



# OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Superintendent Chambers' Online Learning Update

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### PARENT FAQs

- When can students/parents pick up items that were left at school and/or return textbooks, uniforms, etc.?
  - Schools will be in contact with families after May 1 with a procedure for retrieving items left at school and turning in books and other items. Please do not attempt to retrieve or drop off items until the school contacts you. Safety is our primary concern.
- Will the school feeding program extend past the last day of school?
  - Yes, school feeding will continue into the summer, at least through June 30. Parents will be notified if there are changes to locations during the summer.
- When will I be able to register my KG student or other new student for next year?
  - We are completing an online registration tool for next school year that will be available after May 1.
- When will parents receive refunds for pre-paid school trips that were cancelled?
  - Schools will begin mailing out refund checks for cancelled field trips in May.
- Will summer activities (Summer School, Band, Athletic practices, tryouts, etc.) be held?
  - It's still too early to tell. We will carefully review guidance from the Governor and health officials prior to making decisions about summer activities and will notify parents.



### SENIOR GRADUATION SURVEY feedback through 4-26-2020

Results of close to 1,500 responses received since Friday from our Seniors and Senior Parents on three proposed options (dependent upon state guidelines for gatherings). The survey is open through 4-28-2020 in Parent Portal.

- a. A modified ceremony this summer at which students are appropriately spaced on the field and limited, spaced seating is available for families. The event would also be live streamed for family and friends to see. (Parent-85%; Student-83%)
- b. A ceremony in which each student is individually filmed walking across the stage with a limited number of family members present. This would be pre-recorded and broadcast at a designated time this summer. Student speeches, etc. would be pre-recorded as well. (Parent-9%; Student 7%)
- c. An abbreviated virtual ceremony that includes only the reading of names and a photo of each graduate to be broadcast this summer and a time to honor graduates at some point in the fall/winter if restrictions on gatherings are relaxed. Student speeches, etc. would be pre-recorded as well. (Parent-6%; Student 10%)



### Food Services

School Feeding Sites  
7:30-11:30

North	Central	South
Baker	STEMM	Wright
Laurel Hill	Plew	Destin Elem
Northwood		Mary Esther
Riverside		Edwins
Davidson		Florosa
Walker		Shalimar
		Elliott Pt.

Additional school bus hub stops (times vary)

Baker, Laurel Hill, Crestview, Fort Walton, Valp, Plew, Bluewater areas

Check [www.okaloosaschools.com](http://www.okaloosaschools.com) in the Online Learning Resource link under Food Service for routes and times.

**150,786 Meals Served**  
Through April 24

**GREAT JOB STUDENTS!!**  
Over 95% of Elementary students and Over 97% of Secondary students are actively working in Online Learning.

## Rising to the Challenge

### Employee Spotlight on Elizabeth Black

Mrs. Elizabeth Black is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade self-contained teacher at Destin Elementary. She is new to Destin this year and has assimilated very well with the staff and especially with her students! With additional parental permission, Mrs. Black has helped her students through the Online Learning Process by setting up weekly one-on-one hour-long FaceTime instructional sessions, where she teaches the students the Odysseyware ELA and Math lessons. Afterwards, the students are able to take the post-test themselves. She continues to support her ELL and ESE students with appropriate accommodations both during instruction and on assessments. 14 out of 19 students have actively been able to participate in these weekly lessons. The other students regularly utilize Mrs. Black's support through other times and means. If a student has difficulty or questions about any of the content areas, they can text, call, message, or FaceTime. On top of the weekly hour-long sessions and tracking student progress daily, Mrs. Black also utilizes Zoom to meet with her class twice a week. There are a few minutes where everyone is able to visit with one another, then she allows each student in the class to share something good that has happened! After the positive share outs, Mrs. Black regularly reads a Picture Book focused on the next week's ELA Standard and asks the students to listen for a specific purpose. A short discussion is then held from what they learned from the lesson.

Mrs. Black continues to go above and beyond in support of her students' online learning throughout this challenging time!

- Destin Elementary Principal Joey Jannazo