

Hydesville Elementary School FAQ

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Please reach out to your teacher and/or the school for questions or concerns. While the school campus is closed, education is not. Staff is working and we are here to help support you and our students during this unprecedented time.

Q: Why did Hydesville School close campus through the end of the school year?

A: The Hydesville Elementary School closed our school campus to students and the public aligned to health agency guidelines and Governor Newsom's executive orders. The public health crisis created by COVID-19 continues to escalate throughout Humboldt County and California which warrants swift action to prevent the spread of illness. A letter was sent to all Hydesville School families on April 3, 2020.

Q: What is the anticipated return date?

A: Governor Newsom and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Thurmond announced that all California schools should remain closed to students through the end of the 2019-20 school year, as a result of increased COVID-19 cases throughout the state.

Q: What if conditions change?

A: If prior to the end of the 2019-20 school year, that circumstances have changed and that we can safely reopen our schools, our dedicated staff will do so at our earliest opportunity. To that end, we will continue to closely monitor the guidance from federal, state and local authorities and coordinate our actions and responses with expert health agencies and other Humboldt County school districts.

Q: Is Hydesville Elementary School coordinating with other schools?

A: Hydesville Elementary continues to monitor the situation and closely work with Humboldt County Public Health Officer, Humboldt County Office of Education, and all Humboldt County TK-12 schools are participating in frequent conference calls led by the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) to ensure all have the same accurate information.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Q: What will happen with 8th grade graduation?

A: We recognize that graduation is a milestone in life for our 2020 graduating 8th grade class and their families, but the current scope and impact of this crisis does not allow us to predict where, when, or how any commencement will occur. We will keep our 8th grade students and families informed as we get closer to the end of the 2019/2020 school year.

MEALS

Q: Where can students who need meals get them?

A: While Hydesville Elementary is not providing school lunches at this time, there are other community options for daily lunch pickup. Please see the following list of locations and times:

Ambrosini Elementary School, MWF 9-11am

Walker Elementary School, MWF 9-11am

Fortuna Middle School, MWF 9-11am

Toddy Thomas School, MWF 9-11am

Hydesville Fire Hall, 10-10:15am

Carlotta Fire Station, 10:20-10:45am

WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Q: If my student needs mental health and wellness support, where can we find information?

A: The outbreak of COVID-19 can result in various forms of stress, especially for students who may be struggling to process all of the implications of this health challenge and the impact of social distancing. Our school counselor, Ashlee Byrd is available to assist students throughout the school campus closure. To contact Mrs. Bryd please reach her via E-mail at byrd@hydesvilleschool.org

EMERGENCY DISTANCE LEARNING, ASSESSMENTS, AND INSTRUCTION

Q: Will Emergency Distance Learning opportunities continue through the end of the school year?

A: Yes, Emergency Distance Learning opportunities will continue through the 2019-20 school year. Teachers and Superintendent/Principal Trone will consistently communicate with parents and students, so please remain in close contact and reach out to us, if you have questions or need additional support. Teachers are available via email, phone, and Zoom meetings during normal school hours.

As Emergency Distance Learning opportunities extend through the end of the school year, teachers and staff will continue to work with students and families, soliciting feedback and adjusting instruction to optimize learning outcomes and support our families.

Q: What is Emergency Distance Learning? Does my student need to do all of the scheduled activities?

A: Emergency Distance Learning refers specifically to days in which the Hydesville School campus is closed to students and the public due to emergency conditions, but learning is continued off-site with the support of teachers and in collaboration with students and parents. Often this is accomplished through class packets available for pick-up each Monday from 10am-12pm, Google Classroom, and Zoom meetings.

The overarching goal of Emergency Distance Learning is keeping our students connected, engaged, and preserving their academic progress. We recognize that current conditions affect each student and family differently and parents or guardians can communicate any needs or difficulties directly with their child's teacher or by contacting the school directly. Please note, that at this time, all work being given during this closure is optional. Any changes to this policy will be communicated with our families in the usual ways.

Q: Will there be Emergency Distance Learning options over the Spring Break?

A: There will be no Emergency Distance Learning over Spring Break. Spring Break is April 13 to April 17.

Q: What is Hydesville School doing to support students with IEPs?

A: As we continue to provide learning opportunities during this public health crisis, we are committed to supporting students receiving IEPs and other supports. We'll continue to keep our families informed and continually review how we can best support our students with special needs. For questions or concerns, please contact your teacher and/or Nikolos Croinex.

Q: Will my child still have their IEP meeting while the schools are closed?

A: If your child has an IEP due during the time that Emergency Distance Learning is occurring, Nikolos Croinex will be reaching out to you.

Q: My child has related services on their IEP, how will those supports be provided?

A: If your child receives any related services, such as counseling, speech, etc., Our Resource Teacher or those providers will be contacting you to share how they will be supporting those areas of need during emergency distance learning.

Q: Since school is closed will students still be expected to participate in state testing?

A: No. Governor Newsom issued an executive order last week to waive this year's statewide assessments in light of the current public health crisis.

Q: How will I know how my child is doing in school without state assessment results?

A: State assessments are just one of multiple measures of student achievement. As always, your child's teacher is the best resource for information about their learning needs.

STAYING CONNECTED TO HYDESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Q: How will I receive information from and where do I go for questions?

A: Although the school campus is closed to the public, education is an essential service and our staff is continuing to provide educational opportunities for our students. Parents, students and families will continue to receive updates and information from Hydesville Elementary School regularly through email, by phone, our website, and through social media.