

April 21, 2020

Dear Families of Students in Grades 7-12,

We hope you and your loved ones are doing as well as possible during this difficult time. Please know we are here to support you, however we can. As you know, Gov. Tony Evers announced last week that all Wisconsin school buildings will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The state's Safer-at-Home order has been extended until May 26, and under that order, the school will remain closed, and all activities are cancelled until further notice.

What does this mean for you and your family?

GLSD will continue providing instruction through distance learning for the 4th quarter. Our teachers are learning more everyday about how to reach students through online learning platforms. Throughout this experience, they have learned that they have to adjust student workload and their expectations, accordingly. Student relationships continue to be their #1 priority.

How will students receive grades for the 4th quarter?

None of us could have expected what has happened in the past month. We have gone from being a close community of face-to-face learners to a segmented group of teachers and students navigating in a digital world. We recognize that parents are educating their children while trying to work from home. Older siblings are taking care of younger siblings while parents continue to work. In some cases, jobs have been lost, and families are worried. For this reason, the school will be using an alternative grading plan beginning with the fourth quarter:

Grades 7-8

Our goal is to sustain the learning momentum we have with our students. We recognize that every household is different, every student is different, and we cannot expect every student to adjust to distance learning for a variety of reasons. That is why we have decided to create a grading plan that is based on flexibility and understanding for each individual student.

- Pass/No Pass Grades will be given for Fourth Quarter
- Pass: Student has met or exceeded minimum progress levels for identified learning targets. Grades of A to D- are passing.
- No Pass: Student has not met minimum proficiency levels for identified learning targets. Attempts will be made to contact the student and parents. Feedback will be given to students and parents.
- Assignments and grades will continue to be entered into the Skyward grading system.
- 7th and 8th graders with a No Pass in English or Math must engage in remedial work during the summer or when school starts in the Fall.
- No semester exams will be given
- 4th quarter exploratory classes- Art, Health, Soc & Tech, Tech Ed- have been waived.

Grades 9-12

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- Letter grades will be given for the fourth quarter.
- Safety nets have been put into place so that a student's GPA cannot go down. Third quarter grades will be used to gauge student progress with the expectation that the fourth quarter grade will be the same or better than the third quarter grade. All students have an opportunity to improve their semester grades.
- Students with an F in the third quarter will have an opportunity to complete more work and improve their semester grade.
- Assignments and grades will continue to be entered into the Skyward grading system.
- WVS classes will be graded per WVS standards.
- Students in the Teacher Assistant (TA) program will receive a Pass based on 3rd quarter work.
- Youth Apprenticeship will be graded per YA standards.
- No semester exams will be given.

How has the school adjusted its distance learning instructional schedule to better accommodate our students?

The teachers in grades 7-12 have adjusted their schedules to provide student office hours on Fridays. There will be no new instruction or assignments given on Fridays. Students and teachers will have time to catch up with their work and contact one another for assistance.

Will school meals continue to be provided?

Yes, free meals for breakfast and lunch will continue to be ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday and Sunday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Anyone ages 0-18 is eligible to receive meals. Meals provided during this time, will not be packaged using food allergy considerations. If you are interested in receiving breakfast and lunch, please call the school at (920) 294-6411 or email Mrs. Baxter at baxterg@glsd.k12.wi.us. Free dinners are also being offered by the Berlin Boys and Girls Club. To participate in the Club's dinner program please click the following link: [BGC Green Lake Dinner Sign Up](#) or contact Director of Operations, Mindy Collado, at (920)361-2717 ext. 300, or via email at mcollado@bgctric.org.

Is Technology assistance available?

Yes, if you are having problems with your wi-fi or technology, please contact the school office at (920) 294-6411 or call Mika Chetto at (920) 229-6869 or email her at chettom@glsd.k12.wi.us. She is happy to answer any questions you may have.

What is happening with Graduation, Awards Night, Prom, and 8th grade Graduation?

We recognize that all of these events are important milestones for our students. Therefore, each event has been postponed for the time being. Graduation in the Green Lake Conference Center is a unique experience for our students, and we will do what we can to ensure it happens, if possible, in July. Scholarships will be awarded as planned, and recognition for our seniors may take place at the graduation ceremony. Please stay tuned as more plans become available.

When can we pick up personal belongings from the school?

We will schedule dates and times for families to pick up any remaining materials and personal belongings that were left at school when we closed in mid-March. If you need something in the school, please call the office at (920) 294-6411 and schedule a time to come in.

How can the school help if I am concerned about my child's social/emotional well-being?

If you have a student struggling with mental health, please contact your school counselor at lindes@glsd.k12.wi.us. We also have a school nurse available via email and telephone to confer about student needs. Additional resources can be located at: <https://www.greenlakeschool.com/schools/>

Let's stay connected as a school. If you have questions or concerns, I can be reached at (920) 294-6411 or via email at mallen1@glsd.k12.wi.us. Please stay posted to new information on the school's website and Facebook page located at <https://www.glsd.k12.wi.us/>

Warm wishes to you and your family,

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