

COVID-19 Update



VPS Devices for grades K-4:

ITS is working to secure devices to make available to K-2 students but may not have them ready to deploy until mid-April. Elementary admin will keep K-2 teachers up to date and may request *volunteers to support the distribution of these devices when it comes time.

ITS plans to deploy iPads to 3-4 students beginning March 30. Elementary admin will keep 3-4 teachers up to date and may request *volunteers to support the distribution of these devices when it comes time.

*While VEA strongly discourages members from leaving home/entering school buildings, we understand this is an essential service to students and encourage volunteers to practice necessary social distancing and public health measures.

Preparing for Distance Learning

Through March 27, educators may use this time to connect with students and families, plan standards-based activities to be presented after spring break and to collaborate with team members and specialists.

Spring break (March 30-April 3) will proceed as scheduled.

Beginning April 6, schools will provide a coordinated approach to delivering instructional activities and resources to students and families. While teaching and learning will look different from our typical daily classroom experience, VEA and VPS are committed to presenting a unified front in order to avoid overwhelming students and families or creating added tension to our challenging experience.



High School Graduation Requirements



OSPI's guidance documents for High School Graduation can be found [here](#). There are many ways students will be able to complete their course work for graduation but there will be a need to connect with every student and ensure there is a plan in place. Although there is some flexibility, there are many pieces, such as the High School and Beyond Plans, that are still required. VEA will advocate to ensure educators have the time to meet these requirements and to work one on one with students will be a part of keeping flexibility as you collaborate with districts to create the plans. In addition, the State Board of Education is considering rule changes for waivers.



AP, IB, and SATs

AP is providing [free online learning resources](#), including AP review classes. They are also developing a new at-home testing option. A revised exam schedule is not yet available, but students will be able to take the test on computer, tablet or smartphone. AP is working with partners to provide internet access to students in need. Educators, parents or students can [complete this form](#) to let AP know of student needs for mobile tools/internet access to take the test. **IB's** May exams are canceled. Depending on students registered for, they will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate that reflects their standard of work. The June **SAT** has not yet been canceled and the College Board is working to provide future testing opportunities for students in place of those canceled. Students who already registered for May, whose March test centers were closed, or who do not receive March scores because of irregularities will receive refunds. The College Board will share additional details directly with registered students and test centers.