



Coronavirus Update
March 17, 2020

Dear Families:

Today's update has some important information on how to keep your child(ren) engaged in learning during this extended school closure. Thank you for your partnership and support as we want to keep every student engaged.

Learning while away from the classroom: Everett Public Schools educators have and will continue to create learning engagement materials while schools are closed. The materials do not replace the experience of being in school but can help students maintain the learning that has taken place this school year.

- **Web-based materials:** A comprehensive set of [learning engagement materials](#) has been posted to the main page of the district website at everettsd.org and on your specific school's homepage as well. These materials are aligned to each grade band and standards-based content area, as well as support for special programs. Students and their families can select materials to explore while at home. This set of materials also includes resources to help guide students and families to have discussions about the Coronavirus and how it is impacting their lives.
- **Print materials:** For families that do not have consistent access to the internet, a set of preschool through grade 5 materials have been printed as "packets." These packets will be distributed with our meal delivery ([see schedule](#)), and schools have identified students to whom the packets will be mailed directly.
- **Continued development of learning engagement materials:** To prepare teachers to support students during the closure, all teachers participated in a day-long training yesterday to enhance their knowledge and skills for using digital tools for creating and making available learning engagement materials. While each teacher may communicate with families differently, you should expect to receive communication from your student's teacher weekly, and you will be able to access updated learning engagement materials on your teacher's website by March 23.
- **Student engagement materials:** These include standards-aligned student engagement and learning activities to reinforce or extend current learning, guidance for families to support engagement and online resources most students will recognize. They do not include replication of classroom instruction, assignments that will be collected, assessed and graded during school closure, monitoring students' access of online tools or resources, or providing an exhaustive list of options.

Computer for use at home: In order to better engage in learning while at home, it is vital for students to have a computer and internet access. All high school students and most middle school students already have a 1:1 device, thanks to the 2016 Technology Levy. If any student does not have access to a computer at home, Wednesday, March 18 or Monday, March 23 they can pick up a device from Everett Public Schools to use at home while the school closure is in effect.

You can pick up a device at two locations:

March 18, 2020 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- **Community Resource Center** 3900 Broadway, Everett WA
- **Jackson High School** 1508 136th St. SE, Mill Creek WA

Parents/guardians will need to provide their student(s) ID number and sign a [Usage Agreement Form](#), which you can do beforehand online, or hard copy when you pick up the device. Internet Hotspots will also be available to check out for those who do not have internet access at home. Support and information about Wi-Fi hotspots are also available on the [technology webpage](#). Please click here for the [Student Technology Use Handbook](#).

Childcare: We are working closely with our community partners regarding child care. If you are looking for emergency childcare options:

- The YMCA has opened up [emergency care registration](#). They currently are operating at Cedar Wood, Penny Creek and Whittier elementaries, Mon. – Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- The Boys & Girls Club have open registrations
 - [Everett Club](#): 425-259-5147
 - [Cascade Club](#): 425-267-9526

Meals: Remember Everett Public Schools Food and Nutrition Department will be providing free meals to those who need them during the school closure. Find out more information on how to order a meal and where they will be served on the [meals during emergency closure](#) page.

Thank you for working with us to keep your student engaged in learning. Read a good book today. Readers are leaders!

Stay well,

Ian Saltzman
Superintendent