



Port Washington School District

Frequently Asked Questions: Updated April 15, 2020

Question #1: Will Board of Education Meetings continue to take place during school closures?

Answer: Yes, but they will be virtual and will be live streamed so that you can watch from home. The following link provides the dates/times for Board meetings for the remainder of this school year:

<https://www.portnet.org/Page/2#calendar1515/20200326/month>

Question #2: What will happen with the junior and senior proms if schools remain closed?

Answer: No decisions have been made yet until we know how much longer schools will be closed.

Question #3: What will happen with Regents Exams?

Answer: The State Education Department (SED) has cancelled the June 2020 Regents Examinations. As a result, the SED and the Board of Regents issued modified guidance on graduation and course requirements for students enrolled in grades 7-12 during the current school year. The following provides a summary of these modifications:

Students who would have taken one or more Regents examinations during the June 2020 examination period, will be exempted from taking those Regents exams in order to be issued a diploma. To qualify for the exemption, students must meet one of the following eligibility requirements: •

- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and will have earned credit in such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year;
- The student is in grade 7, is enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and will have passed such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year;
- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to

make up the failed course and earn the course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or

- The student was previously enrolled in the course of study leading to an applicable Regents examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents examination but intended to take the test in June 2020 to achieve a passing score.

Additional information on the NYSED's new guidelines can be reviewed on their website at:

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/state-education-department-issues-guidance-graduation-and-courserequirement-changes-due>

Question #4:

Will there be a graduation?

Answer:

We hope that graduation will take place. As we gain more information about the extent of school closures, we will update you.

Question #5:

What is happening with AP exams?

Answer:

The AP exams are still scheduled to take place but in a shortened and online format. More information can be found at:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>

Question #6:

Will my Senior be able to go to college in the Fall?

Answer:

We do not yet know what changes/new requirements the colleges may have. We will update you as we receive more information.

Question #7:

Will my child continue to receive instruction?

Answer:

Yes; teachers are working very hard to provide your children with quality instruction.

Question #8:

What about the Accelerated Art or other tests that have not been offered? Will my student still be able to take these tests?

Answer:

More information will be forthcoming as we have a better idea of the extent of time of school closures.

Question #9:

When are we going back to school and what will that look like?

Answer:

We do not yet know but we hope to return as soon as it is safe to do so.

Question #10:

How will we be notified of re-entry back into school?

Answer:

We will notify the community using a variety of communication avenues, including automated messages, information on the district website, letters, and notifications by principals/teachers to their students.

Question #11:

Answer:

Are elementary teachers going to have parent teacher conferences?

Conferences will take place during the week of April 27th. Teachers will begin to contact parents on Thursday, April 16th to schedule mutually convenient times for these conferences. As always, however, parents can always contact teachers if they have concerns or questions about their child.

Question #12:

Answer:

What about services for Students with Disabilities?

Special education services will continue as mandated on students' Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to the greatest extent possible.