



PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

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System Goal: Outstanding Academic Achievement for ALL Scholars

PBSD Parents and Scholars,

We hope that each of you are well. We want to share a few updates and reminders in regards to our COVID-19 Plan. Please note that as new events happen, information may change. We apologize for any confusion and encourage you to reach out to your child's principal, or the district office if you have any questions.

Student AR AMI Work:

We completely understand that this is a challenging situation. We miss our scholars and wish that they were back at school. We recognize the hardship that this situation places on our parents, families and community.

For students in grades PK-8, we will be using the AR AMI work provided by DESE and PBS. We want you to use the PBS Resources (K-8) to continue your child's education, but please, *do not allow it to cause additional stress to your family.* Communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions. Teachers and administrators are here to help, serve and provide support.

Students who are in grades 9-12 will receive instruction through Google Classroom. Teachers have already begun contacting students via email on Monday. Many teachers have already connected with their students. Please encourage your child to check their school email.

Will be updating our school website daily. Resources for AR AMI (PBS) work will be available digitally beginning Tuesday. They will be able to be downloaded from our website and will be posted on Facebook. For students who have email access, we will email them the resources as well. If you do not have internet access, we are making arrangements for hard copies available with lunch deliveries on Wednesday, April 1st or we can mail them to your home if needed.

How Do I Turn in Completed AMI Work?

In order to minimize contact we would prefer AMI work be emailed to your child's homeroom (K-5) or 7th period teacher for grades 6th-8th. (You can take a picture with your phone and email the picture. If emailing is not possible, all completed forms can be turned in at your child's school campus. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their form. Submit the AMI Progress Report - Self-Reporting Form each week. You can submit the forms on Monday, to allow time to complete any work needed on Friday and over the weekend.

We will have a dropbox located outside of the front entrance of each building. The drop box will be available from 8am - 5pm beginning Wednesday, April 1st. If you are unable to bring your child's work to school or email your child's work during this time, please contact us and we will discuss options with you for submitting AMI forms.

REPORT CARDS:

Third 9 Week report cards will be available through Home Access Center (HAC). If you do not have access to HAC, please contact us and we will make arrangements to provide you with a hard copy.

SENIORS:

We regret the inconvenience this mandatory closure has caused all of our scholars and families. Our hearts deeply go out to the Senior Class of 2020. Please know that we intend to provide our seniors with the memorable ceremonies they have worked so hard to obtain such as prom and graduation as soon as it is safe to do so.

Caps and Gowns will be available for Drive Through Pick up on **April 9th at PBHS**. We will send more information out through Facebook regarding exact times for pick up.

Grades for the semester will be based on the 3rd Quarter for Seniors **who are in good standing**. Seniors are able to make-up or redo any 3rd quarter assignment. If you are a Senior who had failing grades, we will be contacting you to set up plans for your work to be completed.

Seniors who are taking a Concurrent Credit course through UAPB, must finish the semester. Seniors who are taking AP courses will still receive support from their AP teachers, in order to prepare for the AP Exam. You are not receiving grades for AP during 4th quarter, but it would be in your best interest to participate in the Zoom meetings.

Chromebook Distribution

We are working on a plan to disburse Chromebooks for those who have internet capabilities and an educational need for the device. We are also working on providing internet support in various locations. More information will be forthcoming from your child's school.

PBSD will allow parents to check-out Chromebooks for 3rd through 12th grade students. Please have your ID ready to check-out a Chromebook for your student. We will be following CDC guidance when distributing so we ask that you limit contact and adhere to social distancing. Distribution will be held outside.

34th, Broadmoor & Southwood	April 2nd & 3rd	9am - Noon
Jack Robey	April 6th, 7th and 8th	9am-Noon
Pine Bluff High School	April 6th, 7th and 8th	9am-Noon

We have limited staff working in our district as we are practicing social distancing per CDC guidance. Staff will be able to answer questions via phone or email. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact your child's teacher, principal, or district office. We will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

AMI Hotline

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has established an AMI Hotline that will operate from 8:00 am- 8:00 pm daily, beginning Thursday, March 26, 2020. The AMI hotline will be staffed by DESE personnel and is intended to support school district officials, teachers, parents, and students who have AMI questions. We anticipate that many of the questions that we receive will most likely be district specific questions; therefore, it is imperative that every school district have local personnel available to also answer questions or concerns from parents and students. Hotline staff will redirect calls to the district contact listed in the ADE Data Center as appropriate.

The STATE AMI hotline number is: 1-833-353-6050 Mon. - Fri. 8am - 8pm

The Pine Bluff AMI hotline is: 870-510-0109 Mon. - Fri. 9am - 3pm

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we get through this together.

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