



K-12 School District No. 8

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"Home of the Hornets"

To the Students, Staff, Parents and Community of White Sulphur Springs,

We appreciate all the efforts you and your children are putting forth to continue with academic progress during this unprecedented time. This letter is an effort to keep you informed of the District's actions and expectations during this time. At the regular School Board Meeting on April 21, 2020, our Board and administration agreed to continue remote learning through the end of this school year.

Our school year will continue with remote learning as previously scheduled with the following exception; Students who have passing grades (60% or better) on May 8th, will have met proficiency and will be done for the year. Anyone that does not have work in and/or does not have a passing grade will continue until proficiency has been attained or until May 21st (whichever comes first). We are planning to hold a Graduation ceremony on May 17th and will have more details as they become available.

We will continue with our current process for homework pick-up and drop-off for the remainder of the year. If you have questions or concerns with regard to homework please contact your teacher(s). Your child's teacher is always happy to help as these times call for great flexibility. The schedule of times when the teachers are to be available to your student have been posted on the website for 7-12, and each teacher has office hours to be reached during the afternoon. Teachers should be available between 8:00 and 4:00 every day. If you have questions for your elementary child's teacher, please reach out either by phone or e-mail. Email addresses are available on the District website <http://whitesulphur.k12.mt.us/>, under the staff directory. The District's educational plan is at the end of this letter.

We will be cleaning out lockers, bagging up the contents of each locker and they will be available for pick-up along with homework in the front lobby. As they become available, you will be contacted to let you know when you may pick them up.

Once your child has finished for the year, all district owned materials (computers, devices, textbooks, library books, etc...) may be returned to the district office. You will need to schedule a drop off with the office. Fees and fines will be determined and billed upon the return of district owned items.

Remember, the district will continue delivery of lunches through May 21st. If your children are in need of this service please email Maureen Brewer at mbrewer@whitesulphur.k12.mt.us

What follows is a summary of the District’s educational plan.

- Teachers will evaluate curricular outcomes that have not yet been covered and prioritize them based on what is manageable, in accordance with the following:
 - Gr. K-2: 7 hours per student per week, focused on literacy and math
 - Gr. 3-5: 10 hours per student per week, focused on literacy and math
 - Gr. 6-8: 2 hours per core subject (Math, Science, English, History) per week with an additional ½ hour per non-core subject per week.
 - Gr. 9-12: 3 hours per core subject (Math, Science, English, History) per week with an additional ½ hour per non-core subject per week.

Example: A math teacher with a sophomore student in Geometry. Is allotted 3 hours of work for that student. So, if the teacher presents 2 – 45 minute lessons either recorded or on Zoom meetings, that would account for 90 minutes of the allotted 3 hours, leaving 90 minutes for homework.

- We have also developed a schedule. This is a schedule for teachers to be available to students in a particular class, as well as, have a designated time to present lessons or class discussions. That schedule is:

<i>BLOCK MEETING TIMES</i>	8:15-9:00	9:15-10:00	10:15-11:00	11:15-12:00
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	1ST PERIOD	3RD PERIOD	5TH PERIOD	7TH PERIOD
TUESDAY & THURSDAY	2ND PERIOD	4TH PERIOD	6TH PERIOD	-----

- Teachers will also have Office Hours each afternoon to be available to all students. These office hours will be set by the teacher, reported to the Principal, and posted to keep everyone informed.
- We are committed to providing services for our students with disabilities as well. The District is providing educational and related services, in collaboration with parents and staff through all means available. Please be sure to keep in contact with your special education teacher to ensure that opportunities are being provided.
- We will continue to provide guidance counseling supports and services, as well as, social and emotional supports and services to our students. Our staff should be reaching out to students to meet those needs. If you feel that your student needs some support in these areas please call the office and we can have some reach out to you or email our guidance counselor, Caley Clark. Her email is cclark@whitesulphur.k12.mt.us.

Thank you all for your support. We very much appreciate everyone’s willingness to work together to get through this unprecedented time, and we hope that you and your family remain healthy and safe.

Thank you!

White Sulphur Springs School Board and Administration