

# Norwalk Community School District

Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, March 29, 2020

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# NCSD Continuous Learning Plan

- Crawl, walk, run
- Follow DE guidance from Friday, March 27 (Plan templates released Tuesday, March 31 and due on Thursday, April 2)
- Give teachers time to learn and plan
- Launch program
- Is the district open or closed?
- Norwalk is focused on equitably serving the needs of all our 3,255 Pk-12 students
- This is a marathon, not a sprint

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# Iowa Department of Education Guidance

## Provision of Educational Enrichment Opportunities and Educational Services

	Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities	Required Educational Services
Who can provide this?	Public districts and nonpublic schools.	Public districts and nonpublic schools.
Do we need permission from the Iowa Department of Education to do this?	No.	Yes, an expedited process will soon be available.
Can we require students to participate?	No.	Yes.
What methods can we use?	Online education, home delivery or pick-up of educational resources, online or telephonic check-ins, and other innovative methods.	Online education, home delivery or pick-up of educational resources, online or telephonic check-ins, and other innovative methods.

*Iowa Department of Education guidance should be viewed as advisory unless it's specifically authorized by state statute, according to Iowa Code section 256.9A as enacted by Senate File 475. This does not apply to administrative rules, declaratory orders, or materials required by federal law or courts.*

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Are there equity concerns we should consider?	Yes, equity must be considered. Consideration does not mean that equity is ensured, but that it is provided to the extent possible.	Yes, equity must be considered. IEP teams must reconvene to determine how FAPE will be provided through continuous learning methods.
Can we grade materials submitted?	No, assignment of grades implies recording of student progress towards achieving standards. Teachers may, however, provide feedback.	Yes.
Can we award credit?	No, credit may be awarded for concurrent enrollment courses or credit recovery, however.	Yes.

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What is the role of the AEA?	AEAs have multiple resources available to support schools as they identify, develop, and provide educational enrichment opportunities. This includes online resources, materials, suggestions for alternate ways of accessing material, and consultation.	Since the school is considered open, AEA services resume to the extent possible, given the health and safety of all involved.
Is the school considered open?	No.	Yes.
Can we choose to consider work accomplished during school closure in a competency-based system?	Yes.	Yes.
What application/paperwork should the district fill out with the state?	The <u>Voluntary Enrichment Template</u> is an optional tool that districts can use.	The <u>Expedited Application to Provide Continuous Educational Services</u> must be completed and approved by the Department before beginning.

\*The Voluntary Enrichment Template and Expedited Application to Provide Continuous Educational Services are not yet available but will be within the next several days. They will be linked here when available.

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## **Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities**

The educational enrichment approach to continuous learning includes those activities that are provided to students and families while the district is closed. This may include packets, teleconferencing, online instruction, or other outreach activities. Student participation is voluntary and no grading or credit is given.

## **Required Educational Services**

Continuous learning through the provision of approved educational services ensures that academic work is equivalent in effort and rigor to typical classroom work. All students are required to participate, attendance is taken, work is graded, and credit granted. Typically, instruction is provided through some type of online learning. Hybrid models of learning, involving some online learning and other methodologies like packets, are also available. These services must be approved by the Iowa Department of Education.

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- Is our District offering Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities or Required Educational Services ?
  - Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities for now

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<https://educateiowa.gov/documents/pk-12/2020/03/covid-19-guidance-provision-continuous-learning>

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# Questions and Answers

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