



SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Continuity of Education Plan

Spring 2020

Student Handbook



Dear Shamokin Area School District Families:

Now that we know that we will not be returning to our school buildings for the remainder of the academic year, we can begin to make decisions with some clarity. In light of the Governor's decision to close schools, the Shamokin Area School District maintains its commitment to our mission to provide our students with the learning skills needed to communicate effectively and be productive and responsible citizens. We are committed to meet this challenge and are prepared to work as hard as possible to get there. We will continue to update this handbook throughout this situation. At this time, we have the following updates to share:

Continuity of Education Plan

The Shamokin Area School District is committed to providing Continuity of Education (beginning Monday, March 30, 2020), throughout the duration of school closures due to the pandemic. This plan consists of **Phase I: Enrichment and Review (March 30, 2020 – April 24, 2020)** followed by **Phase II: Planned Instruction (April 27, 2020 – June 11, 2020)** for our students. Our teachers and staff will continue to meet the needs of our students by analyzing and reflecting on students' prior learning and by using planned courses of instruction of new concepts/skills aligned to grade level standards. For Phase I, teachers developed materials and informal activities to reinforce or extend students' prior learning. For Phase II, teachers will provide formal teaching and learning, similar to what occurs in a classroom setting. These materials, informal activities, and formal teaching and learning activities will be shared with families through the best method possible for each family. Teachers and staff will have frequent communication with families and will continue to meet the needs of our students to the

greatest extent possible during this unprecedented time. We are committed to stay connected to our students and families.

Phase I: Enrichment and Review (March 30, 2020 – April 24, 2020)

During Phase I, Pre-K teachers provided one ELA (15 minutes per day) and one Math (15 minutes per day) activity for students. In grade levels K through 4, teachers provided one ELA (30 minutes per day) and one Math (30 minutes per day) activity for students. In grades 5 through 12, teachers provided one activity per subject area taught (15 minutes per day per subject). Additionally, all students had one activity per week relating to Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and one activity per week relating to Career Readiness. Teachers/staff provided families with access to supplemental and enrichment resources.

Phase II: Planned Instruction (April 27, 2020 – June 11, 2020)

During Phase II, staff will provide formal teaching and learning, similar to what occurs in a classroom setting. Lessons will be formal and address new standards. Teachers will advance through their curriculum via live/recorded lessons. Students will be evaluated on the work they complete on a “Pass/Fail” basis. Lessons during Phase II will include Instruction, Independent Practice, Closure, and Feedback on Assignments. Teachers will be delivering daily videos to introduce the lesson and/or expectations for the day. These videos may include a video of the teacher teaching the skill, Power Point presentations, and/or other visuals. Teachers will also be conducting Office Hours on Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. During this time, they will be available through Google Meet for virtual meetings with students, to respond to questions from students/parents, and answer anything else that needs an immediate response. Time per Course Goals are listed below:

Grade Level	Subject	Workload
Pre-K	ELA	45 minutes per week
Pre-K	Math	45 minutes per week
K through 4	ELA	75 minutes per week
K through 4	Math	75 minutes per week
K through 4	Science	1 Activity per week
K through 4	Social Studies	1 Activity per week
K through 4	Art	1 Activity per week
K through 4	Music	1 Activity per week

K through 4	PE	1 Activity per week
5 and 6	ELA	75 minutes per week
5 and 6	Math	75 minutes per week
5 and 6	Science	75 minutes per week
5 and 6	Social Studies	75 minutes per week
5 and 6	Art	1 Activity per week
5 and 6	Music	1 Activity per week
5 and 6	PE	1 Activity per week
7 through 12	Each Course on Student's Schedule	75 minutes per week
AP Coursework	Advanced Placement Courses	75 - 120 minutes per week

Google Classroom

Shamokin Area School District faculty have created Google Classrooms for each course/class they teach. Teachers will continue to post classroom planned instruction lessons and activities through Google Classroom. Additionally, teachers will be available to communicate with students and families via email, Google services, Remind, Class Dojo, phone calls, etc. Parents and students are directed to our website. Once there, you will find information for joining your teachers' Google Classroom to obtain various information each day. We strongly encourage all students to do their best to complete the lessons/activities. If you are not able to access Google Classroom, please email your child's teacher or call your child's Principal's Office between 10 am and 2 pm Monday through Friday for additional help.

Packet Work

For families with limited or no access to technology, Shamokin Area School District staff will provide printed packets. Packet Distribution will occur on Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at our Annex parking lot. Students needing packets may call in to our Principal's Offices between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm daily to request packets. Shamokin Area School District staff will ensure that materials are delivered to families as needed. Assignments can be "returned" by emailing your teacher, returning paper packets to the delivery box located outside the main principal office doors or by setting up a time to discuss your assignment with your teacher via Google Hangout or phone call.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to continue to participate in activities daily and complete work to the best of their ability. Students should establish daily routines for engagement and be responsible for independent learning while maintaining a positive mindset. Students are expected to conduct themselves with academic integrity and comply with internet safety and online etiquette. Students and families are strongly encouraged to communicate regularly with staff should they have specific questions or needs.

