



DAILY UPDATE APRIL 20, 2020 10:00 AM

Hello Everyone,

Based upon continuing changes to state guidance, we have again revised our Continuity of Education plans. Phase Three of our plan has been released and will take effect on April 27th. This plan now calls for pass/fail grading for all students K-12. We apologize for these continued changes. However, the state continues to change guidance on a daily basis and we are forced to adjust as a result. Change seems to be our new normal and we are aware that additional revisions may be necessary as guidance is revised at the state and federal level. We know these changes are especially stressful for our families and we will continue to work to minimize the impact of these changes on all of you to the best of our ability.

Please reach out to your child's teachers anytime you have questions or if your child needs additional support in the days and weeks ahead. Our faculty remains committed to helping all of our students during this time!

As a reminder, meal distribution will continue each Monday and Thursday at PC High School from 11 am – Noon.

Our technology staff is working to reimage and distribute available laptops for students in need of devices. Penn Cambria Intermediate School parents will receive information later today about how to request laptops.

We are also working to finalize plans for graduation ceremonies on May 30th. A letter is being sent to all members of the Penn Cambria Class of 2020 and will be posted on our website and via Twitter.

Thank you to all for your continued support! Stay well!

PHASE THREE – Continuity of Education Plan

Effective April 27, 2020

Penn Cambria School District

PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE THREE - Grades K-2 QUARTER 4 Continuity of Education PLAN Updates

These Changes Take Effect STARTING APRIL 27th

Our GOAL – Students continue LEARNING by engaging and participating in a variety of learning activities representing planned instruction and review/enrichment.

Will Work be Graded or Required During the Physical Closure of Buildings? Students will receive **Pass/Fail grades for Reading and Math** for quarter 4 based on participation in learning activities.

What is REQUIRED of My Child Each Week? We continue to respect the many different situations faced by our students and our families now and the changing situations we may all face in the weeks to

come. However, the PA Department of Education revised guidance on 4/15/20 and now requires all schools to implement planned instruction.

- Your child needs to participate in **at least two reading** activities and **two math** activities provided as planned instruction each week in order to meet requirements.
 - These will be provided through Class DOJO, posted on the Pre-Primary/Primary School COVID-19 plan page on our website, and/or be available for paper pick up/drop off each week.
 - Students will receive feedback and support from the teacher related to these activities.

What is AVAILABLE for My Child Each Week? The requirements above will allow students to meet minimum expectations. However, we will offer other *optional activities* for students to also participate in each week. These will include choice board activities for wellness, science, social studies, art, music, health, computers and family activities. Students will continue to receive feedback and support from our teachers for these activities.

Will my Child be Promoted to the Next Grade Level? All students who participate each week in the required educational activities will be promoted to the next grade level.

PC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PHASE THREE - Grades 3-4 QUARTER 4 Continuity of Education PLAN Updates These Changes Take Effect STARTING APRIL 27th

Our GOAL – Students continue LEARNING by engaging and participating in a variety of learning activities representing planned instruction and review/enrichment.

Will Work be Graded or Required During the Physical Closure of Buildings? Students will receive Pass/Fail grades for ELA, Math, and Science for quarter 4 based on participation in learning activities.

What is REQUIRED of My Child Each Week? We continue to respect the many different situations faced by our students and our families now and the changing situations we may all face in the weeks to come. However, the PA Department of Education revised guidance on 4/15/20 and now requires all schools to implement planned instruction.

- Your child needs to participate in **two ELA** activities, **two Math** activities, and **two Science activities** provided as planned instruction each week in order to meet requirements.
 - These will be provided through Google Classroom, posted on the Intermediate School COVID-19 plan page on our website, and/or be available for paper pick up/drop off each week.
 - Students will receive feedback and support from the teacher related to these activities.

What is AVAILABLE for My Child Each Week? The requirements above will allow students to meet minimum expectations. However, we will offer other *optional activities* for students to also participate

in each week. These will include choice board activities for wellness, social studies, art, music, health, computers and other review and enrichment activities across subject areas. Students will continue to receive feedback and support from our teachers for these activities.

Will my Child be Promoted to the Next Grade Level? All students who participate each week in the required educational activities will be promoted to the next grade level.

PC MIDDLE SCHOOL

PHASE THREE - Grades 5-8 QUARTER 4 Continuity of Education PLAN Updates **These Changes Take Effect STARTING APRIL 27th**

Our GOAL – Students continue LEARNING by engaging and participating in a variety of learning activities representing planned instruction and review/enrichment.

Will Work be Graded or Required During the Physical Closure of Buildings? Students will receive Pass/Fail grades for quarter 4 based on participation in learning activities. Each of the required activities will be marked either complete (1 pt) or incomplete (0 pt) each week in the MMS gradebook system.

What is REQUIRED of My Child Each Week? We continue to respect the many different situations faced by our students and our families now and the changing situations we may all face in the weeks to come. However, the PA Department of Education revised guidance on 4/15/20 and now requires all schools to implement planned instruction. Therefore, we will be requiring the following:

- Your child needs to participate in **at least two ELA activities, at least two Math activities, at least two Social Studies activities and at least two Science activities** plus complete **at least one activity for each special subject assigned for quarter 4** which are provided as planned instruction each week in order to meet requirements.
 - These will be provided through Google Classroom and/or be available for paper pick up/drop off each week.
 - Students will receive feedback and support from the teacher related to these activities.

