

# AQUILLA

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## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- 1. WILL THE DAYS TAKEN OFF FROM SCHOOL HAVE TO BE MADE UP? IF SO, DOES THAT MEAN OUR EXISTING DAYS OFF LEFT ON THE CALENDAR WILL NOW BECOME SCHOOL DAYS OR WILL EXTRA SCHOOL DAYS BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR?**

We believe that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will grant waivers to account for the closed school days causing Aquilla to not have to make up the days; however, that has not been confirmed. AISD administrators are on daily conference calls with TEA and will update our community once that has been confirmed or any other changes made.

- 2. WILL THE EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK BE RESCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE OR CANCELLED ENTIRELY?**

UIL sanctioned Events are cancelled through March 30. We have not been told if these events will be rescheduled by UIL headquarters yet. We are closely monitoring the situation and will notify our community when the details become available.

#### UIL Sanctioned Events currently cancelled

JH Track Meet March 16  
HS Golf March 16  
HS Tennis March 19  
HS Track March 19  
High School UIL Academics March 23 and March 25  
JH Track Meet March 23  
HS District Golf March 24  
HS Tennis March 26  
HS Track March 26  
One Act Play Bi-District March 26

#### School Sanctioned Events currently cancelled

Cougar Club PTO Meeting March 17  
MADD Presentation March 17  
Spring Pictures March 19  
All Practices including track and theater week of March 16-20

- 3. WILL PROM STILL TAKE PLACE THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>?**

As of Monday, March 16, Prom has been rescheduled for May 2, 2020.

**4. WILL GUESTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS AND UNDERCLASSMEN BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND PROM IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO GET THEIR PROM PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED DUE TO THE CLOSING OF AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS?**

Yes, but due to the closing of school districts ALL out of district guests and underclassmen but be approved to attend prior by secondary principal, Mr. Coffey. You may email Mr. Coffey directly at [keith.coffey@aquillaisd.net](mailto:keith.coffey@aquillaisd.net) to receive approval. A list of approved guests will be at the entrance door to prom. It is also the expectation that any out of district guests and underclassmen follow the same expectations as AISD students as it pertains to dress code and behavior.

**5. WHAT CAN MY CHILD DO THIS WEEK TO MAINTAIN LEARNING?**

AISD posted on the Aquilla FB page and website a list of current online learning programs that teachers and students currently use in the classroom. Students are familiar with these programs. Any of these learning websites will help to keep your child focused on learning. We understand not all homes have access to a device which is why this is only a suggestion for this week. Reading either out loud or silently can be very powerful too. Lastly, this is a good time for our students to work on any incomplete or missing work. We encourage our families to reach out to their teachers or access parent portal if they are unsure of any missing work. AISD is recommending a minimum of 2 hours a day focused on learning. Read, Read, Read! You may email your child's teacher with any questions or for password assistance.

**6. WHAT DO I DO IF I NEED ASSISTANCE WITH MEALS THAT ARE NORMALLY PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

AISD has posted a form on the Aquilla FB page and website for families to request meal assistance. Those requests must be submitted by midnight Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. If any other need arises, please feel free to email [info@aquillaisd.net](mailto:info@aquillaisd.net) for assistance.

**7. WHAT ARE THE SANITATION EFFORTS BEING DONE ON CAMPUS?**

The entire campus will be locked and not accessible starting Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> with the exception of janitorial and administration staff. The district will be taking extra measures to sanitize the entire campus throughout this week.

**8. I'M UNSURE OF WHAT TO BELIEVE OR NOT BELIEVE. WHERE DO I GO TO FIND TRUST-WORTHY INFORMATION AS IT PERTAINS TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS?**

AISD has posted on the Aquilla FB page and website resources for our community as it pertains to COVID-19. These resources provide talking points as well to help you maneuver conversations with your children about the virus.

**9. WILL TEACHERS BE ACCESSIBLE WHILE THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED?**

Teachers are not allowed on campus this week but ARE accessible via email. All teacher emails are available on our school website [www.aquillaisd.net](http://www.aquillaisd.net)

**10. STATE-TESTING IS SCHEDULED TO START ON APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> FOR SOME GRADES. WILL THAT TESTING STILL OCCUR?**

AISD administration has daily conference calls with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that is in charge of these decisions. We are unsure at this point if the first round of testing will still occur on April 7<sup>th</sup> but we have been told by TEA to take care of the public health crisis and not to worry about state testing accountability at this time. As more information becomes available, we will let our community and staff know.

**11. WHY DID AISD CHOOSE TO CLOSE FOR THE WEEK?**

After this health concern is over, it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it would be QUITE apparent if we under reacted or did too little. The health and safety of our students and staff are of highest priority at all times.