



Sheridan Community Schools

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Number	Question	Answer
1	How is SCS feeding students while students are away from school buildings?	SCS is distributing sack lunches to students at three drop off points. Lunches are distributed from 11:00-1:00 on Mondays (2 lunches) and Wednesdays (3 lunches) at the old IGA parking lot, driveway near the water tower, and the high school lobby. Lunches are free to all SCS students. They will be available through the week of May 18th.
2	Are school buildings closed?	The Executive Order issued on April 2 nd closed school buildings for the remainder of the school year. The Department of Education clarified that the school year is defined by the state as ending June 30 th . For that reason, except for essential operations, our buildings are closed to the public. We have begun summer cleaning and maintenance work. Per the Governor's guidance all employees who can work from home will continue to do so, and they can be reached via email or by leaving a voicemail message for them to return your call.
3	What are plans for graduation?	We have scheduled graduation for July 25, 2020. The details about the format of graduation will be forthcoming, depending on guidance from the state and the best interest of the safety of our students and community.
4	What are we doing about Dual Credit?	Dual Credit courses are continuing through an online learning format. These courses are college courses and following the course requirements of the associated college/university. Students will still be able to earn their college credit.
5	Will SHS hold a prom?	SHS is hoping to have a prom of some sort later this summer if larger gatherings are permitted. Details will be shared once we know more.

6	How do we pick up things left in our lockers or desks?	Grades EC - 5th are hopeful that students will be able to collect belongings on July 24th. Plans will be shared at a later date. If something is needed from a desk before that date, please call 317-758-4491 and arrangements can be made for a pick-up. High Schools will have special days scheduled for pick-up which allow for social distancing for the safety of our students and staff.
7	How will we return Chromebooks?	Grade 12 Chromebook will be coordinated with Mr. Davis scheduling of seniors to pick up cap/gown, and other related items. Grade 8 will be returned next fall. Exchange 8th grade Chromebook for new one when school begins or have scheduled evenings the week before school starts. Grades 5-11 will keep their Chromebooks over the summer this year.
8	What is happening with athletics?	The IHSAA has cancelled the spring sport season. We will share news about conditioning for next year's athletics during the summer when we have that information. Schools are shut down through at least June 30, 2020 so nothing will be happening on site until after that date. Open gyms and summer practices will be able to commence on July 6th (unless our order is extended or reinstated).
9	How do I pick up medication that was in the nurse's office?	Our school nurses have already contacted parents to distribute medication. If medication needs to be picked up please contact the school office or nurse.
10	What about special events, like honor night for seniors?	We will be unable to hold a traditional senior honor night due to the pandemic. We are planning to create a digital awards video that can be viewed online which will allow us to honor and celebrate members of the Class of 2020. Details will be shared as they become available.
11	When is the last day of school?	The last day of school is May 15, 2020 for students. We will continue to follow the schedule of eLearning each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with "free learning" each Tuesday and Thursday through the end of the school year. A revised school calendar can be found here . Teachers will post student grades by May 21st. Report cards will be distributed later.
12	What about registration for the 2020-2021 school year?	We are hoping to do continuing student enrollment virtually this year. More details will be coming. Kindergarten Round-Up was held virtually. Please follow the link here to complete kindergarten registration.

13	Will SCS still be accepting transfer students for the 2020-2021 school year?	Yes. Please complete an enrollment form (here) or email the building principal directly to inquire about transferring. Principals will work with families to answer questions and even schedule safe ways to visit the school.
14	Will SCS be offering summer school courses?	We are currently exploring options for summer courses at SES. SHS will offer courses through Indiana Online Academy, our summer digital curriculum provider. Please contact Mr. Rick Davis, or Mrs. Anderson, if interested in summer coursework.
15	Who should I contact if I am having issues with my Chromebook or other technology related issues?	We are striving to keep working technology in students' hands. Thank you for your cooperation. An email was sent out to all parents from Lea with information to email any tech related issues, breaks, questions or concerns to leaj@sheridan.k12.in.us .
16	What if I have a case conference or ACR scheduled?	Special education services will be provided throughout the school closure. If there are questions about these services, please contact the student's teacher of record. Case conference meetings will be held via phone or on a virtual platform.
17	What about FINAL FORMS & athletic physicals for 2020-2021?	<p>The IHSAA is allowing all students who had a physical completed for the 2019-2020 school year to use that physical for the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, only student athletes who did not have a physical last year will be required to have one completed, and those athletes will need to visit their doctor to have this done. Here is a link to the required IHSAA physical form.</p> <p>PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION FORM (PPE)</p> <p>All students and parents need to update FINAL FORMS and make sure their student is GREEN (which includes activity fee payment) before August 3rd, 2020 for FALL sports.</p>

18	How will packets be delivered and returned for elementary students?	SES Phase 1 & 2 packets can be dropped off from 1 - 9 p.m. daily the week of May 4th. Boxes are located in the main foyer. Please follow the directions posted. Phase 3 packets will follow the same protocol the week of May 18th.
19	From IDOE: Do minors need to have a work permit on file with their employer during the mandatory school closure?	From IDOE: The Department of Labor has suspended the requirement for employers to have on file a work permit for minors they employ effective Monday, March 16. This will be in effect until May 1, 2020. Therefore, the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Child Labor inspectors will not hold employers responsible to have a work permit on file for minors employed between the dates of March 16 and May 1.
20	Where can I get information to talk to my child about the pandemic?	Click here for information from the CDC about talking to children about COVID-19. If your child is struggling emotionally through this challenging time, please feel free to reach out to our school counselors.
21	Will school begin on time in August?	There is a lot of speculation but no definitive answers about the start of the school year. It will depend on the guidance we get from the state level, and the Governor announced last week that a decision about K-12 education would be made July 4th. The Indiana Department of Education has convened a “reopening school” committee that will be making recommendations to the governor and to schools as we move forward. As soon as we get guidance and can make a plan, we will share that with SCS families.
22	What if my question was not answered?	Please reach out to your child’s teacher for class related questions. You can also email building principals or superintendent Mary Roberson at mroberson@sheridan.k12.in.us or leave a message at 317-758-4172.