4th Marking Period Grades and Final Grades

4th Marking Period Grades will be on a "Pass/Fail" basis. Students will be evaluated on the work they complete. Final Grade calculations will not be based on the 4th Marking Period. For Full Year Courses, MP1 = 37.5%, MP2 = 37.5%, and MP3 = 25% of your Final Grade. For Half Year Courses during MP3 and MP4, MP3 = 100% of your Final Grade. There will be no final exams during the 2019-2020 school year.

School Calendar

Our last day of school will be Thursday, June 11, 2020 (as originally scheduled).

Graduation and Prom (Other End of Year Activities)

We understand that this is an extremely trying time for everyone. Aside from the worry of this pandemic, we also worry about what will happen with the many memorable experiences that occur during this time of the school year - musical, spring sports, concerts, dances, field trips, prom, awards, banquets, and graduation. Many of these events are "once in a lifetime" events. It is our intention to do our best to provide these moments to our students instead of cancelling them (if at all possible). As of now, we know the following:

High School Graduation will be rescheduled pending the Stay-At-Home Order. An alternative plan is currently being developed to have a ceremony (in some capacity) on Thursday, June 11, 2020. We will do everything we can to provide our seniors with the best experiences possible!

Prom will be rescheduled pending the Stay-At-Home Order. We are currently working with Brady Banquet Hall for later dates (June/July). We are also looking at alternatives for Prom if the Stay-At-Home Order is still in effect.

Alumni Exam will be rescheduled. A new date has not been set. (Scholarships will still be awarded regardless.) However, the Alumni Banquet has been cancelled.

Senior Scholastic Awards Program will be rescheduled pending the Stay-At-Home Order. We are looking at alternatives for this program if the Stay-At-Home Order is still in effect. (Awards will still be given regardless.)

Baccalaureate will be rescheduled pending the Stay-At-Home Order. We are looking at alternatives for this program if the Stay-At-Home Order is still in effect.

Kindergarten Graduation will be rescheduled pending the Stay-At-Home Order. We are looking at alternatives for this program if the Stay-At-Home Order is still in effect.

Musical will be rescheduled pending the Stay-At-Home Order. We are looking at alternatives for the Musical if the Stay-At-Home Order is still in effect.

Spring Sports have been cancelled.

Concerts have been cancelled.

Middle School Formal has been cancelled.

As soon as we determine our plans for any/all of the above-mentioned events, we will be sure to communicate them to you.

Student Locker Clean Out/Retrieval of Personal Belongings/Medication Pick-Up

We are currently developing a plan for student locker clean out/retrieval of personal belongings. As soon as we determine our plans for this, we will be sure to communicate them to you. If you have **medication** at school that needs “picked up” during the closure, please phone the school’s office and a plan will be created to facilitate “pick up”.

Promotion/Retention/Credit Recovery

Teachers and Principals will make decisions to promote or retain students while keeping the best interest of the student in mind. The general standards for promotion decisions should be discussed jointly between the teacher(s), counselor(s), principal, and parents. Students in grades 7-12 will also be given the opportunity to perform credit recovery as deemed appropriate for consideration to be promoted.

Special Education

Teachers/staff will collaborate with team members to develop student specific lessons, resources, and activities for students and families to access during the closure. Teachers/staff will establish and maintain communication with families and students when possible via telephone, virtual meetings, and email. Teachers/staff will document communication for each individual student. Teachers/staff will monitor special education document timelines and when possible conduct required meetings remotely (virtually/phone). If you have any further questions or concerns, you may also contact Mrs. Sherry Glosek, Supervisor of Special Education, at sglosek@indians.k12.pa.us.

State Assessments

All PSSA testing and Keystone exams for the 2019-20 school year have been cancelled by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Additionally, standardized testing for students in career and technical education (CTE) programs for the 2019-20 school year have been cancelled. On March 20, The College Board posted some very important information concerning this year's AP Exams. AP Exams will not be conducted face-to-face this year and tests will be adjusted to reflect school closures. Please visit www.collegeboard.org for more information.

Meals

Grab n Go Meals will continue to be distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Shamokin Area Annex parking lot/playground.

Resources

There are several resources listed on our website. Please note that the resources contained within the site are purely optional, and students who do not complete these activities will not fall behind, nor will they be penalized. Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of our students, families, staff, and community.

In addition to your child's teacher(s), administrators, counselors, nurses, occupational therapists, behavior specialists, speech therapists, gifted teachers, English as a Second Language teacher, psychologists, special education teachers, and social workers are also available during the day via email. Feel free to contact them as needed to provide support and respond to your questions or concerns.

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