

Mingus Union High School FAQs and Information RE: School Closure

School districts throughout the state, including MUHS, are waiting for updates from the Department of Education and the Governor regarding graduation, awarding credits, and the length of closure. For now, here is a summary of the topics we can address at this time:

School and District Office Closure

- The Mingus Union High School District will be closed through April 10, 2020.
- Students and families needing assistance will still be able to communicate with school and district office personnel by phone or email.

Academic Support for Students

From Arizona Department of Education: The Arizona Department of Education's Virtual Learning Hub is a resource for teachers and families to assist them as they plan for non-traditional instruction and should be used with discretion and in the way that best fits with their school/district curricula. This is a living document that will be updated frequently.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jSYo9IJ6jTU8866xNyrjSj8Sf3A3k0AJFWjw_M4lj0o/edit

- Since Wednesday, March 18, the District has been posting enrichment activities (not submitted/not graded), test preparation practices and resources for students who wish to use them to a google folder "**Learning Resources Folders**" located on the school website at *www.mingusunion.com*. If students do not have internet access or a device at home, please call the school at 928-634-7531 and use the directory to reach your student's Advisory teacher. Please leave a message and the Advisory teacher will coordinate communication with your student's teachers.
- ***What do we do for students who had to make up work from before break?*** Encourage students to turn in through digital platforms: Google Classroom or email. Students can check Family link for missing assignments prior to our closure.
- ***How will assignments be collected and graded?*** At this time all resources provided to students and parents are optional to maintain learning during the school closure. At this time no assignments will be required for grading.
- ***Our teachers have been reaching out via email and phone to check on your family and provide information and see if we can address any concerns.***

Social, Emotional and Physical Well-being of Students

From Arizona Department of Education: The Project Aware team at the Arizona Department of Education has compiled a list of social-emotional support resources to help families and educators have conversations with students and each other during this period of high-stress and uncertainty. Any non-instructional materials should be used with discretion and in the way that best fits with their school/district curricula.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H8zuZtINOCsZnp2gvj0WJroBEnq2PmmbSPkYItjPE90/edit#gid=0>

- I need to speak with my counselor as soon as possible about an immediate need, what should I do? If you are in crisis and need to talk to someone immediately, please don't wait.

Spectrum Healthcare Crisis Line

Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week: (928)634-2236

Teen Lifeline

Calling available 24/7. Texting available 12pm-9pm on weekdays and 3pm-9pm on weekends. Peer counselors are still available from 3pm to 9pm every day.

602-248-8336 (TEEN)

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<http://teenlifeline.org/resources/#general>

Crisis Text Line

Text "START" or "HELLO" to 741741

<https://www.crisistextline.org/>

Suicide Prevention Resource Center

1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

<http://www.sprc.org/resources-programs>

State and National Testing

From Arizona Department of Education: The U.S. Department of Education announced on Friday, March 20, 2020, that the federal requirement for testing is waived for all states. ADE is working on submitting a waiver accordingly.

- State Testing has been cancelled.
- ACT and SAT testing have been postponed. More information will follow.
- AP Exams: The College Board is currently developing a plan to allow students to take AP exams online. Please be sure to check the College Board website for updates and study information. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>

Meal Service

- The Mingus Café is serving Grab and Go breakfast from 8am-9am and Grab and Go lunch from 11am-12pm. Meals are available to all K12 students.

Graduation

From Arizona Department of Education: We expect more information regarding flexibility in graduation requirements from the State Board of Education (SBE) next week (March 23 – March 27).

- ***Will graduation take place as planned?*** We are waiting to make any decisions about all school related activities beyond April 10th, including graduations. The nature of the way COVID-19 is spreading and the subsequent response is too uncertain for us to make concrete decisions about future events at this time.
- ***What about my cap and gown?*** We are working with Balfour on a plan for distribution via parking lot drive thru. We will share more information as soon as it becomes available.
- When/If instruction resumes, students will have the opportunity to continue earning the same number of credits they were earning before the school closure. Students meeting all graduation requirements by the end the final school day for seniors will be eligible to receive their MUHS diploma.
- If we have returned to school and are permitted to gather large crowds by graduation time, we will communicate a plan for the graduation ceremony.

Prom Prom has been cancelled this school year due to CDC recommendation to limit gatherings of 10+ people.

Rentals The District has cancelled all facility rentals at this time. We expect to be able to reopen our rental process at the end of the school closures.

To the families of our high school seniors: *We see you and we hear you. We know you're in an especially unique position through all this and we understand the worry that you have regarding graduation. We would encourage you to purchase refundable airfare and keep the tags on any items purchased for this event in the event that the ceremony doesn't take place as planned. We will inform you just as soon as we have more information. If there is anything we can do to further support you or your student, please let us know.*

We acknowledge that the uncertainty of this situation can cause feelings of stress and uneasiness. Know that Mingus Union High School faculty, staff and administration are here to support our students and families. Our Administrative team is available for your questions:

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Remember, *MARAUDER PRIDE IS ON OUR SIDE!!* We will get through this together!