



OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Superintendent Chambers' Online Learning Update

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PARENT FAQ

How will grades be determined for my student?

As a District, we know this has been a difficult time for families. Using compassion and grace, the overall grade of students who have completed work this nine-weeks will not be negatively impacted. Next week, specific details will be released on student grading...

What is the District doing to help students overcome gaps in learning that may have occurred during time away from classrooms?

The District is offering a virtual summer GAP program to students in K-8 at all academic levels to help them be prepared for the 2020-2021 school year. Information will come from your child's school.

Will the district offer Summer School this year?

Yes, but not in the traditional on-campus format. **Elementary** – Students who meet criteria will be offered 1-on-1 support from a teacher in an interactive online format. Schools will be in contact with parents of eligible students. Students can continue to use checked-out devices through June 30th, if needed.

Secondary - Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to retake failed courses from prior years or this year online this summer. Devices issued to students can be kept through the month of June for those who need to make up coursework. Schools will be in contact with parents of eligible students.

Are there any updates to other Summer activities such as Band, Athletics, extra-curricular, etc.?)

We will bring back summer activities in a phased approach consistent with guidance from state and local officials. Schools will be in contact with families regarding the phase-in of summer activities.

Will school be back to normal next fall?

That's our goal, but it's too early to tell. We are establishing a task force to collect information and study the challenges involved. We will continue to monitor implementation of the Governor's Plan for Florida's Recovery and information from the Department of Education and the CDC and will keep parents informed.



ONLINE SURVEY FOR PARENTS Coming May 28

at www.Okaloosaschools.com

We want your feedback and thoughts about next school year!!

Food Services

296,270 Meals Served
Through May 22

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 in the Online Learning Resource link under Food Service for routes and times.

FEEDING SITES ARE CLOSED MAY 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY AS WE HONOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED SERVING IN THE U.S. MILITARY.

Rising to the Challenge

Spotlight on Sarah Smith – Riverside Elementary

Riverside Elementary is fortunate to have a staff member who continues to show innovation in instruction during unprecedented times. Ms. Sarah Smith is one of our ESE teachers who has gone the extra mile for our students and families to make sure they have the tools to navigate these uncharted waters. She is a perfect example of how and why we continue to strive for excellence.

When we began the process of distribution of devices, Sarah immediately was concerned that some of her students would not be able to come to the school to secure their iPad or Chromebook. Without hesitation, she quickly began to arrange home visits to bring the device to the students. Her enthusiasm inspired her colleagues, and she always had a willing partner to ride along with her. One of our most heartwarming moments of this time has been a photo that was snapped of Sarah giving a student a big "air hug" at a safe distance! During these visits, she also checks on the welfare of our community children, noting who is in need of nutritious food and basic supplies. She then works to also coordinate the delivery of items to meet the needs of the total child.

- Riverside Principal Melissa Kearley