



April 6, 2020

Dear Roseland Middle and High School Families,

We truly miss all of you and hope that you are doing well during this “shelter in place”. Your Roseland Staff is working hard to provide all students with meaningful and engaging learning opportunities through Distance Learning. Without a doubt, this has been a drastic change in learning for everyone, and we thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time.

Looking ahead, we will continue to communicate as often as possible during this time. We will be checking school voicemails, however, email will be the best means to reach us. Please check your email regularly and reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Your Administrators; Ms. Reese, Ms. Yount, Mrs. Piazza

Please read all the updates and reminders below.

Distance Learning continues for the Rest of the 2019-2020 School Year

As you all know, Governor Gavin Newsom and State Superintendent Tony Thurmond advised that school should continue to take place via distance learning rather than on school campuses throughout the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year in California. Roseland School District (RSD) is responding to this guidance by working extremely hard to ensure quality learning opportunities for students via distance learning through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

What is Distance Learning?

Distance learning is the instructional method we are implementing to provide learning opportunities for students through the end of the school year. Our staff is dedicated to making this process as effective as possible.

RSD Goals for Distance Learning:

- Student learning for their continued growth, development, well being
- Support Social Emotional wellness of students through engagement
- Prepare students for the next grade level (as much as possible)
- High School: Improve grades, and complete credits for graduation

Middle School Distance Learning Plan:

- **April 13th-24th:** Packets will be mailed to ALL students and teachers will be supporting packets virtually. Chromebooks will be distributed during this time.
- **April 27th-May 29th:** All students will be supported through digital learning through platforms such as emails, Google Classrooms, and Zoom.
- **Grading:** Digital assignments will be reviewed with feedback given but will not be graded.

High School Distance Learning Plan:

- **Google Classroom:** Teachers will be using online platforms such as emails, Google Classrooms, and Zoom to assign work to all high school students. Deadlines will be sent by the teacher.
- **Grade Improvement:** All high school students will be given the opportunity to improve their current grades starting April 13th.
- **Distance Learning Grading:** Teachers begin grading like normal starting April 13th, at the end of the Semester 2 if the grade is lower their teacher will contact them regarding their final Semester 2 grade.
- **Final exams** will not be given at the end of Semester 2.

Technology

Your child's school will be loaning Chromebooks for students who need one. We will also be providing information about how families can access free internet services.

Although online learning provides multiple benefits, participating in online instruction contains inherent risks (e.g., inability to guarantee complete confidentiality as the internet can be hacked, sessions may become choppy, technical difficulties can get in the way of service provision, etc.). If you wish for your student to opt out of online distance learning, please send an email or call your child's principal and leave a message. Please include your name, student name, school and phone number. In the event that you opt out of online learning for your child, he or she will be provided paper packets.

Teacher Availability

Teachers will communicate directly with their students through phone calls, emails, and Google Classrooms. Students are encouraged to use this time to connect with their teachers and ask questions regarding instructional expectations for the week. All teachers have posted office hours and Zoom meetings on their Google Classrooms.

Students Responsibility during Distance Learning

- Students should monitor their RSD email account daily. This will be the primary method used by teachers to communicate with students.
- Students are expected to follow the internet use agreements and guidelines of the Roseland School District and Student Handbook.
- Middle School students will have approximately 1-2 hours of work each week in each class.

- High School students will have approximately 2-4 hours of work each week in each class.
- All students need to complete assignments based upon the deadlines set by their teachers.

Attendance

Attendance is being taken weekly and is based on work completion. Should a student not regularly complete assignments, teachers, and staff will be reaching out to the student and parents.

Graduation

Unfortunately, in-person graduation events and activities are suspended until the social distancing order is lifted. We are currently discussing potential alternative options for a graduation event or possibly holding the event once the shelter in place is lifted. Be assured, we will find a way to honor and celebrate our 8th and 12th graders.

Questions or Concerns:

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