

From the Superintendent



MARCH 13, 2020

Dear East Porter Families,

Earlier today, we sent you a letter from all of the Porter County Superintendents stating that all of the Porter County Schools are closed from March 16th through April 10th. It is important that we continue the educational process. Therefore, we will be using the following eLearning calendar. On Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays we will be posting eLearning lessons by 9:00 AM. Tuesdays and Thursdays, teachers will be working on additional planning and scoring for eLearning. Lessons are due before the next scheduled eLearning day. For example, all assignments posted on Monday are due before 9AM on Wednesday.

[Revised schedule for East Porter County School Corporation through April 10.](#)

In order to ensure all of our students are prepared and able to participate in e-Learning activities next week, our staff will take the following actions today:

- Students in grades 6 through 12 will be reminded to bring home their school-issued devices and chargers.
- If a family is in need of a device in grades kindergarten through 5, please contact your school's principal for assistance.
- Teachers will provide students with any additional curricular materials they may need, including, but not limited to, workbooks, novels, packets, etc. Additionally, students will be encouraged to bring home anything else they may need from their lockers or desks.

This will be an opportunity for East Porter County Schools to grow our eLearning experience. We have only had one eLearning day thus far. East Porter takes great pride in our learning process and we only want to issue meaningful instruction.

Please know this decision was not easy. We recognize the challenge this situation creates for our students, staff, and families. Our decision as a school corporation comes only after much discussion with local school districts following guidelines announced by Governor Holcomb. We will continue to be in contact with and informed by the CDC, Indiana Department of Health, and Indiana Department of Education of any changes and communicate that information should the need arise. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while we work to continue providing educational opportunities to our students during this unprecedented situation.

As we look at the possibility of an extended eLearning period due to COVID-19, East Porter County Schools would like to provide loaner Chromebooks temporarily to those that meet the following criteria:

- For students in grades K-5 who do not have a sibling currently participating in our 1:1 Chromebook take home program.
- Families who do not have a device at home that can be used for eLearning experiences.

***We do not consider a cell phone the best type of device to participate in online learning.

We have a very limited number of devices that we can loan out, as we are responding to this very quickly. Please, only request a device if it is absolutely essential.

[If you would like to request a device, please fill out this form.](#)

When a loaner device is available, you will receive a confirmation call along with a scheduled pick-up time.

Loaner Chromebooks will be distributed from the Morgan Township MS/HS campus. Parents/guardians should enter using Door 1. Chromebooks will be available for pick up on Monday, March 16 between 9AM and noon. Again, please wait for a confirmation call before traveling to Morgan.

Upon receipt of the loaner device, parents/guardians will be required to sign a Chromebook agreement.

What if I have no internet connection at home?

1. Talk to your teacher in advance of a scheduled day to arrange for accommodations.
2. Arrange to complete your lesson where wifi is available. List of public wifi availability.
3. Visit the local public library. [See updated information available from Comcast here.](#)

For those students who receive free/reduced lunch, please contact your building principal if you need assistance with meals.

Contact your school nurse or building principal if you need to pick-up medications.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's building principal.

As we go through this unprecedented experience as a school corporation, we thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Aaron Case
Superintendent
East Porter County School Corporation