



Gary Community School Corporation

Doing What is Best for Students - Today - Tomorrow - Everyday

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E-Learning/Remote Learning can be both an exciting and anxious time for both students and parents as we quickly learn to navigate through and complete assignments at home in an already uncertain time in our world. Rest assured that we are here to assist. Please feel free to directly contact your child's teacher via email with any questions or concerns that you may have. We are all in this together. We will be adding to this document frequently so please continue to check it.



E-Learning Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are my child's username and password for assigned computer programs?
(Mindplay, Ascend, Study Island, Exact Path)

The usernames and passwords for all computer programs follow the template listed below.

Student's Username: Student #

Password: Abcd123

2. How do I go about finding out my child's student number?

Student numbers can be obtained in any of the following ways:

-Reach out to your child's teacher through email

-Reach out to your child's building administration through email

- Log onto the Infinite Campus Parent Portal

3. How can I contact my child's teacher with questions on an assignment?

A listing of email addresses for teachers can be found on our district website.

<https://www.garycsc.k12.in.us/>

4. Where can I find weekly assignments for my child/children?

Weekly e-learning assignments can be found by visiting our district webpage.

Click on E-Learning

Select the Tab for your child's school

Select your child's grade level/class

<https://www.garycsc.k12.in.us/>

5. Will new assignments be posted everyday?

The Governor has given schools 20 waiver days for schools to utilize during our current pandemic. Therefore, E-Learning days are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of every week. Please see the E-Learning calendar on the website.

<https://www.garycsc.k12.in.us/>

6. What should we do if we don't have internet access?

During the pandemic, many places are offering free/discounted internet services to assist families. Below are places that offer free/discounted services.

****All computer programs assigned are accessible from a smartphone/tablet****

[Comcast Internet Essentials](#)

[Indiana University Free Drive Up Internet](#)

[Local McDonald's Restaurants Free Drive Up Internet](#)

- ***Charter Communications announced on March 13, 2020 that for 60 days the company will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access to homes with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a subscription. Installation fees will also be waived for these households. Enroll by calling 844-488-8395. Charter will also continue Spectrum Internet Assist, a program offering low-cost broadband internet of 30 Mbps for low-income households without school-aged children.***
- ***Comcast, which owns Xfinity, will offer 60 days free and increased speeds for new families who join the Internet Essentials program, an internet access program for low income families that is normally \$9.95 a month.***
- ***AT&T announced on Friday it would not cancel service and would waive late fees for any wireless, home phone, broadband residential or small business customer experiencing hardships because of the coronavirus pandemic and can't pay their bills. Qualifying low income households can apply for \$10 a month internet access through the Access from AT&T program. Fixed Wireless Internet and Wireline customers can use unlimited internet data. AT&T will also keep public Wi-Fi hotspots open.***

7. Does attendance count? How will attendance be taken?

Yes, attendance will be taken. Teachers will take attendance by homeroom class. They will note attendance based on online completion of assigned work or positive contact via phone call, Class Dojo, Google classroom, or any other parent contact format. If you have attendance concerns please reach out to your child's teacher via email.

8. We don't have a computer, how can my children complete E-Learning assignments?

Most assignments are accessible by smartphone if this is an option for your family. There are also grade level packets listed on the Gary Community School website. Students can work from the screen and keep their answers in a notebook to turn in at a later date. West Side Leadership Students can borrow a laptop to complete assignments. Please see our website for the distribution dates and times.

9. How will students be graded based on E-Learning assignments for quarter 4?

*Students in grades K-8 will receive a grade of Pass/Fail in each subject area based on proficiency, effort, and participation.
Students in grades 9-12 will receive traditional grades of A-F.*

10. When is the last day of the 2019-2020 school year?

The last day for this school year will be May 29th. Please see our E-Learning calendar for updates.

11. How can I ensure that my senior receives all credits for graduation?

Seniors enrolled in courses required for graduation will receive credit for that course as long as they continue to participate and complete assignments through the remainder of the school year. Requirements for earning a diploma will be comprised of earned and enrolled credits.

12. If a Senior didn't pass the ISTEP Test or ASVAB, will they still have to pass it to graduate?

No. The requirement to pass ISTEP/ASVAB has been waived by the Indiana Department of Education has been waived for the graduation class of 2020.

13. Will there be a graduation ceremony for the graduating class of 2020?

A committee of district administrators, high school administrators, and students will be formed to discuss and plan a graduation date in August 2020. Prom and other senior activities have been cancelled due to CDC regulations at this time.

14. How do I Return Materials and Pickup of Items Left at School

Gary Community Schools leadership teams are continuing to work out the details of collecting textbooks and devices at the conclusion of this school year. Much of this information is dependent on timelines provided by the Governor as we progress through this extended period of school closures.

- Gathering of all non-essential personal items left behind will also be coordinated at a later date. Please continue to monitor communication from the website for updates.

15. Will summer school be held this year?

Yes! There will be summer school opportunities for grades 3-12. Summer school will be virtual and more information is forthcoming!

16. My student attended Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, can I enroll them in Gary Schools? Can I enroll them in summer school?

Certainly! We welcome all Roosevelt students to enroll with Gary Community Schools! Please fill out the information on the "Enroll Now" tab on our website! We Welcome You!

