

Clayton County Public Schools Division of Student Support Services & Federal Programs

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Dear Parents,

In light of Clayton County Public Schools' closure as a result of the declared national emergency caused by COVID-19, the Department of Exceptional Students (DES) has taken measures to provide opportunities for students with disabilities to continue to engage in instruction and have access to special education and related services to the greatest extent possible. Parents are highly encouraged to ensure that students have a scheduled time each day to access the provided resources and complete their learning assignments. The information below provides a list of the resources and supports that DES has made available for students with disabilities during this school closure.

- Teachers sent home work packets with students on their last day of school, Friday, March 13, 2020. If a work packet was not sent home, the teacher has posted assignments in Google Classroom. Please check your child's backpack for these materials or notifications regarding access to all materials.
- Special education small group teachers have also developed Google Classrooms to which they will post assignments and learning resources. These will be shared with parents and students. Students can access their Google Classroom by logging into the CCPS Portal at https://my.clayton.k12.ga.us Students should use their personalized login credentials to access the portal.
- Special education co-teachers will collaborate in the maintenance and support of the Google Classroom sites for • collaborative and co-taught courses. Students will have access to their tools for support and teachers can assist parents/students in setting these up, if needed.
- Teachers will answer parents' and students' questions about assignments via email and postings within the Google Classroom.
- Instructional resources will be provided for students who have speech/language and related services indicated on their IEP. Contact will be made directly/indirectly by therapists to provide guided support and potentially guided therapy sessions depending on the amount of time we are out of school. Please be watchful for telephone calls or email communications from the district to support this endeavor.

The Department of Exceptional Students is committed to supporting students with disabilities and their families. Please contact your child's teachers and/or therapists for information about instructional activities. If you do not receive a response from your child's teachers or therapists, you can email questions to des@clayton.k12.ga.us You may refer to the district's website for district-wide Coronavirus updates.

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