



MIDFIELD CITY SCHOOLS

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Dr. Shun Williams
Superintendent

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Dear Parents:

On Friday, March 27, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey ordered that all schools transition to a distance-leaning model for learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This plan will begin Monday, April 6 and will provide weekly instruction for all students until Friday, June 5, 2020. Our faculty and staff members are working hard to make this transition as meaningful and relevant as possible.

Second semester grades will be calculated from grades earned during the third nine weeks grading period (January 7-March 11, 2020) along with the distance learning assignments assigned from April 6- June 5, 2020. **Completion of distance learning assignments will determine if students pass or fail the second semester.** Unlike the enrichment activities that were offered for the past three weeks, beginning Monday, April 6, all distance learning activities will become mandatory per the Alabama State Department of Education.

An important part of this process is for each household to complete the surveys sent via social media and email. We need to know if students have access to a device and internet access at home. K-12 instruction will occur through online learning programs such as Acellus, iReady and Goggle Classroom. Each school will communicate specific instructions for each grade level. Please be reminded that most online learning is accessible using a cellphone or gaming device with Wi-Fi. We will also provide paper options or packets for students without internet access or devices. Teachers will be available for assistance via email, Remind or face to face online platforms during school hours. Additional resources will be placed on each school's website for enrichment so that all students can continue learning during the remainder of the school year.

Although continuous learning is important to us, we are mindful of the effects of the current pandemic on the emotional and mental health and safety of each of us. Midfield City Schools is committed to a partnership with families so that all students are successful and well during the remaining weeks in school. Our counselors as well as outside counseling agencies will be available to assist families and students as needed. Please contact each school directly for available hours and services.

We are grateful for your support and concern about your child's education. We are also appreciative of your patience as we adjust to a new model for student learning. We are not asking you to teach or "homeschool" your students during this time. We are asking you to check with your students each day to make sure they are participating fully in all learning activities, following teacher instructions and submitting all assignments in a timely manner. We hope each of you stay safe and well.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent