



Architecture, Construction & Engineering Charter High School

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Hello ACE Charter High School Families,

The impacts of the coronavirus are touching every aspect of our lives and forcing all of us to find creative ways to adapt to this unprecedented situation. We know the disruption in normal school operations has created many issues and uncertainties – from childcare and meals to graduation plans and college preparation.

In this letter, ACE's Administration will answer some of your most pressing questions as best we can.

When will school reopen?

In coordination with the Ventura County Office of Education and all of the other Ventura County school districts, ACE Charter High School will be keeping our school closed at least through Friday, May 1. Our new target date to reopen is Monday, May 4. As you know, things are changing daily, so there is the potential that the closures could be extended beyond May 1. Yesterday, California Governor Gavin Newsom advised parents to prepare for the possibility that schools may be closed through the summer break. While that could indeed happen, we remain hopeful that conditions will improve enough to allow us to reopen before the end of the school year.

Will graduation be held?

Like all of you, we want nothing more than to honor our students for their accomplishments. The thought of graduation ceremonies being canceled is heartbreaking, and we will do all we can to make them happen. In the event that in-person ceremonies are not possible due to public health concerns, we will explore alternative ways to recognize our students for their achievements. Events like Prom, Grad Night, etc. at all wait and see events. At this time, all events are postponed or canceled for safety reasons.

Will remote learning be provided for students at home?

Yes. ACE's administration is currently working on plans to provide remote learning for our students. As you can imagine, this is no small endeavor. It involves issues with technology, training and equitable access for all students, including those with special needs and those who do not have internet service or computers at home. We are working to roll-out distance learning as soon as possible and will notify parents when it is ready. Our target date for that is March 23rd. In the meantime, we encourage your students to take advantage of the at-home enrichment activities such as Southern California PBS TV stations or Newsela.

Chromebook or Internet ACE Issues

ACE will ensure that all families have access to a Chromebook and the Internet during this time. Please EMAIL ASAP John Middleton at john.middleton@acecharterhigh.org if you do not have a working Chromebook or the Internet at your home. ACE will work with families to create a solution to this issue.

Will remote work be graded?

All learning will be graded as regular instruction. ACE Charter High School will be rolling out an entire learning model for all students beginning on March 23rd. ACE Students will be held accountable for this work. All ACE families will receive a detailed outline for online learning on Friday, March 20th.

Are students required to participate in remote learning?

Learning is graded as if students were at school. All instruction resumes in each scheduled class, however, this will be conducted remotely starting Monday - March, 23rd.

Once our remote learning plan is in place, students are expected to participate. We understand some families may have situations that make participation difficult or impossible and we are happy to discuss those situations on a case-by-case basis.

Students enrolled in APEX?

Once our remote learning plan is in place for all students, students are expected to complete their APEX work and to communicate daily with their assigned teachers. ACE's administration will monitor student progress daily beginning on March 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact ACE's administration.

What's happening with SAT, ACT, AP and IB testing?

ACE has been granted extensions on all deadlines by the IB. Information about the impacts of the coronavirus on IB testing is available at www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates. The College Board, which administers the SAT, has canceled the March 28 makeup and May 2 SAT test dates. The next SAT test date is June 6 with a registration deadline of May 27. The College Board is also working on remote learning for AP students and a plan to allow AP tests to be taken at home. The situation is changing frequently, so please see their latest updates at pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates. The April 4 ACT test date has been rescheduled to June 13. Please get the latest information at www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html.

Will school meals continue to be provided?

A list of meal pick up locations and times throughout Ventura County is available at www.vcoe.org/meals or www.vcoe.org/comida.

In Conclusion

Please know there are dedicated teachers, administrators and support staff working hard to provide for our students' academic needs and overall wellbeing during these challenging times across the nation. ACE's staff is committed to helping every student through this period of hurt. This situation is evolving rapidly and we will continue to share new information with you as we have it. For the latest updates, please visit our website at <https://www.acecharterhigh.org/>.

Sincerely,

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