

Parents/Guardians:
2020

Friday, April 10,

On Monday, April 6, 2020, the Idaho State Board of Education voted unanimously to extend the “soft closure” for all public schools until the end of the school year. Basically, this means that schools are physically closed and not allowed to hold class for the remainder of the school year and will hopefully reopen in August 2020. **However, schools must continue providing instruction digitally and/or through “pick-up materials”.**

Mountain View Middle School Teachers are currently creating mastery final tasks/projects for students to complete in each of their classes. Students will receive a Pass (P) for each class in which the final task/project is completed; students that do not complete the final task/project will receive an Incomplete (I). **Students that receive an Incomplete (I) will be contacted to discuss what can be done to help them complete the final task/project and have their grade converted to Pass (P).**

Final tasks/projects will be available Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 11 AM-1 PM.

****** Students can choose to complete the final task/project either in physical format (a printed packet) OR in digital format (online); they DO NOT need to complete both formats for a passing mark.**

Pickup/delivery options (**Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 11 AM-1 PM**) are as follows:

- Digital format (online):** Teachers will make all mastery final tasks/projects available in Gmail and/or Google Classroom. **We are encouraging all parents of MVMS students to use this option for receiving and completing work.**
 - Gmail and Google Classroom will be used for instruction, collection of mastery work and any other necessary communication between students/teachers/parents. **Please have your student log in to their school Google accounts.**
- Physical format (a printed packet):**
 - MVMS staff will have printed packets available curbside.
 - Parents should pull up to the front of MVMS. A staff member will deliver the packet to your car and answer any questions you may have.

MVMS Questions and Answers for April 14, 2020 – Mastery Final Task/Project

1. What are Mastery Final Projects/Tasks?

Rather than having students complete multiple worksheets covering individual skills, mastery learning focuses on the essential skills a student needs in order to be successful moving forward. ***Mastery projects allow students to demonstrate learning of many skills at once.*** Starting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 MVMS teachers will provide materials and guidance needed to complete mastery final tasks/projects either digitally (Gmail/Google Classroom) or physically (a printed packet).

2. How do we turn in work to be graded?

- A. Email teachers.
- B. Take a photo of the assignment and send it to your teacher.
- C. Make individual arrangements with your teacher. Let's get creative here.
- D. Mail to Mountain View Middle School or to your individual teacher.
- E. Only work given out on the week of April 14, 2020 is required to be handed in or graded for the 3rd trimester. ****Enrichment work that was given in March is not required in order to receive a Pass (P).*
- F. **We are hoping in May that Governor Little will lift the “stay at home” order. If this happens and we are given permission, we will set up a day and time for students to drop off final graded work to teachers and clean out their lockers. Until then we are trying to obey and respect all social distancing rules in place. Please help us with this.**

3. When is the mastery task/project due?

Mastery final tasks/projects are not due until June 3, 2020. Even then, we will be working with students and parents to make sure they have the opportunity to turn it in. COVID-19 has created unique challenges for all of us. We are really hoping that Governor Little will lift the “Stay at Home” order in the near future. Until he does, we need to get creative in how we help students achieve mastery of skills.

4. What happens when my child has completed the final graded tasks/projects?

Once a student has completed and turned in the tasks/projects, the student will receive a “P” for passing the class. Once that has occurred, essentially the student has completed the necessary work

for the grade level/class. Students or parents that would like more work can either request more work from the school or utilize online supplemental material provided by teachers.

5. What if I don't have Internet?

We have physical packets for students to pick up starting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at MVMS.

6. Will I be able to still get an "A" in my 3rd trimester classes if I complete this final graded work?

No, for 3rd trimester classes all grades will be given either a "P" (Pass or Proficient) or "I" (Incomplete).

7. Why will no letter grades be given for classes this trimester?

The COVID-19 situation has truly caused us to do things that are definitely outside of our comfort zone. Without having students in school, there is no way we can assure equal access to support and equal opportunity for success. The only way we can address proper grading is to issue a "P" (PASS or PROFICIENT) and an "I" (INCOMPLETE).

8. What if I don't turn in my work?

If students do not complete the final tasks/projects, they will be given an Incomplete (I) for the class. Any student that receives an Incomplete (I) will be contacted to discuss what can be done to help them complete the final task/project and have their grade converted to Pass (P).

9. What if I don't understand or have questions regarding homework?

Please email individual teachers or **call the school (208-785-8820) and leave a message** with your name and number. We will have teachers call you.

10. Can I come to the school and clean out my locker?

We are asking students and parents to be patient. Governor Little has a "Stay at Home Order" still in place. When that order is lifted, we will announce a time for all students to come clean lockers and pick up belongings. We cannot have Groups of students waiting and trying to enter the building- please help us with this situation.

11. Is the MVMS office open?

The MVMS office is open Monday-Friday from 11 AM-1 PM helping with lunch and answering phone calls. We will answer any questions you have.