



Please read this important message from Gilbert Community Schools

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Message to Parents/Staff Members:

Thank you for being patient with us as we work through what this school closure means to our staff and students. This is a very strange and uncertain time we are in right now. As adults, we are each dealing with big changes not only in our professional lives but also in our personal lives. This goes for our students as well.

Online Learning:

- GilbertCSD is using the guidance given to us by the Iowa Dept. of Education. Here is the [link](#) to the departments FAQ., We must comply with the Free and Appropriate Public Education Act. At this time, it would be very difficult to provide online learning under 504 and Students with Disabilities requirements. Although the Gilbert Community School District will not provide structured online learning for students at this point, we have developed and are continuing to grow our resources and optional engagement activities for students during this closure.
- All teachers Preschool-Grade 12, will be providing resources for their students and continuing to reach out to our families. These resources are meant to be used to aid our students in supporting, maintaining and enriching the units of study that have already occurred. At this point and time, we are not delving into new learning.
 - At this time, we can not require student participation
- This decision will be re-evaluated as more guidance from the state is given.

Building Accessibility:

- All buildings are closed to the public and staff.
- The District Office is closed to the public. We have staff on hand to answer phone calls from 8-noon Monday through Friday, 232-3740. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Don't hesitate to email with any questions.

Grab-N-Go Meals:

- There are two pick-up sites.
 - Homestead Colony Trailer Court, on 190th, just north of the Moose Lodge.

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday Pick-up 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Gilbert High School south parking lot
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday Pick-up 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
- Grab-N-Go signup [link](#)
 - This link will continue to stay live.
 - If you know someone who doesn't have access to sign up online, please use this number: 515-708-8252 and leave a message.
- These lunches are available to both adults and children and free of charge.
- If walking or biking to a Grab-N-Go pickup site, bring a bag to carry the sacks home.

State Assessment Information

- The federal government has canceled the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress or ISASP for the 2019-2020 school year.

We will pass on new information as it becomes available.