McClymonds High School

Parent Updates Regarding Impact of Temporary Relocation on Academic Program

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

We thank you for your patience while air quality testing is completed at our campus. We know this transition has raised many questions for students and families, so please see below for updates about how we are ensuring students are adequately supported to meet course and graduation expectations during this temporary relocation.

1. **Will my student’s grade be penalized as a result of this move?** Not at all! We know this temporary move was out of the control of students, families, and teachers. Teachers will take this extenuating circumstance into account and have the professional discretion to consider the following as they finalize grades for the previous marking period: 1) progress prior to the temporary relocation; 2) work submitted late due to interruption; 3) work completed after the initial end of the previous marking period; and 4) work resubmitted if original work was lost or left on the McClymonds campus prior to the temporary closure.

2. **Will my Senior still be able to graduate in May 2020?** Yes, students will continue to take courses required for graduation, and teachers will adhere to all deadlines around grading and report cards moving forward. The site administration will do all they can to minimize the impact of this temporary move on students’ graduation status and will contact families the week of March 23rd if for any reason students were off-track to graduation PRIOR to this temporary move to determine the most appropriate course of action.

3. **Are students taking the same classes they were taking before the temporary closure while they are housed at Bunche Academy?** Yes, students have their same teachers and are taking the same classes they were taking at McClymonds. Teachers began academic instruction for the new marking period on Tuesday, March 3rd and they are utilizing instruction according to their year-long plans in order to prepare students for final exams, the state SBAC exams, Advanced Placement tests, as well as end-of-year projects.

4. **The last marking period ended on Friday, February 21st, but McClymonds didn’t have school that day. When will the marking period be closed and when will we receive report cards for that marking period?** Will students have the opportunity to submit work from the last marking period before gradebooks are closed? Yes! Teachers have begun accepting work that was due on days when classes were not in session as a result of this temporary closure. Students will have until Monday, March 16th to submit any assignments from the previous marking period. Teachers will finalize grades for the previous marking period on Wednesday, March 18th, and report cards for the previous marking period will be given to students on Monday, March 23rd. If you have questions about your student’s grade in the meantime, please reach out to Ms. Neal (Academic Counselor), Mrs. Bullie (Assistant Principal), or Mr. Taylor (Principal).

5. **What is the plan to help students catch up or receive extra support if they need to make up work before the end of the semester and as they prepare for their Senior Projects, SBAC testing, SAT testing, and/or Advanced Placement testing?** How will you make up lost instructional time? Teachers are already providing additional student support before and after school as well as during lunch time while they are at Bunche Academy. The teachers will develop a more extensive plan later this week to specifically address targeted support for students preparing for these important assessments as well as students who may be off-track for graduation. This plan will be shared broadly once it is developed.

6. **Who can I talk to if I have questions about my student’s grade?** Families can:
   
a. Call **510-238-8607** or come by the Main Office at Bunche Academy and ask to leave a message for any of your student’s teachers, the counselor, the Assistant Principal, or the Principal. You should expect a return call.

   b. Send an email to Ms. Neal (kimberly.neal@ousd.org), Mrs. Bullie (renee.bullie@ousd.org), or Mr. Taylor (jeffrey.taylor@ousd.org). If you’d like to reach one of your student’s teachers, the Main Office staff can provide you that information.