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When will school reopen?

On April 1, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp ordered all public K-12 school buildings to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. At this time, school buildings are scheduled to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year on August 3, 2020. **Supplemental instruction will continue beginning April 7, 2020.** Make sure you are following the school district's social media accounts and official websites for more information.

When will school offices open?

Due to CDC guidelines, offices will be closed through May. Beginning April 7th, phone calls will be received Monday and Thursday from 10AM until 1PM at both schools. Likewise, calls to the Board of Education office will be answered Tuesday and Thursday 10AM until 1PM. You may contact the principal or teacher by email anytime.

Will students have to make up these days?

Students are participating in Supplemental Instruction Days beginning April 7, 2020. The State Superintendent announced on March 16 that state-level attendance-related consequences including make-up day requirements were suspended.

How will my child continue learning?

Teachers are communicating with students and families regarding supplemental instruction—digital learning as well as learning activities using other formats in some situations. It is imperative that home and school work together through this unprecedented time to secure the wellbeing and academic achievement of our children. If you have not been contacted by your child's teacher, please contact him or her. Email addresses are available on the district and school webpage.

Are special education services provided during this closure?

During the full school closure, no special education services are required. However, our special education teachers and staff are in contact with our parents and will always do what is right and fair for all populations of our student body. If a parent of a child with disability has a concern, please contact Mrs. Loranda Holmes at holmes.loranda@marion.k12.ga.us.



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Are English Learner services provided during this closure?

Our English Language Learner teachers and staff are in contact with our parents and will always do what is right and fair for all populations of our student body. If a parent of an identified English Learner has a concern, please contact Dr. George Porter, Jr. at porter.george@marion.k12.ga.us or Mrs. Cassandra T. Porter at porter.cassandra@marion.k12.ga.us.

Are migrant education services provided during this closure?

Our migrant tutor will continue to provide services and stay in constant contact with our parents and teachers. We will always do what is right and fair for all populations of our student body. If a parent of an identified migrant child has a concern, please contact Ms. Deyanira Vicente at vicente.deyanira@marion.k12.ga.us or Dr. George Porter, Jr. at porter.george@marion.k12.ga.us.

How will grades be calculated?

Grades will reflect a student's effort and accuracy. Teachers will consider the totality of the student's academic progress.

How will this closure affect promotion and retention?

Fortunately most of the year was completed before the closure. Most K-8 students completed $\frac{3}{4}$ of all their classes and most 9-12 students completely finished 4 classes in the fall and $\frac{1}{2}$ of their 4 spring classes. Therefore, most of the promotion/retention requirements have been addressed.

How do I get my child's report cards?

Report cards for the third nine weeks grading period will be mailed home the week of April 13. If you have questions regarding your child's current progress, please email your child's teacher.

Will I be able to reach my child's teacher or principal?

Yes. Teachers and principals will be monitoring their email communication. Beginning April 7th, teachers will be online and available Monday through Thursday from 10AM until 1PM. The school will also start taking calls Monday and Thursday 10AM until 1PM. Central office will take calls Tuesday and Thursday 10AM until 1PM.



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How is the district communicating with parents during the closure?

Currently, information is being shared via our school system website and other social media formats. Teachers will also contact you weekly. If you are not contacted at some point April 7-10, 2020, please reach out to your child's teacher as your contact information on file may need to be updated.

I'm having issues accessing the internet. Are there other options?

Yes. Please click [here](#) for options including using local WiFi. If you are still experiencing issues, contact your child's teacher.

What is the status of athletics/extracurricular, field trips and meetings?

All are canceled through May 31, 2020. Coaches and sponsors will contact students when conditioning, practices or meetings can begin again. We will follow GHSA guidance in scheduling middle school and high school football cheerleading tryouts. Check website for updates.

Will Prom and Graduation be held?

Prom has been canceled. Graduation remains scheduled for Saturday May 23rd. If safety concerns cause us to make a change, WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT to have a ceremony when it is deemed safe. THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.

My senior wants to apply for local scholarships. How do we do that?

Mrs. Jernigan will post local scholarships and new due dates in the coming days. Applications will be turned in via email by the designated date. Check website for updates.

How will I receive my pre-ordered yearbook? How can I purchase one?

Yearbooks will be available for pick up in June. Check website for updates.

How will my child turn in textbooks and library books?

Textbook and library books will be collected in the month of June at your child's school.



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How will my child get personal belongings from the school?

Items will be collected at LKM and labeled with your child's name and given to them in the 2020-2021 school year. Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to clean their locker out in the month of June. Check the website for updates. If it is something that is essential (medication, etc.), please contact your child's principal.

How do I register my child for Pre-K and/or Kindergarten?

Pre-K registration was completed before the closure. If you'd like to add your child to the Pre-K waiting list or enroll him or her in kindergarten, please call the office Monday or Thursday from 10AM to 1PM to place your child's name on the list (beginning April 9th). You will need to complete the registration packet once the offices reopen.

What is being done to clean schools and buses?

In addition to regularly scheduled cleaning and maintenance, custodial services has conducted a deep and thorough cleaning of all schools and buses using a coronavirus-approved cleaner.

Will meal service be provided to students?

Due to the rapid spread of the virus, the safety of students and employees must be a priority. Several districts have made the decision to suspend feeding at this time. As conditions improve, we will reevaluate the possibility of serving meals. Our goal is always to protect our students, families and employees. Check the district website for updates.

Will students take Milestones, End of Course, and End of Grade testing?

On March 20, State Superintendent Richard Woods announced that educators, parents, and students can expect that no state testing – to include Georgia Milestones, GAA 2.0, and GKIDS – will be administered in Georgia this year.

When will SAT be offered?

Test sessions throughout May are canceled. Registered students will receive refunds. College Board will provide future additional SAT testing opportunities for students as soon as possible in place of canceled administrations. The June 6, 2020 SAT administration is not yet canceled, and College Board will continue to assess its status with the health and safety of students and educators as the top priority.



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When will ACT be offered?

ACT has rescheduled its April 4th national test date to June 13th across the United States in response to concerns about the spread of COVID-19. All students registered for the April 4th test date will receive an email from ACT in the next few days informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13th or a future national test date.

Will AP tests be offered?

Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home. Some students may want to take the exam sooner rather than later, while the content is still fresh. Other students may want more time to practice. For each AP subject, there will be 2 different testing dates. Click [here](#) for details.

How will updates be communicated?

Updates regarding school operations will be provided via email and the district website at www.marion.k12.ga.us.

What should I do if I think I may have been exposed to COVID-19?

- Stay home.
- Call your healthcare provider if:
 - You feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.
 - You have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19.
 - You recently traveled from an area with an ongoing spread of COVID-19.
- Follow guidelines from the CDC that can be found [here](#).
- Email a courtesy notification to marionhealth@marion.k12.ga.us.

What can staff and students do to prevent the spread of viruses?

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you or your child are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.