



DISTANCE LEARNING FAQ



- **Can I still check out a mobile device?** *Please call your child's school if you need to check out or exchange a mobile device. The deadline to acquire a device or exchange an inoperable/defective device has been extended to Friday, March 20, 2020.*
- **How many hours are students expected to work each day?** *It is not expected that students work on assignments for an entire school day. Teachers are expected to be available for students no less than three hours per day, cognizant of the volume of work being assigned, and reassure students that they can work at their own pace.*
- **Will the distance learning work be graded?** *During phase 1 of distance learning (March 16 – 20, 2020), teachers and students are adjusting to teaching and learning in a new way. Recognizing that this week has been a period of learning for parents, students, and teachers, none of us want students penalized academically while everyone adjusts to this new normal. To that end, teachers have the option to grade assignments during the week of March 16 – 20 only if they positively impact an individual student's final grade during grading period 3. Additionally, information regarding grading practices for grading period 4 will be forthcoming.*
- **How can I communicate with my child's teacher?** *The best way to communicate with your child's teacher is via email or the online platform that was indicated in the School Closure Student Checklist during teachers' office hours.*
- **Are all teachers using the same online platforms or programs?** *Teachers were encouraged to continue using platforms that they and their students were familiar with prior to closure. Absent of an existing platform, teachers were encouraged and trained to use Microsoft Teams.*
- **What accommodations are being made for students who do not speak English?** *English Language Learners are receiving the same services as students proficient in English, but they may be using different platforms that have built-in translators.*
- **What accommodations are being made for students with special needs?** *As part of the established plan, the District has adapted content to be accessible for students with special needs.*
- **How long will the Distance Learning Helpline be active?** *The hotline will be active until Friday, March 20th at 4 p.m. and will resume operations following Spring Recess. During Spring Recess, please visit icp.dadeschools.net for information and digital resources.*
- **How will SAT and AP testing be accommodated?** *The College Board has cancelled the May 2, 2020 SAT. They will provide additional SAT testing opportunities as soon as feasible. They are also finalizing AP Exam options. For more information, visit <https://www.collegeboard.org/>. High school seniors in need of an SAT or ACT concordant score for graduation will be held harmless. They will need to meet all other state required course credit and GPA requirements to obtain a diploma.*
- **What will happen to FSA testing?** *The State has cancelled all assessments for the year.*
- **Will the grading period be extended?** *Grading period 3 will end on March 20, 2020 as planned. Information regarding grading period 4 will be forthcoming.*