

Dear Sunrise Mountain Parents & Guardians:

In these unknown times we are trying to navigate the waters with vigilance and care. To date most essential medications have been retrieved, our teachers are hard at work making calls to each of you today and tomorrow, and district is working relentlessly to come up with a plan that will work for all parties. 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 student. 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 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 (Seniors) AND FRIDAY: CURBSIDE LAPTOP CHECKOUT

For many of you, we recognize that this learning will require devices you may not have at home. This coming, Thursday, March 26th, seniors can visit Peoria High School and be the first to check-out a laptop if there is no device available in your home. On Friday, March 27th, all remaining students can visit either Centennial or Liberty to borrow a laptop. Morning and afternoon sessions are available on Friday at both campuses. [Click here](#) for more information about the drive-up laptop checkout process. A parent/guardian and your student must all be present to borrow a device. Please bring your student ID.

High School Laptop Drive-Up Distribution	
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 son or daughter productively engaged.

EARNING COURSE CREDIT

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

In a limited number of cases involving seniors and quarter-long classes, the learning activities teachers provide will be required. Seniors who just began a 4th quarter Government or Economics class must rely on their teacher's guidance to determine which fundamental concepts and tasks remain. Seniors struggling in English IV will need to work with their teacher to improve their grade and earn the English IV credit required for graduation.

In most other courses, if the closure persists beyond April 10th, students currently earning passing grades 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.

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 student'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.

Sincerely,

Vance Setka