



Thursday, April 2, 2020

Dear Heritage Academy Families:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, teachers and campus administrators as they work diligently to provide remote learning opportunities for our children. Your adaptability and willingness to engage in the education of the next generation is inspiring. Should you have any questions about your student's progress or assignments please contact your student's teacher.

On Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced that all schools will remain closed until May 4, 2020. We will continue to monitor state and local government agencies to keep you updated on when our schools will reopen.

Until your local Heritage Academy campus reopens, your child's teachers will continue to provide instructional continuity throughout this closure period. Please see our Instructional Continuity Plan posted at [Heritageacademy.net](http://Heritageacademy.net) for additional information of how Heritage Academy is continuing to serve your children.

Additional updates include the following:

**STAAR/EOC Information:** The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and End of Course (EOC) testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year have been waived. Governor Abbott has made it clear that schools will continue providing quality instruction. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently offered expanded information which included the criteria schools should use when considering a student's ability to be promoted to the next grade, in the absence of STAAR or EOC tests. According to TEA, the decision to allow a student to proceed to the next grade will be determined by the following:

- The recommendation of the student's teacher,
- The student's grade in each subject or course, and
- Any other necessary academic information as determined by the district.

Seniors who need to retest for the EOC as part of their graduation requirement will have an opportunity to prove course mastery. Your campus can provide more information about EOC retests if applicable. Additional information from the TEA regarding the cancellation of STAAR and EOC testing can be found on the TEA website [here](#).

### **Meal Options During Campus Closure**

If your family has an interest in meal service during the closure, the TEA has informed us that one or more meals will be provided to your child each weekday at no cost. Information regarding specific meal locations can be found at <https://schoolmealfinder.hoonuit.com/>. If you have any concerns or needs regarding your child's need for meals, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or campus principal.



### **Reminder of Prevention Measures**

While we continue to follow the CDC's recommended steps to protect against the virus, we are also carefully monitoring announcements from local, state, and federal officials. Much of the most recent guidance for prevention involves social distancing and spending less time in public. This is in addition to ongoing best practices for safeguarding oneself against the spread of COVID-19 such as:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Do not eat or drink after others.

As this situation evolves, we will continue to provide updates. If you have any questions please email Dr. David Lee, Superintendent at [dlee@heritageacademy.net](mailto:dlee@heritageacademy.net) and he will coordinate a response as soon as possible.

We appreciate your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Robert Davison  
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