

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Has the school year been canceled?

Answer: *Based on an executive order issued by Governor Ned Lamont, Waterbury Public Schools is closed through, at least, April 20. If the date is extended again, an update will be provided on the District website as well as social media.*

2. Has spring break been canceled?

Answer: *Spring break (April 13-April 17) will fall during the extended closure.*

3. Are meals available during the closure?

Answer: *Yes, breakfast and lunch continues to be prepared at 25 school locations. Students, parents and families can pick up meals Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon at any of the schools, even if that is not where the student is enrolled.*

4. Where can my student or I access the online supplemental learning plan?

Answer: *The Academic Office has created an online resource to connect you to the content students are learning in all subjects at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2W6VtAE>. It is updated on an almost daily basis. Homework packets for Pre-K through 12th grade are also available at each of the 25 schools offering meal service Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can go to any one of the schools to pick up a packet. Please contact the Academic Office if you have any questions or concerns at WPSAcademics@waterbury.k12.ct.us. ****Please note: Students should complete assignments online or complete the homework packet. They do not need to do both.*****

5. Is the homework packet mandatory? Will students be graded on the assignments?

Answer: *The assignments will **not** be graded. They are meant to supplement learning for students who may have limited or no access to a computer or the internet. We urge parents to ensure that students are setting aside a dedicated time to complete the assignments daily.*

6. What will be the implication for seniors if school is closed for the remainder of the academic year? Will graduations be canceled?

Answer: *Promotion status has not been determined for students at any grade level and students in all grades are highly encouraged to continue work on online materials or the homework*

packets made available at 25 schools. Graduation ceremonies have not been canceled at this time. If that changes, based on guidance from the Governor and state officials, we will relay that information quickly. The District's foremost priority is the well-being and health of our students and staff.

7. I am having difficulty logging into some of the online learning platforms. Who should I contact?

Answer: *The District is working every day to ensure all sites are working properly. We are collaborating with vendors as best we can. We appreciate your patience during this challenging time. You can contact the Academic Office at WPSacademics@waterbury.k12.ct.us with specific questions or concerns.*

8. Is the District considering using a platform such as Google Classroom to continue instruction?

Answer: *The Academic Office continues to prepare and implement resources for some online learning. Supervisors are updating the link to supplemental learning on the website almost daily. We are aware that not all of our students have access to a computer and/or internet at home.*

9. Is supplemental learning being provided for Adult Education?

Answer: *At this time, supplemental learning for Adult Education is not available, however, the Academic Office is working on creating a list of resources.*

10. How will the third marking period end?

Answer: *At this juncture, schools are closed until at least March 31. Beyond that, everything is on hold until further notice.*