What is AVAILABLE/OPTIONAL for My Child Each Week? The requirements above will allow students to meet minimum expectations. However, we will offer other *optional activities* for students to also participate in each week. These may include additional activities for core subjects, wellness, career exploration, and other review and enrichment activities across subject areas. Students will continue to receive feedback and support from our teachers for these activities.

Will my Child be Promoted to the Next Grade Level? All students who participate each week in educational activities as described above will be promoted to the next grade level.

PC HIGH SCHOOL

PHASE THREE - High School QUARTER 4 Plans / CREDITS / GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Starting April 27, 2020

Our GOAL – Students continue LEARNING by engaging and participating in a variety of learning activities representing planned instruction.

Will Work be Graded or Required During the Physical Closure of Buildings? Students will receive Pass/Fail grades for Semester 2 and Year-long classes for the final marking period based on participation in two required learning activities in each class. Each of the required activities will be marked either complete (1 pt) or incomplete (0 pt) each week in the MMS gradebook system.

What happens to my GPA and credits for courses I already started during the second semester? High School students **who participate each week in required educational activities** will receive credit for Semester 2 courses based on their quarter 3 marking period grade (including grade weighting). Quarter 4 grades will be pass/fail only. Year-long class (Band/Chorus/Vo-Tech) grades will be based on the average of the first three marking periods.

What if my quarter 3 grade for a course was below 70%?

Students who had less than a 70% grade for quarter 3 in a required course needed for credit will be offered online grade recovery now in Edgenuity (for that course or comparable course) to complete BY May 29th to receive credit recovery using pass/fail grading only.

Admiral Peary Vo-Tech students in danger of failing based on the average grade will be required to work with Admiral Peary under their continuity of education plan to complete enough work to receive credit.

What if I was scheduled to start a new ½ credit course during the 4th Quarter?

The following quarter 4 courses are cancelled: Physical Education, Driver Education, Sculpture, Digital Video, Basic Programming, Early Childhood, and Basic Foods. Since students completed no face-to-face coursework in these courses we are asking the board of education to adopt the revision to current graduation requirements below so that lacking this ½ credit will not impact the graduation of any student (now or over the next four years). However, we are offering **ANY** student the opportunity to enroll in a full ½ credit PE course, a ½ credit Art course, or a ½ credit Computer Science course to earn high school credit as noted below.

What About Graduation Requirements? We will be asking the board of education to formally adopt the following additional statement to Graduation Requirements Policy 217-AR Based on the COVID-19 Closure

Any PC High School Student in the Class of 2020-2021-2022-2023 may be deemed eligible to graduate with 25.5 credits (instead of the normal 26 credits) based upon closure of physical schools in the spring of 2020 which caused an inability to participate in ½ credit classes during the fourth marking period. This ½ credit adjustment may be made in any subject area requirement as needed.

Will Summer Physical Education be Cancelled? We are currently working to determine whether some type of Summer PE will be available. We hope to have a formal answer by the first week of May. However, please see a FREE alternative below open for ALL current high school students.

What is REQUIRED for Each Class Each Week? We continue to respect the many different situations faced by our students and our families now and the changing situations we may all face in the weeks to come. However, the PA Department of Education revised guidance on 4/15/20 and now requires all schools to implement planned instruction. Therefore, we will be requiring the following:

- Every student **must complete TWO activities/assignments for EACH Semester or Year-Long Class that the student is enrolled in each week.**
 - These will be provided through Microsoft Teams and/or be available for paper pick up/drop off each week.
 - Each of the required activities will be marked either complete (1 pt) or incomplete (0 pt) each week in the MMS gradebook system.
 - Students will receive feedback and support from the teacher related to these activities.

What Are the OPTIONAL Credit-Earning Opportunities Available During This Closure?

Based upon access to Edgenuity online coursework provided by the PA Department of Education, we will be offering the following credit-earning options for interested students since fourth quarter ½ credit courses are not available. These options will allow students to earn ADDITIONAL high school credit towards graduations requirements.

- **PE/HEALTH & Other Elective CREDIT OFFERINGS - Facilitated by Penn Cambria Teachers**
 - ANY student currently enrolled in grades 9-12 may take ANY or ALL of the following courses online during the closure to earn PE, humanities, or electives credits required for graduation.
 - **Course Option #1- Healthy Living** (½ PE/Health credit- substitute for PE course or summer PE)
 - **Course Option # 2 – Computer Science and Robotics** (½ elective credit)
 - **Course Option # 3 – Intro to Art** (½ credit humanities elective)
 - Current Grade 8 students will **NOT** be eligible for these offerings. This is for **CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**. Sign up information will be collected in Microsoft Teams starting April 13th. **Students must sign up by April 22nd to be enrolled.**
 - This may free up underclassman schedules next year to allow for any changes or alternations needed due to the closure.
 - These will be rigorous and operating on an accelerated time schedule.
 - Since this is our first experience with this online curriculum and our students and faculty will be learning together, successful completion of this course will result in high school credit earned with a “Pass” grade only. Completion and credit earned will be noted on the high school transcript, but “Pass” grades are not used in GPA calculations and therefore, have no impact on GPA.
 - **Must be completed by May 29, 2020** to earn credit. If a student participates weekly but does not successfully complete the course, he/she will not earn credit and nothing will be noted on the transcript (i.e. no failing grade will be given).