



APRIL 13, 2020

NCCHS CLASS OF 2020 FAQ

Due to COVID-19, our Class of 2020 faces a different end-of-year reality than any other class in NCCHS history. As you all know, we began implementing a remote student academic and social-emotional support program on Monday, March 30. The graduating Class of 2020 is a priority for District 187 and NCCHS. Please see the FAQ below which should address the majority of questions you may have.

FAQ

→ Is graduation still scheduled for Saturday, May 16?

Unfortunately, no. As of right now, we do not have a rescheduled date due to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic. We promise that once the pandemic is over, we will coordinate a graduation ceremony for students to celebrate their achievements.

→ Will seniors still have prom?

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel prom for health reasons as the CDC recommends that we cancel events with 50 or more people.

→ Will seniors still have senior activities such as the Honors Convocation, the breakfast and the picnic?

Since we do not know when we will be back in school, we do not know when senior activities will take place.

→ How can I purchase my senior photos?

Senior photos can be purchased by contacting the Lifetouch National Customer Service line @ 800-736-4753. Students who have already purchased photos and have not received them as of yet should also contact the customer service line.

→ **Will seniors who needed to take the SAT exam in April still be able to?**

No. Many post-secondary institutions are waiving this requirement for entrance. We are still waiting for direction from ISBE regarding maintaining/waiving this test as a 2020 spring/summer graduation requirement.

→ **Will the College Board still administer Advanced Placement (AP) Exams?**

For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to— computer, tablet, or smartphone. Mr. Livingston and Ms. Forystek are currently creating the testing plan for students in AP classes, so please wait for further guidance.

→ **What if I do not have enough service learning hours in order to graduate?**

ISBE has waived the service learning hour requirement for on-track seniors who have met all other credit requirements for a 2020 spring/summer graduation.

→ **What if I am currently passing all classes?**

Please continue to do work in your classes and touch base on a regular basis with your teachers. You must meet all state and district requirements in terms of passing the required classes and earning the required credits in order to graduate and receive a diploma. You have an opportunity to raise your 3rd quarter grade during closure until May 22.

→ **What if I am failing one or some of my classes that I need to graduate?**

Students **MUST** talk with Ms. Forystek about their individual status. Students may make up any missing 3rd quarter assignments or projects. Any assignments or projects that you successfully complete between March 16 until the 22nd of May will help increase your grade. You may continue to do and redo any 3rd quarter work or any new work that your teacher assigns during school closure.

→ **What if I am failing one or some of my classes that I do not need for graduation?**

Students **MUST** talk with Ms. Forystek about their individual status. Seniors sometimes think that they do not need a particular class to graduate when, in fact, they do. Students may make up any missing 3rd quarter assignments or projects. Any assignments or projects that you successfully complete between March 16 until the 22nd of May will help increase your grade. You may continue to do and redo any 3rd quarter work or any new work that your teacher assigns during school closure.

→ **Is the grading scale the same during school closure?**

ISBE states:

“All students should have the opportunity to redo, make up, or try again to complete, show progress, or attempt to complete work assigned prior to the remote learning period in that time frame. A focus on keeping children

emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning should be our first priority during this unprecedented time.”

Due to the fact that students are being negatively impacted in a substantial way by this pandemic, NCCHS is lowering the threshold to pass a course. The grading scale is lowered to **55%** in order to pass any course.

55 - 69% = D

70 - 79% = C

80 - 89% = B

90 - 100% = A

→ Do seniors have final exams?

No.

→ What happens if seniors experience a tech issue from home on district computers/Chromebooks?

IT has set up a temporary support line for students to call in for their Chromebooks issues. This voicemail is only for your use. You should call (847) 469-9440 to leave a message. Students must include their name, their ID number, their parent's phone number and the nature of the problem they are experiencing. Claire, our Chromebook specialist, will assist students by email or schedule assistance depending on the nature of the issues.

→ What if I don't have a Chromebook? Where can I get a hardcopy of the distance learning plan if I don't have a Chromebook or internet access? Will it be graded?

You should call the IT hotline at (847) 469-9440 to leave a message. Students must include their name, their ID number, their parent's phone number. Please specify if your Chromebook is broken or lost. You may pick up a Chromebook at NCCHS from Claire on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am until 10:30 am. Please bring your broken one with you to exchange. You may also pick up a paper packet if you do not have a Chromebook. Any work you complete and turn in will be graded.

→ How do I drop off my work/packets?

The district will have drop boxes installed outside at the Board Office on Lewis Avenue. Please drop off your work at your convenience. A drop box will be installed on the inside of NCCHS and you may drop off on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30 and 10:30 am.

→ What if I am in credit recovery now? How can I finish my credit recovery?

If you are in a credit recovery class during the regularly-scheduled school day with Ms. Barry, Ms. Bhatt, Mr. Collains, Mr. Fones, Mr. Kagan, or Mr. Schulman, they will unlock all quizzes and tests for you on Gradpoint in order for you to continue your work and earn your credit(s) successfully.

If you are in after-school credit recovery with Mr. Forsman, he will unlock all quizzes and tests for you to complete and earn your credit(s) successfully.

→ **When is senior work due to determine graduation status?**

Seniors should be communicating on a daily or regular basis throughout the week and uploading work for their teachers. Seniors have until Friday, May 22, 2020 to hand in work.

→ **When will you issue diplomas if I successfully complete all graduation requirements? How will I get my diploma?**

We will mail diplomas home in June to students who successfully complete all graduation requirements in May.

→ **How can I get a recommendation from a teacher or counselor right now?**

Please reach out to Ms. Forystek and/or Mr. Vaughn. They can help you.

→ **What about all my plans for college? Where should I start first?**

See page 5 and 6 of this document with all college-related questions.

