



Dear Peoria Flex Academy Parents & Guardians:

Three days into our closure, our food service team has served 2600 meals, most essential medications have been retrieved, and our teachers are hard at work making calls to each of you today and tomorrow. I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and well.

We're eager to address the many questions you likely have as we adopt a home learning plan to support your Flex Falcon. Because the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting our families in many unique ways, our goal is to provide flexibility so your student has access to guidance, support, and continued learning at home. If you have a graduating senior, your concern is amplified. We will communicate a plan to ensure your student graduates on time.

FRIDAY: TEACHERS BEGIN OFFERING RESOURCES FOR HOME LEARNING

On Friday, March 27th, you and your student should receive an email from each PFA teacher indicating how to access home learning for each current core and elective subject. Keep in mind that each teacher may use a variety of resources to support learning, including paper and pencil, collaborative online learning sites, Synergy Student Vue, Microsoft Teams and others. Our teachers will provide regular, relevant learning opportunities, but your student can work at his/her own pace.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: CURBSIDE LAPTOP CHECKOUT [HERE AT PFA](#)

For many of you, we recognize that this learning will require devices you may not have at home. We also recognize some families have more than three children in the home needing computer access. We can offer a computer check out to families meeting this criterion. This coming, Thursday, March 26th, you may come to our drive-thru computer pick-up station at PFA (parking lot on 83rd avenue) between 10:00 -11:30 A.M. or 12:30-2:00 P.M. On Friday, March 27th, we will continue to offer the drive-thru computer checkout service from 9:00-11:00 A.M. **A parent/guardian and your Falcon must all be present to borrow a device. Please bring your student ID.**

****If it doesn't work to come to PFA, you may go to the locations below to check out a computer.

High School Laptop Drive-Up Distribution	
PFA Students ONLY: Thursday, March 26 th @ PFA 10:00-11:30 AM or 12:30-2:00 PM	PFA Students ONLY: Friday, March 27 th @ PFA 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Thursday, March 26 th <u>ALL PUSD SENIORS (12th Grade Only)</u> Visit Peoria High School 2:30 – 5:30 PM	Friday, March 27 th <u>PUSD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (Grades 9-12)</u> Visit Centennial or Liberty High School 7:30 – 10:30 AM <u>or</u> 2:00 – 4:00PM

To learn about resources for Internet access and Wi-Fi, visit our district's [Learning at Home](#) page. You'll also find suggested daily schedules to keep your Falcon productively engaged.

EARNING COURSE CREDIT

The length of the statewide school closure will impact how our teachers and district award course credit.

As PFA is unique in offering 9-week courses, and serving seniors ready to graduate in May, the learning activities teachers provide will be required. Seniors who just began a 4th quarter core class: English, Financial Algebra, Government, Econ or science course needed for graduation must rely on their teacher's guidance to determine which fundamental concepts and tasks remain. Seniors struggling in 18-week math classes (Algebra I, II or geometry) will need to work with their teacher to improve their grade and earn the credit required for graduation. Mrs. Deeg will be reaching out to each senior on track to graduate in May with requirements over the next week. Be looking for her call/email.

In most other courses, if the closure persists beyond April 10th, students currently earning passing grades in 18-week courses may have already demonstrated sufficient competency to earn a final passing grade and course credit. For these passing students, the home learning activities teachers provide would be optional and for enrichment. Students dissatisfied with their current grade may work to improve their grade by meeting the objectives of the at-home activities. Students may also improve their grade by submitting assignments missing prior to the school closure. Again, as most of our classes are 9 weeks and students were only in class for up to 5 days prior to spring break, the activities provided during the school closure are necessary to show competency for credit.

If schools reopen after April 10th, students will resume classes with the grades they earned prior to Spring Break or the improved grades they achieved by completing at-home home learning activities throughout the closure. Please check ParentVUE and StudentVue to see your Falcon's current grades.

This is a trying and stressful time for our entire community and especially for our young people. We have created a Student Support Line that your child may find useful. A counselor is available to take questions or listen from 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday, at (623) 412-5262. Also, please remember that our district updates the frequently asked questions section of our website on a daily basis. Visit www.peoriaunified.org/coronavirus to stay informed.

Please check your email and [our website](#) regularly for updates and contact me anytime. If there is anything I can do to help support you and your family, please let me know. My direct office line: 623412-5477.

As a final thought, our school mantra is to Be. Free – Let Go and Make Space for _____. This is certainly a challenging concept in today's world. I challenge you to take those deep breaths, shut the door away from others in the house (but just for a minute or two), go for a walk around the block or on a nearby mountain and get the self-care you need so you can be your best self and in turn be light to others. My thoughts are with and your family.

Sincerely,



Cybill Jacob



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