

Dear Gorilla Students and Families:

We hope this letter finds you doing well! We wanted to assure you of our support and give you a few updates regarding the continuation of school:

When we first began our school closure statewide, schools were directed to not make online learning mandatory right away, and that learning would be “enrichment” only. That initial direction changed on March 23rd when our state issued a new directive that, “**Although schools are closed and are not providing traditional in-person instruction, education must continue.**”

This means that students' classes will continue, and coursework will be **expected** from each student's teacher and will be entered into Skyward. For high school students, classes are credit bearing and are necessary for high school graduation; additionally, Advanced Placement testing and College in the High School courses are continuing. This all might look different than before, but because students are earning college credits, they need to be engaged in learning.

Students, we are here for you, but we need to HEAR from you! We are expecting MS/HS students to make at least weekly contact with each of their teachers. Please make sure students are checking Google Classroom to find information on class assignments and due dates. Additionally, we will be posting a weekly outlook/bulletin on our school website www.davenportsd.org where students and families can find information in one place regarding classes and course work.

Class of 2020! You remain our top priority and we hope to celebrate your graduation together in June. We will get there by working together but you cannot ghost us during this time period. It is going to take teamwork to finish this odyssey in order to earn your high school diploma :).

Elementary Families! Please work with your children's teacher/teachers to complete work that they have sent home and assigned. Many are sending/posting lessons and videos daily to check-in. Please engage with your child's teacher to report progress, ask questions, and get clarification on assignments. In the future, we will connect and send home more work to make sure that all grade-level standards are being introduced to your child. At this time, please hold all packet work and send it back with your child when we return to school. If this changes, and we decide to do a drop-off time to return school work after the shelter-in-place lifts, we will let you know.

We realize that not everyone has the same support or space at home to complete learning activities and assignments, but we encourage everyone to do the best they can, and we are committed to helping each student and family during this time!

Note: If we do not hear from you, we will be calling individual families and students starting in the next couple of days. PLEASE encourage your students to connect with their teachers via Google Classroom if you have the capability.

For those that do not have internet access, please call:

HS or MS Students Call- Mr. Prewitt 509-280-0329 OR Miss Carstens 509-499-9489

Elementary Student Call- Mrs. Strozyk 509-721-1248 OR Mrs. Lebsock 509-725-1261