



April 5, 2020

Dear SPEED Parents,

We want to take a moment to connect with our parents and thank you for your flexibility during this difficult time. We appreciate your continued patience as we navigate through the provision of supports and opportunities for your children under the existing circumstances. This letter includes updates and information regarding our Remote Learning process, and our spring break. We will keep you updated regarding any changes to our school programs which may result from Governor Pritzker's actions.

What are Remote Learning Days?

Remote Learning Days are an opportunity for students to learn from home on days when school otherwise would have been canceled due to weather conditions or other emergency situations. On Remote Learning Days, teachers and other related service providers such as social workers, physical therapists and speech therapists, will reach out to students who will use their home computer, tablet or mobile device to communicate and to check in for attendance. A mobile device could include a smart phone which has Internet access. SPEED will also make non-digital packets available for students to access instructional content.

Monday, March 30 through Thursday April 30, 2020 will be Remote Learning Days

Our Remote learning days began on Monday, March 30, 2020. Remote learning includes both digital and non-digital learning opportunities. Instructional packets will be available for students who may not be able to access our online learning activities. Our next disbursement of instructional packets will be during the week of spring break on Monday, April 13, 2020. Packets will be delivered with food service bus drop off or by walk-in from 9:00-11:00 a.m. These instructional packets will be for the students to resume work after Spring Break. Our Remote learning will be a blend of different learning approaches which include videos, independent work and student centered activities. Classroom teachers will communicate with their students to provide specific information about assignments. Students were given their teachers and related service staff Google phone numbers in the first instructional packets that were sent out when we originally closed due to this pandemic.

What are Remote Learning "PLANNING" Days?

Remote Learning Planning days are days in which teachers and staff will use to plan for remote planning and to participate in professional development. Students will not have an instructional day on these days. Per guidance from the Illinois School Board of Education and the Governor's Office, during school closure due to COVID 19, school districts are allowed to use up to 5 Remote Learning Planning Days to assist with planning for continuous learning with students. **SPEED will host our 1st Remote Learning Plan day on Thursday, April 9, 2020.** Hence, this will not be an instructional day for students.

Remote Learning Information for SPEED Students and Parents

How long will Remote learning be used?	We receive our guidance from decisions made by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). They have not provided us with an end date for Remote learning. At this time, however, all schools will be closed through April 30, 2020.
How do parents and students check in with their teachers?	<p>In addition to the Google phone numbers that all teachers and related service members provided to families, all SPEED employees have email addresses. Email messages are a great way to connect with teachers and other staff. The format for the email address is FirstInitial.lastname@speed802.org. For example, if your child's teacher is Susan Jones, her email address would be sjones@speed802.org.</p> <p>While staff will generally be available from 8:15-11:45 a.m. and 12:45 – 3:15 p.m., they may have meetings or instructional related tasks scheduled during those times. Please allow them time to respond to your email. Additionally, staff will be available with 'office hours' for families.</p> <p>We are also planning to use the Google platform and will be assigning each student and staff member with a Google email to utilize applications such as Google Hangout and others. This will help our staff share instructional material with your students.</p>
How do students know what they are supposed to do for each class on each day?	The teams are working on building 'assignments' and activities for students. They will share assignments and activities through Zoom, email, instructional packets and eventually the Google platform. Parents will be provided with directions on how to access student information.
How will attendance be taken?	Attendance will be determined by daily contact with students' teacher.



Assessments

Illinois Testing Information

Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-15 suspends state assessments for spring 2020, including the Constitution exam. This action officially ends assessment activity statewide for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, Illinois Science Assessment, SAT, and Dynamic Learning Maps-Alternate Assessment for the 2019-20 school year.

Internet Access

For those families that do not have internet access at home, Comcast is providing free internet access during this time. You can find out more information, should you need internet access, at the following website: <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

Food Service (Breakfast and Lunch)

SPEED will continue to provide food service twice per week to our families. We **WILL** still serve food during our upcoming Spring Break scheduled for April 10 – April 17. Please see the below schedule:

	<u>SPEED FOOD SERVICE</u>
Monday:	9:00-11:00 a.m. Bus Routes and Walk-in (Families will receive 2 Day Supply)
Wednesday:	9:00-11:00 a.m. Bus Routes and Walk-in (Families will receive a 3 Day Supply)

Spring Break:

SPEED Programs will be maintaining their spring break dates as identified on their calendars. SPEED Programs will have Spring Break April 10-17. Please keep in mind that we WILL still have Food Service delivery during Spring Break.

How do I stay informed?

The best way to stay informed is through authorized school communication. For current and accurate district information, please visit www.speed802.org. Finally, parents if you have changed your contact information (phone number, email address, and/or home address) please contact your program administrator at the below information and provide your most current information.

Program Administrator Contact information:

PROGRAM	ADMINISTRATOR(S)	EMAIL
Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL)	Nicole Taylor	ntaylor@speed802.org 708-912-9043
Early Learning Center (ELC)	Linda Wilson Kellie Clark	lwilson@speed802.org 708-872-0885 kclark@speed802.org 708-942-5522
Independence	Amina Payne Akiva Carson	apayne@speed802.org 708-971-3261 acarson@speed802.org 708-824-8340
Program for Adaptive Learning (PAL)	April Brown David Hook	abrown@speed802.org 708-789-9353 dhook@speed802.org 708 942 1751

We want to thank you again for your patience and understanding as we manage these unprecedented times. Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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