

3/13/2020



SCCPSS has NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) as of 3/13/2020.

Spring Break is scheduled for 3/16/2020-3/20/2020.
Students will return to class on Monday, March 23, 2020.

STUDENT LEARNING DURING A CLOSURE INDEPENDENT LEARNING DAYS: CHOICE BOARDS

If conditions called for a school or districtwide closure, the following materials will be utilized for student assignments while school is out.

***Please review the enclosed materials with your child and keep them on file in the event emergency conditions necessitate closure.*

If a disruption to our daily operation occurred due to a confirmed case of Coronavirus, notices would be communicated on the District's website, social media channels, and through our parent/staff call notification system.

Please refer to our District's website for reliable information by visiting www.sccpss.com.

We look forward to seeing students on their return from Spring Break on Monday, March 23, 2020. Have an enjoyable time off!



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TO: Parents/Guardians and Students

March 13, 2020

FROM: SCCPSS Division of Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT LEARNING PLAN

SCCPSS has no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) as of this date.

School leaders across the nation are preparing for potential disruptions of school operations as we all take steps to ensure our staff and students stay healthy.

While we recognize the full scope of this outbreak cannot be predicted, our preparation and planning for operation under such conditions will lessen the impact of the event on our students, staff, and facilities. Part of our preparation plan is to include educational strategies that will allow student learning to continue, even if a school cancellation were to take place.

How does this work? School closure, as a result of weather or other conditions that necessitate a change in operation for the safety of students and staff is disruptive to the learning environment. While these situations are not common – they do happen. Living in a coastal region, we have extensive experience with events such as hurricanes, tornados, severe thunderstorms, and even snow! To ensure we meet the needs of our students, SCCPSS seeks to provide *Independent Learning Days* as a method for the continuation of teaching and learning during a school outage.

THE APPROACH: Independent Learning During Emergency School Closures

Independent Learning Days ensure students can engage in relevant, grade-appropriate learning opportunities while they are away from the classroom.

LEARNING TASKS: Assignments are provided to students in grades K-12 through the format of *Choice Boards* to allow for student choice in selecting a task to be completed each day. The expectation is for students to complete ONE single task from their grade-specific Choice Board for each school-day missed during an Emergency School Closure.

Choice Board tasks focus on the 4 Core Content Areas (ELA/Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies) as well as critical Georgia Standards of Excellence for each grade level.

Tasks require few materials. In most cases only pencil and paper are needed.

COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENTS: Students will turn in their completed Choice Board tasks to their teacher within 5 days of the District's return to school. This will allow students and parents an opportunity to ask any questions and receive teacher support if needed before turning in assignments.



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In any situation where the potential for closure exists, teacher (s) will review the Choice Board tasks with students and will communicate how to turn-in assignments when they return; whether electronically or by physical copy.

WHAT ABOUT DIGITAL RESOURCES? YES! Teachers have also provided a list of digital resources for your child along with his/her usernames and passwords for each resource.

Summary of Procedures:

- Identify the appropriate grade level Choice Board
- Complete ONE activity per day while school is out
- Submit each completed assignment to your child's teacher within 5 days of the District's return to school

Grade-specific Choice Boards will be available on District's website at www.sccpss.com. In addition to grade-specific choice boards, *OPTIONAL K-12 Digital Choice Boards* are provided. While these digital tasks are optional, they are available for students if parents elect to have their children engage in more than one learning activity per day.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work to ensure students are engaged in independent activities that provide meaningful learning opportunities while at home. Please reach out to your child's school or teacher (s) if you have any questions regarding this process. You may also contact the SCCPSS Division of Academic Affairs (Educational Services) by calling 912-395-5582.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS:

Again, while we have no confirmed case of Coronavirus at this time, Choice Boards have been provided for your child as a matter of preparedness. In the event a school closure becomes necessary, the materials that have been provided will be utilized for the continuation of student learning experiences.

If any disruption to our daily operation is experienced due to a confirmed case, notice will be communicated on the District's website, social media channels, and through our parent/staff call notification system.

We look forward to seeing students on their return from Spring Break on Monday, March 23, 2020! Have an enjoyable time off. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the Choice Boards provided in this packet.

Thank you for your support of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System!