



School Closure Frequently Asked Questions

Listed below are a series of anticipated questions and their answers currently. This is a very fluidly moving situation and things are subject to change. These are our best answers at this point.

What is the timeframe of the school closure?

The period of school closure will begin on Monday, March 16th and will continue through Thursday, March 19th. This will be four days of school closure. This will be immediately followed by the relocated district spring break period, which will begin on Friday, March 20th and will continue through Friday, March 27th. This will be six days of spring break. Students will not return to school until Monday, March 30th. This date is subject to change as the situation develops.

Who needs to report on what days?

- Staff should report for professional development on Friday, March 13th. Staff should plan to return on Monday, March 30th until further notice.
- Principals are expected to be in the building Monday, March 16th - Thursday, March 19th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm each day.
- Custodial staff will report Monday, March 16th - 20th & March 26th - 27th.

How will instruction be delivered during the closure?

- Grade level teams have created one, 5-day work packet. This packet is available in the school office for pick-up. These materials will also be scanned and posted in the home learning section of the www.LibertyLearns.com website.
- Grade level teams have constructed an action plan for how communication will be made to families and how instruction will be delivered via online access from different learning platforms should the closure extend beyond the four-day period beginning on Monday, March 16th through Thursday, March 19th.

What is the status of timelines for observations, SLOs, ANET, MISA, MCAP, and grades?

This has not been made completely clear by the district or the state and is still a negotiation between City Schools and the bargaining units. It is hard to speculate at this point, but we suspect there will be major flexibility on all these measures, including state testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

What are staff expectations during the closure?

- We are asking staff to check their City Schools email at least once a day as that will be the main form of communication between the District and Mr. Manko/Ms. Krauss regarding updated information.
- Staff should prepare to work from home for the four days of closure (March 16th - March 19th). This could include the following:
 - Lesson planning and studying curriculum materials (you should plan to take home all curriculum materials that you may need for the next few weeks)
 - Responding to questions posted by students using online platforms
 - Creating online lessons and blended learning opportunities for students
 - Responding to parent/family emails
 - Preparing your data for SLO submission
 - Grading and entering student work into Infinite Campus

How will we communicate to each other during the closure?

We are asking for all staff to commit to checking their City Schools email at least once every day. We will be using the City Schools email address as the primary means for all staff communication during the closure. We will work to not inundate your inbox, but expect you to be regularly connected in case critical updates are made available.

How will we communicate to kids and families during the closure?

There is a newly created home learning section that can be accessed through the www.LibertyLearns.com website. The page is a link from the main homepage and will have home learning resources for all students which will be posted no later than Tuesday, March 17th. The page has been broken down per grade level and will include links to online portals (Zearn, Monkey Math, Google Classroom, Common Lit, Epic, Xtra Math, Prodigy, etc.) as well as printable resources. We will also include email addresses for the teachers so parents and students can communicate with pressing questions. This will also be a portal to provide video resources through You Tube, Zoom, recordings of your daily instruction, etc.

How will kids be fed during the closure?

The district has established certain school cafeterias serve as hub sites for each region of the city. At these hub sites, food will be served in a grab and go fashion to ensure minimal social contact, while providing food to students. Food will be available from Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm daily. The meal sites throughout the city are as follows...

Sandtown-Winchester Achievement Academy

701 Gold Street
Baltimore, MD 21217
410-396-0800

Beechfield Elementary/Middle School

301 S Beechfield Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21229
410-396-0525

Dorothy I. Height Elementary School

2011 Linden Avenue 21217
410-396-0837
Tamara Hanson 145

Sinclair Lane Elementary School

3880 Sinclair Lane
Baltimore, MD 21213
410-396-9117

Alexander Hamilton Elementary School

800 Poplar Grove Street
Baltimore, MD 21216
410-396-0520

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

1400 Orleans Street
Baltimore, MD 21231
443-642-4478

The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School

801 Bridgeview Road
Baltimore, MD 21225
410-396-1392

John Ruhrah Elementary/Middle School

701 Rappolla Street
Baltimore, MD 21224
410-396-9125

Yorkwood Elementary School

5931 Yorkwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21239
410-396-6364

Arlington Elementary School

3705 W Rogers Ave
Baltimore, MD 21215
410-396-0567

How will the building be cleaned and prepared during the closure period?

The custodial staff will be in the building March 16th-March 20th and March 26th-27th for a deep cleaning of the building.

Will we need to make up the days from the closure?

This has not been made completely clear by the district. It is hard to speculate, but due to the severity of the situation and the possibility that the closure may extend longer than the four days there will most likely be great flexibility provided by the state and district.

What have teachers done to do to prepare the building for cleaning?

In order to help prepare the building for the cleaning we have asked all staff to do the following...

- Stack all chairs
- Clear all clutter and teacher piles from countertops, desks, and hallway spaces
- Place all trash cans in the hallway
- Remove food from refrigerators that could spoil over the period of time we are out of the building.

What will happen to field trips and other experiences?

Ms. Harrison has worked to cancel buses during the entirety of the school closure and the spring break period. This includes trips to the movies (4th grade), American Indian Museum (2nd grade), Baltimore Zoo (3rd grade), and Tobys (Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten). All other trips after the closure period will continue as planned. The African Dance residency will be rescheduled. All fund collected for the various field trip experiences will be full refunded upon our return to school.