

GRANT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

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Grant School District will be moving Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School and Humbolt Elementary to a distance learning model starting April 19, 2021. We are targeting April 26, 2021 as the return date, however, we will be evaluating the situation next week on April 22nd to determine if that date needs to be extended.

During the time of distance learning, the district along with the health department will monitor cases for community spread. Opening our schools for onsite instruction will be announced as it is determined safe for our students and staff to return. Grant Union Jr. Sr. High School and Humbolt have prepared for the delivery of instruction remotely. You will see the following during the distance learning for your child:

- Provide whole group and/or individual orientations to ensure all students and parents know and understand the tools and procedures for participating in CDL, including offline, online, and hybrid approaches.
- Instruction is based on grade-level (or above grade-level) academic content standards.
- Provide at least one synchronous opportunity for every student each day (though not necessarily for every course or content area).
- Provide access to a well-rounded education and opportunities to fill learning gaps in the service of grade-level and integrated learning experiences.
- Provide consistent and timely student feedback and documented assessment of learning toward academic content standards. Leverage formative assessment-practices to grow student's ability for independent learning.
- Incorporate time and strategies for check-ins and peer interactions; develop classroom culture, even when the "classroom" is remote.
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities of educators, students and families.

I recognize the need for assurances the schools will be safe for return. Our staff will be working on a cleaning and disinfecting. The district is working with the health department to provide a testing clinic next week. The district has asked the state to provide an evaluation of our processes and protocols for COVID. Each school is reviewing blueprints and RSSL guidance to make sure every safety measure is addressed. I believe these extra measures will assure our schools are safe for return.

Grant School District will continue to provide breakfast and lunch **Monday through Thursday starting April 19, 2021**. This program is for all children in our community 18 years old and younger. We will be starting with last November's student counts in our preparation. If you did not participate last fall please call and leave a message at 541-575-1799 that you will be participating in the foods service program. Below is the schedule:

Site	Breakfast and lunch
Humbolt	9:00 - 9:30
7 th Street Complex (by pond)	9:00 – 9:30
Bowling Alley parking lot	9:00 - 9:30
Mount Vernon Park	9:00 - 9:30

The schools are required to record attendance for students during the distance learning process. The guidance on attendance is:

Attendance includes both participation in class activities and interaction with a licensed or registered teacher during a school day or interactions with educational assistants, paraprofessionals, and TAPP family advocates through teacher-designed and facilitated processes.

Interaction can be evidenced by any of the following or reasonable equivalents:

- Participating in a video class;
- Communication from the student to the teacher via chat, text message, communication app or email;
- A phone call between the teacher or educational assistants/paraprofessionals and the student, or, for younger students, with the parent or guardian of the student;
- Posting completed coursework to a learning management system or web-based platform or via email; or
- Turning in completed coursework on a given day.

When there is no evidence of student interaction during a 24-hour period surrounding a scheduled school day, students are reported as absent for the day (grades K-5/ self-contained) or class (grades 6-12/ individual subject).

We appreciate your understanding and patience through this change. The process of taking in information and making safe decisions will continue and our school will get back to onsite quickly and only with safety in mind. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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