

Derry Area High School

Parent/Student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What will happen to Driver's Education? Will there be a replacement?

- a. *Drivers education classes were held for 11 of 15 classes, the final 4 (8 hours) will be run through a Google classroom just like regular classes. The Drivers Education Google Classroom is up and running as of 4/6/20. Contact Mr. Hackman at khackman@dasd.us if you have questions.*
- b. *The Driving portion of Drivers Ed will be suspended until further notice.*

2. Can students get into their lockers/classrooms at any point this year?

- a. *Not at this time - DAHS Administration will announce any changes to this approach in the days moving forward.*

3. Is class mandatory every day during teachers' office hours/small group time?

- a. *Until official attendance protocols are established at the high school, online learners need to show a weekly presence in their Google Classrooms and complete all required work. Students should try to attend as many live Google Meets or live lessons as possible to support their asynchronous ("on their own") learning. Distant (packet-based) learners should complete all necessary work and respond to teacher messages, emails, or phone calls.*

4. I am a packet-learner - Should I send my packet back immediately if I complete it early?

- a. *All Distant (Packet--based) learners should hold on to their packets during the 3-week period that the packets were made for. Teachers will contact students 1-2*

times per week using Remind 101, phone calls, and emails to assess their work on the packet.

5. Do I have to join the Google Meet if I have the technology but simply do not want to?

- a. It would be in a student's best interest to attend as many Google Meet/Zoom Conferences as possible as this helps support both live (synchronous) and "on your own" (asynchronous) learning. Teachers will be recording who is present during these live sessions (during their office hours/small group time).*

6. How will attendance be taken after the rollout phase?

- a. After the Rollout Phase (1-2 weeks), students who are not submitting work or responding to teachers emails/messages throughout the week will be reported to the high school main office by 3:30 PM each Friday of each week. A call from DAHS office secretaries, dean of students, guidance counselors, and principal can be expected to address attendance issues or troubleshoot technology issues. DAHS will notify parents and students when official attendance procedures begin. For the first 1-2 weeks, teachers will report students who are not participating in the Google Classrooms (online learners) or completing packets/returning teacher messages (packet learners) so that we can ensure that all students are engaging in their learning platforms.*

7. What about graduation requirements, like community service hours?

- a. The community service graduation requirement is being waived for the 2020 graduating class.*

8. How will the students be graded in Quarter 3, 2nd Semester, or Final?

- a. *There will still be numeric grades used for Quarter 3. "S" (Satisfactory) and "F" (Failure) grades will begin in Quarter 4. "S" grades do not carry a percentage value but indicate successful completion and credit for the course (will not impact GPA and will not be used in determining the Semester or Final grade). "F" grades indicate a 59% failure of a course (and will be used in determining the Semester and Final grades).*

9. Will the "FAs" be enforced during online learning for Q2, Q3, or Q4?

- a. *No - FA (Failure due to Attendance) Grades will be cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year for all students at DAHS.*

10. How do I read the DAHS Online Learning schedule - what time am I responsible for?

- a. *Students should be completing posted assignments in each teacher's Google Classroom (within designated time frames) and interfacing with their teachers on Google Meet and Zoom during Office Hours/Small Group time. Students without internet-access will be receiving "hard-copy packets" to complete during 3 week periods (multiple rounds of packets will be mailed to you). Our teachers will be reaching out to you via phone call, email, or Remind 101 messages. Please see information provided in response #4 (in this document) for further information.*

11. Where can I find the High School Online Learning Schedule?

- a. <https://pa01000192.schoolwires.net/domain/223>

12. Have there been decisions made regarding Prom, Graduation, Awards Night, Music Concerts, Bachelor Auction, Yearbook Distribution, Fundraiser Pickups, or Cap and Gown Distribution?

- a. *All of the events listed above could potentially be moved, but that decision has not been made at this time. Students and parents will be notified when these decisions have been made. All fundraiser pickups are on hold at this time. Yearbook distribution dates are unknown at this point as well.*
- b. *On 4/8/20, a decision was made by the DAHS Administration and the Class Advisors to cancel the original Prom arrangements set for May 8, 2020. A future date and venue are yet to be determined at this point. The goal of the administration, teachers, and students is to have a fully-functioning prom once certain health, safety, and welfare restrictions have been modified or lifted.*

13. For students who have been excused from Keystones Testing this year - will those same students be required to take the exams in the winter wave or spring wave of testing next year?

- a. *No information regarding the contents of this Keystone Exam testing question has been shared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education at this time. We will share our response when we know more.*

14. Has a dual enrollment decision been made - particularly students receiving college credit?

- a. *Yes - Dual-Enrollment/AP students will be graded on a S/F scale for Quarter 4. All participating Dual-Enrollment colleges/AP have accepted our Continuity of Education Plan. An average of your first 3 Quarters will be averaged together for your Final Grade for the course. If a Quarter 4 percentage grade is needed for a*

particular college/university, the teacher of record will work with the student on a case-by-case basis in regards to grading for that particular college/university. The grade will still remain a S/F for Quarter 4 at DAHS.

15. For Seniors who were working on the District Assessment (non-proficient on Keystone), what is going to happen now?

- a. *The District Assessment requirement for any Senior will be waived if the student passed that particular class or have met their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals. Students who do not pass/take their Keystone Exams and do not pass the class will be placed in a course-specific credit recovery program (at student expense).*

16. When might students see their schedules for 2020-21?

- a. *Students will have the opportunity to access their schedules at a date yet to be determined.*

17. What should EWCTC students do with their paper packet once it is completed?

- a. *Directions will be provided in the near future from the EWCTC regarding the submission of their paper packet.*