



April 9, 2020

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Families!

We hope this update finds you and your family well. This week's briefing is coming your way a little early - on a Thursday - due to the Friday, April 10 District Recess. As a reminder, students are not expected to have any assignments due on Friday, April 10 or be present online. In addition, all Scottsdale Unified staff will be off until Monday, April 13, 2020.

We thank you and your student for your continued commitment to learning and moving forward through these circumstances. Overall, online learning is going very well and we are hearing many positive comments from families and teachers. We are very proud of the resilience of our students and the daily progress that we are making in our online learning environment.

Academic Expectations and the Emotional Health of Our Students

We are fully committed to continuing to serve our students' educational needs. We are very aware that this is a stressful time for students and families. To that end, we have instructed teachers to exercise discretion and to be flexible with assignments and deadlines. We want to make certain that you know that students are not expected to be online for the entire school day. We also understand that not all families will be able to engage at the same level due to individual circumstances. If you have concerns about your student's progress or approach to online learning, please contact your student's teacher or principal to develop a plan that works best for your student.

High School Course Final Exams

There will be no formal final exams for high school courses. However, teachers may offer a final assignment along the lines of a course reflection, a portfolio of accomplishments or other project to be placed as an "assessment" task type, not a "final exam" task type with a higher weight. Final assignments will be limited in scope and not create an excessive burden as the course comes to an end. Advanced Placement (AP) exams are still scheduled, but will be given online at the times verified by the College Board. If you have questions about AP course exams, please contact the AP course teacher.

Graduating Senior Survey

The Student Advisory Board is working to seek feedback from the high school graduating Class of 2020 on alternatives to graduation activities. There will be more to come on this topic as we work through potential alternatives and associated logistics.

ParentVUE

Parents and guardians of students in 7th through 12th grade can stay connected with student learning through ParentVUE. A link to this application is available at www.susd.org/Parents. There is also this [handy guide to help you](#) with ParentVUE.

Meals for Students

Beginning April 15, our Nutrition Services Department will transition to a weekly meal distribution service. Free meals for children ages 1 – 18 years will be available on Wednesdays from 9 – 11 a.m. at the locations listed below. This is a drive-up service where adults can pick up five breakfasts and five lunches for each child at:

- Mohave Middle School, 8490 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale
- Navajo Elementary Oak Campus, 7501 E. Oak St., Scottsdale
- Redfield Elementary School, 9181 E. Redfield Rd., Scottsdale
- Tavan Elementary, 4610 E. Osborn Rd., Phoenix
- Tonalea K-8, 6720 E. Continental Dr., Scottsdale
- Yavapai Elementary, 701 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale

For more information, please call Scottsdale Unified's Nutrition Services Department at 480-484-6234 and visit www.susd.org/Meals.

Activity Refunds

If you have questions or would like to seek a refund for a school-related activity, please visit www.susd.org/Refund. There you will find answers to frequently asked questions about refunds, forms to complete to request certain refunds and contact information for people who can help answer questions about refunds by program type.

Thank you for another successful week of online learning!

Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet