

Fremont Public Schools High School

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Dear Parents and Students of Fremont High School Grades 9-11.

We hope this message finds you well in all areas of your lives. We understand that this time has created difficult circumstances for many of our students and their parents. The physical and mental health for your entire family is something the weighs heavily on all of us at Fremont High School.

We hope that our plan for your child's 9th, 10th, and 11th grade education reduces your stress while still supporting your child educationally. The first component of our program of services will be a phone call to your child next week from your child's Success Class teacher. The teacher will work with your child to determine assignment delivery, internet capabilities, and a host of other questions that will help us help your child. It is imperative that you answer the phone from the teacher. If you choose not to answer, we must send a representative to your home to verify the information and to connect with your student. Of course, that represents a health risk for all involved, so we are asking you to answer the phone. After the first call, the Success Teacher will call/email/text/message, etc. weekly to support your child. Those connections are critical to our plan.

Once we have an understanding of your child's internet access, we will formulate a plan for the delivery of assignments to your child. The High School is recommending that if at all possible, students should practice accessing materials on the internet with the device of their choosing. We are advocating that method for three reasons. First, it is "World Ready." We are going to use this time to interact with students as they would in their adult lives. Second, it eliminates the remote chance of viral spread from surface contact. Finally, it dramatically reduces the amount of time it takes for a teacher to provide feedback to the student. Even if your child needs physical materials, we are asking that the student take a picture of their completed assignments and upload them to their teacher's Microsoft Teams space if possible. All teachers will have sent either a Team invitation or a Google Classroom invitation to each student's school email by Tuesday, April 13. Directions to access student email is located on our Facebook page. If your child does not have internet access, we are happy to send hard copies home and will be glad to collect them.

In our plan, the lowest grade the student will earn is the grade they had as of March 13, as long as the weekly phone conversations occur with the Success Teacher. This policy is to ensure we can abide by our Governor's mandate to remain connected with our students in a meaningful manner. That being said, we would do it anyway. We encourage students to continue working in their classes to improve their grades. Roughly, this will constitute up to 30% of a student's final grade as that is the remainder of the time that we have left in the semester.

Special Education teachers have already contacted special education students for the first time. Those contacts will continue throughout the coming weeks. The goal is to grow relationships with students and provide essential services for the student to be successful.

Students who were failing classes as of March 13, will be contacted by the teacher of that class to determine what needs to be done to pass the class.

The district is also formulating a plan to allow parents to pick up necessary materials from their students' lockers. This will be based on safety information from local and state authorities. We will notify parents as soon as we have a plan. Students will not need anything from their academic lockers to complete their assignments within this plan.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the people who are on the front lines. Health care workers, first responders, grocery store employees, service station employees, truckers, and the many, many more people who are working to make this country safe, we say thank you on behalf of Fremont High School. May you be well and may you always be safe.

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Thanks, Scott