

Skyline High School *An International Baccalaureate School*

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Dear Parents and Students,

Approximately four weeks ago the world as we knew it (at Skyline High) was completely changed by the Coronavirus. Students were no longer allowed to attend school, teachers had to learn new strategies for communication and instruction, the economy was buckling under the weight of Covid-19 and we were all learning to live with a new directive called social distancing.

I was sitting in my office this morning thinking of the 2150 students that are enrolled at Skyline. Four weeks ago, they came to school to begin class at 7:30 a.m., if they had questions about their learning they asked their teacher during class. Student's had eight classes, four every other day held at the same time each day. Parents supported their students learning at the end of the day. Now at much greater level you are supporting and facilitating learning at home (thank you so much). We appreciate all that you are doing. I could go on and on. The fact of the matter is much has changed.

Each Monday morning the faculty and I meet virtually to discuss issues and adaptations that need to be made for online learning. Typically, with participants in the high 90's. We are trying to recognize and understand the new method of instruction (distance on-line learning) and discuss what is working well and adjustments that need to be made moving forward to help all students engage successfully. There are many moving parts and we are trying hard to connect with all students to make sure they are engaging in on-line learning. I recently asked Skyline teachers to share with me the number of students that have not participated in their classes by turning in an assignment, a quiz, participating in a zoom session, or by reaching out to teachers by email. At one point that number was approximately 600 students. I am happy to report that number has dropped to less than 100.

Parents please make sure that your students are participating and engaging with their teachers. If there are difficulties, please reach out to teachers to try and get the needed information or support. Teachers are expecting your emails and responses. If by chance you are not hearing back from teachers within a 24-hour period, please resend the email and copy myself or any one of my admin. team on the email and we will reach out to the teachers and someone will get back with you.

Thank you so much for all that you are doing to support your students, Skyline teachers, and the on-line learning process. Moving forward together we can accomplish anything.

Sincerely,

Doug Bingham Principal
Skyline High School

p.s. Please see the next page for information and updates regarding online learning.

Information Updates as of April 14, 2020

General Information

- School remains on soft dismissal through the remainder of the year.
- Social Distancing
 - Our grounds remain open for use but please remember to exercise social distancing standards (stay at least 6 feet apart) and make sure that you are not congregating in large groups (less than 10 people) to insure safety for all during the covid-19 pandemic.
 - Mid-terms are Friday April 17, 2020.
 - Midterm-reports will be mailed home the following week.

Year-end assessment testing Status

- Granite District Benchmarks not mandatory
- CTE State tests (Precision Exams) will not be required for the remainder of the year.
 - Examples: FACS Classes, Woods Classes
- Aspire Test Cancelled for 2020
- ACT-State Administered Test Cancelled.
 - National ACT Summer administration dates at Skyline
 - June 13, 2020
 - July 18, 2020
 - State will offer vouchers to pay for test for 11th grade students of the 2019-2020 school year only. More information will be coming regarding voucher distribution.
 - If you are interested in taking the National ACT on either of these dates please go to ACT.org and create a personal account. This will expedite registration for summer and future ACT test administrations.
 - Please direct additional questions to Rob Scott
rscott@graniteschools.org .

Advanced Placement Testing

College Board has released new information about upcoming AP Exams, the following is a quick summary. Please visit College Board's website

(<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>) for more detailed information about exam times/dates and exam content.

- AP Exams will be taken from home during the dates of May 11th and May 22nd. College Board is offering late exam dates in June as well.

Advanced Placement Testing Cont.

- All exams will be 45 minutes long and can be taken on any device a student has access to - computer, tablet, or smartphone. Students will also have the option of writing responses by hand and submitting a photo.
- College Board is still working out the details of testing accommodations. If you or your student is approved for accommodated exams, please watch for information from Mrs. Johansen in the coming weeks.
- College Board is offering mobile-friendly AP review sessions for free. Please visit their website to access these on-demand classes.
- Our AP Coordinator, Mrs. Johansen, is available to answer questions you may have about your AP Exams. Please email her at djohansen@graniteschools.org with any concerns.

Study helps for ACT and Advanced Placement Testing

- Shmoop is available to all high school students to help them prepare for the ACT test through a USBE contract.
- To support distance learning due to COVID-19 distance learning, USBE accepted an offer from Shmoop to extend this support to other preparation materials including AP (Advanced Placement). High Schools can evaluate the new resources by watching this recorded webinar and make the resource available to students at school choice:
- **Meeting Recording:**
https://shmoop.zoom.us/rec/share/4t5SIOnp5mRJUoHn60vwRL4sRZbfX6a8gCZK8_AEzxmJ1XIJISzG6a5fa
- [MNMfmrC?start=1584993508000](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNMfmrC?start=1584993508000)
- **Deck/Guide:**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eNeq1zTvXvsYb9VJzfc5PjTVcu7mbRp/view?usp=sharing>
Information on the availability of Shmoop is available at the Granite School District website:
<https://www.graniteschools.org/studentassessment/test-prep/>
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dfCfD6fVzM95OfdBsoQIshzRs4G765pW-hISfvjiCLI/edit?usp=sharing>

For questions email Mrs. Bucaria rbucaria@graniteschools.org .

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IB Testing

- There will be no IB exams in the spring of 2020
 - IB teachers are collecting and preparing their Internal Assessments to upload to IB (We do this every year).
 - IB teachers will be submitting a PREDICTED GRADE for each student as usual (we do this every year).
 - IB will base the students' final grades on a combination of those predicted grades and their internal assessment score.
 - Please direct additional questions to Chris Krueger ckrueger@graniteschools.org.

Graduation 2020

- Graduation is on everyone's mind and how it will be handled.
 - Governor Herbert announced today that schools will remain on soft dismissal for the remainder of the year.
 - Our hope is that graduation will be able to continue as in the past. However, if that is not the case plans are being discussed and developed in case graduation does not happen in the traditional way.
 - More information coming soon.