

# Oxford Area School District

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## Kids First, Progress and Unity

Dear Oxford Area School District Stakeholders,

Updated information has been given by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) that sustains the closure of school indefinitely.

This will allow for further social distancing as our county of Chester was identified as one of the many counties in the Commonwealth that has more severe social distancing in place.

During this period of extended shut-down, Oxford Area School District will pivot to a curriculum-driven, graded instructional platform utilizing our current methods of instruction, in a distance format.

Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7 will be our first two days of graded instruction. We will break for the Spring Break and resume again on Tuesday, April, 14 and continue until such time as the closure is lifted or school has come to an end.

The District has been planning for this by increasing the enrichment experience by working with teaching staff last week to make the student experience robust. The District is very proud of the great work put forth by both the teachers and the students during the enrichment portion of the shutdown of schools across the Commonwealth, and I am sure we will be equally as proud of the efforts moving forward.

Building principals will inform teachers of the proposed schedules that will encompass both real-time learning as well as recorded sequences. Students will be notified of schedules and learning opportunities by their teachers.

Grades will be based on a pass or fail format, and student attendance will be taken during the real-time sessions. Attendance will be attributed to students who complete assignments on time for classes that are not in real-time.

Beginning with grade 6, we will distribute technology to students who do not have the resources available at home. If a student does not have a device in the home or several students are sharing one device, the District will provide a device. Please note that this distribution is only for students who do not have a device available to them in the home. Additionally, an internet option will be provided to students who do not have any internet in their homes. Currently, we do not have internet devices for distribution but are working on a solution.

Homes that have internet capability will not be provided with an internet device. Students without the internet in the short term will be mailed packets of work. A schedule will be provided to each grade level or Grades K-6 in the coming days. Instructions on how and where to pick up a device will also be provided.

On behalf of the District, I want to thank each person who has contributed to or is benefitting from our instruction and services for your flexibility, patience, and service to the broader community as you continue to practice social distancing and at-home learning.

Enjoy the day.

David Woods, Superintendent