→ **How can I request my transcript?**

You will need to register for a free account on www.parchment.com. The instructions for NCCHS students are on page 7 of this document.

→ **Will summer school be impacted by the school closure? Can I still make up credits then in order to graduate?**

As of April 13, 2020, summer school will occur as previously planned in two sessions, June 15 - July 2 and July 13 - July 30. Dates may change based on the school closure and the evolving COVID-19 crisis.

→ **When will schools reopen?**

We don't know yet and will share updates as they become available. Our goal is to open schools as quickly as we possibly can while supporting the safety of our community.

SEE COLLEGE & CAREER SENIOR FAQ BELOW ON PAGES 5 AND 6

College & Career Senior FAQ

Q. I'm going to college. What is the #1 thing I should be doing during this time?

A. You should be visiting the college websites. Colleges are updating their website with new information every day. If you are unable to find it online, you can contact your college or university and they will be able to give you more information. Also, keep checking your emails and college portals for information from your school.

Q. I need to pay my enrollment deposit, apply for housing, and more. How do I find out information to do this?

A. You can visit <https://www.nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus> to find out changes about admission, deposits, and more at colleges across the country. If it does not have information listed for your college, then visit your college website or call the college.

Q. If I need to take a placement exam for my college, how do I schedule it?

A. Visit your college website for placement testing information. Colleges are coming up with updated information on how students can take the placement tests.

Q. If I plan to attend CLC in the fall and need to either take the placement tests for the first time, retake the English or Math tests or take the ELI version of the English test, how do I schedule it?

A. Right now CLC is not allowing students on campus to take the test. Continue to check CLC portal and emails, and look out for phone calls being made from the admissions staff with information. Mr. Trendelle sent an email with a study guide for both Math and English testing. Take this time to do the modules and prepare to take the test when CLC makes a decision on how they will open up the testing.

Q. I want to enroll in Jump Start at CLC. What do I do?

A. CLC is working on getting updated information on how to register for Jump Start and next steps. Keep checking your emails from CLC or Mrs. Valentine with more information.

Q. How do I request transcripts to be sent to my college?

A. NCCHS will be using Parchment to send transcripts to colleges. You have received an email with a Parchment link for you to create an account. More instructions will be sent to you on how to order the transcript.

Q. How do I set up my New Student Orientation (NSO) for the school I will be attending in the fall?

A. Check your college portal and emails for information regarding scheduling an online NSO or to receive any updated information on registering for a NSO date in the future.

Q. How do I complete the FAFSA, if I haven't done so yet?

A. First create your FSA ID & Password. Mr. Trendelle sent an email with instructions on how to create your FSA ID along with completing the FAFSA. You may also email or call Mr. Trendelle for assistance with completing the FAFSA. Here are the links to both sites: FAFSA <https://studentaid.gov/> FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>.

Q. How do I know if I have received my Financial Aid Award letter from the colleges I have been accepted to?

A. Check your emails and login to your college portals for information about Financial Aid. In your college portal, click on the Financial Aid section. Here you will find if you have been awarded your financial aid or if there is some additional verification information the college needs you to complete before they can give you an award letter.

Q. My college asked for verification or additional documents for me to complete. What do I need to do?

A. Colleges are changing their processes for you to submit verification documents. Since printing documents may not be an option, colleges are creating electronic versions of the documents for you to complete online and submit them. Make sure you save a copy of anything you complete, if it lets you. However, not all colleges may have electronic versions of the documents, so go on the websites, check your emails and portals, or call the Financial Aid Office to learn more about how to submit documents.

Q. If I plan to enlist in the Military or need to complete my contract, how do I complete this?

A. Contact your branch representative and he/she will let you know the next steps. If you haven't already spoken with a branch representative, email Mr. Trendelle and he can connect you with the appropriate branch representative.

Q. I need to take or retake the ASVAB test, how can I do it?

A. More information to come. You can contact your branch representative to receive information on testing updates during this time.

Q. I plan to employ into the workforce, what do I need to be doing right now?

A. Create or update your resume. Practice your interviewing skills. Even with most jobs closed right now due to COVID-19, some jobs are still hiring. Visit the following job sites: Lake County Job Center: <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/Jobs.aspx> or Indeed <https://www.indeed.com/>

SEE HOW TO ORDER TRANSCRIPTS BELOW ON PAGE 7

NCCHS Guide to Ordering Transcripts on Parchment

Register for a Parchment.com account

Option 1 (*Preferred):

1. Check your school email from Parchment and click the **Register Your Free Account** button in the email and then follow the onscreen instructions.

Option 2:

1. Click the following link to order transcripts from NCCHS:
<http://www.parchment.com/u/registration/10074/account>
2. Create a New Learner Account and select, "I have a registration code" using the registration code that was sent to your school email. If you do not have your registration code, then select "I do not have a registration code".
3. Your password must be at least 8 characters long and contain both letters and numbers.

Order your transcript

1. Click **Transcripts**
2. You now need to find the school that has your transcript (NCCHS!)
3. Enter your school's information and click "Search" or NCCHS will already be listed and you can click "Send Transcript".
4. Select your Destination
 - a. Click Academic Institution and search the name of the college/university
 - b. Next to Processing Time, you can select **Send Now** or **Hold for Grades**.
 - i. You should select *Hold for Grades* if you want to wait until your next semester grades are in before your transcript is delivered.
 - c. Click Continue, review your order and then **Checkout**.
5. You can now track your order and see when the college/university receives it
6. COMMON APP students:
 - a. Login to Common App
 - b. Invite your counselor Ms.Forystek, kforystek@d187.org to be a **Recommender**.
 - c. Then login to Parchment.com and go to **Order your Transcript** and follow the instructions.