will implement a student engagement activities plan. Student engagement activities are available on the Hampshire County website at <http://boe.hamp.k12.wv.us/index.aspx?NID=714>. Students will no longer receive a traditional grade on assignments, but will receive **VALUE ADDED** points. The student engagement activities will be graded as a whole assignment on a scale of 6-10. **ADDED** points of 6 -10 will be added to the overall student grade in each subject for the 4th nine weeks. However, a grade may not exceed 100%. Some teachers may continue with online instruction, but all work will be **VALUE ADDED**. For example, let's say your average grade on the snow packets and additional instructional packets was 85%. You complete the **VALUE ADDED** assignments and earn 8 points. Your teacher will then take $85 + 8 = 93\%$ for your 4th nine weeks grade. This is a great opportunity to increase final grades for all students.

We will resume our weekly meal deliveries on Tuesday, April 21. Buses will begin delivering meals at approximately 10:00 am, and meals will be available at our drive-thru/pick up sites at Romney Elementary, Augusta Elementary, and Capon Bridge Elementary between the hours of 11 am--noon. Parents wishing to begin participation should contact the transportation department at 304-496-1501 on Monday, April 20, to make arrangements for delivery. Parents desiring to access the pick-up sites do not have to make contact but just arrive at your school site of choice.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Our goal remains to meet the educational and nutritional needs of our students. Please remind your children that they are loved and missed by our staff. We look forward to the day when we are all reunited! Please contact our central office if you have a need, we are here to serve you.....