



Eddyville Charter School

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Dear ECS Community,

Good afternoon and thank you for being such an amazing community to work with. Governor Brown just released that Oregon schools are closing in-person classes for the remainder of the school year. The health and safety of all Oregonians is top priority and shared by all of us. ECS staff has worked extremely hard to provide an extensive and well-organized distance learning model for our K-12 students. With that being said, we also know the challenges it presents.

Staff have created a diverse set of resources and instructional tools in response to the rapidly changing orders. Thank you for doing your best to support this and the education of your student(s). I want to alleviate some anxiety or stress, which has been experienced as a result of the distance learning model. Our staff have created resources in an attempt to match the level of instruction provided prior to March 12th initial closure. We all care so much about your students and want to provide as much as possible. At the same time, we know that this is more than some families can take on and are responding with common sense.

We are in unprecedented times with many questions and concerns. What we all want is to have safe, healthy, and happy people. Education is one piece of this, but it is only one piece. We know many families have essential jobs and cannot be home to sit with their students and help them through online lessons and projects. Daily videos are created along with daily activities for each class. Please know that we understand you may not complete all of an activity that day or even at all. We are focused on connection with our kids and providing educational opportunities, but this looks different in each home. Do your best, communicate with your teachers, rest, play, work hard, but do not stress over this new system which is only in place for the short term. We believe in all of you and we will get through this time, together.

Guidance from the state on P/NP grading as well as credit awards will be coming from the state, very soon.

Seniors and graduation requirement guidance have been set as of today. The guidance is grounded by the following foundational premise:

We will honor and recognize that seniors dedicated 12 years and 7 months of learning and progress during their K-12 careers. Our goal is to hold students harmless, recognize their accomplishments and protect their future plans. Less than 2 percent of seniors' total K-12 learning time has been impacted by COVID-19.

Seniors and families of seniors, we will be in touch shortly. Our Graduation Team is meeting to ensure adequate progress for each kid as of March 12th closure and status of senior project completion. Our seniors will graduate with their diploma if they were on track prior to the closure with a Pass, and we will ensure an opportunity to earn required credits for coursework that wasn't on track (Incomplete) prior to the closure. Senior project videos will still be required and sent to Ms. Whisler as that is the final component needed for that credit. Again, our team will be contacting each senior within the next week. We will also look at graduation ceremony options, but we really must wait for more information and updates from the state as this situation continues to change.

Thank you to each and every teacher, staff, parent/guardian, family member, and student for working together as an incredible ECS team during this COVID-19 situation. I am thankful for each of you and encourage you to stay connected by visiting our website (www.eddyvillecharterschool.org), Eddyville Eagles and ECSCConnect Facebook pages, @EddyvilleCharterSchool Instagram page, and Remind app for updates, resources, and connection tools.

Stay healthy and safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ms. Knudson', written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Knudson and Team
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