



MT. VERNON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

“Engage, Educate, and Empower Today’s Students”

MVCSC Frequently Asked Questions During Extended eLearning April-May, 2020

Are the athletic facilities and playgrounds open?

All facilities are closed, with the exception of the tracks at Mt. Vernon Middle School, Mt. Comfort Elementary and McCordsville Elementary which are open for walking/running (no wheels allowed). All other facilities, including playgrounds and tennis courts, will be closed to support social distancing.

When will students be able to get items out of our lockers/desks?

After society emerges from the coronavirus pandemic, and it is safe to be around other people, MVCSC will set some dates/times for students to get their belongings and return library books, etc.. We do not anticipate this to be before June, and may possibly be in July.

Will staff continue to be paid?

Yes, all staff will continue to be paid their regular hours through the end of the school year.

What about Kindergarten Registration?

The online portion of Kindergarten Registration is now available; details can be found in [this website article](#). Principals are working on the next steps for the in-person portion of Kindergarten Registration. Parents should be on the lookout for the event to be possibly rescheduled in the summer/early fall.

What about high school credits?

Mt. Vernon High School staff will be sharing details about credits. State Superintendent Dr. McCormick shared that the seniors will be given a lot of flexibility for the last quarter of the school year. Those on track to graduate will indeed graduate.

We are still struggling with internet access. Can MVCSC help?

The following school buildings have their building wifi extended into the parking lots (click on links for a map): [Mt. Vernon High School](#), [McCordsville Elementary](#), and [Mt. Comfort Elementary](#). We ask all wifi users to stay in their vehicles to maintain proper social distancing. Special thanks to NineStar for the extreme discount on providing this extended wifi coverage for our Mt. Vernon families. There are also some local businesses that offer [free wifi](#) that might extend into their parking lot.

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Will food service for students continue in May?

MVCSC will continue the food service plan to provide 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches to each student on Mondays through May 18, which will be the last distribution.

What about Mt. Vernon High School's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020?

We recognize this is a very important moment for our seniors and their families. For the members of our Class of 2020, we understand your sadness as we reach a major celebration in your lives. Please know your entire school community supports you now, more than ever, as we celebrate your educational career. Staff is continuing to formalize a plan to honor and recognize our MVHS seniors for their academic achievements. Our goal is to make it as special for this class as possible.

Is attendance/participation in eLearning mandatory?

Yes, eLearning days are a day of school and participation is mandatory. Attendance is taken by teachers and our regular attendance policy is in effect. Attendance secretaries work with the teachers, counselors, and administration to track students' attendance. Non-completes (which means not in attendance) are being addressed by each school. Principals are working with counselors to develop a plan for at-risk students.

What if I'm concerned about my child's privacy with Zoom?

Teachers have been given guidance on how to keep the privacy and security of the Zoom classroom. Zoom only has access to the same student authentication information that Google has. If parents still have concerns, they can opt out of their child participating in Zoom classrooms.

What about MVCSC School Board Scholars?

MVCSC will use quarter one through quarter three to determine if a student is applicable to be a School Board Scholar.

What are the schools doing to support students' social-emotional well-being?

Besides our counselors and staff checking in with students frequently, each school will send out a survey to students asking about their well-being and if they want to speak with a counselor.