

The Chicago High School for the Arts Remote Learning FAQ-Students and Families

1. What is the incentive for attending class if students already have an A?

It is highly recommended for students to complete their assignments in Google Classroom and participate in Google Meets to continue academic and artistic learning and development, prepare for the next grade/college/career, connect with their classmates and teachers, and add structure to their day.

2. Which work is considered enrichment and counted towards grades in PowerSchool? Why have some grades for March/April enrichment not been entered into PowerSchool?

When we learned of the closure, teachers assigned two assignments a week for two weeks of enrichment work beginning March 17, 2020. Teachers graded, and entered into PowerSchool work that was provided as both a hard copy and digital for all students. These grades went into the Classwork category (15% of a student's grade). Please remember that during enrichment learning and remote learning, no harm can come to a student's grade- all work submitted will benefit them. If you feel grades are missing in academic courses, please reach out to the teacher and CC Ms Abbey Cullen (acullen@chiarts.org).

3. Going forward, when will grades be entered in PowerSchool?

All teachers are required to update PowerSchool on a weekly basis. The exact day of the week when grade will be entered will vary due to the nature of the assignments.

4. Do all students have access to laptops and the internet?

ChiArts is in the process of delivering devices to all students (approximately 270) who indicated that they were in need of a device. Most students have access to the internet. If not, Xfinity is providing free access to the internet.

5. Will ChiArts be moving to e-learning?

As a CPS contract school, ChiArts must follow the mandates of CPS and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Therefore, ChiArts will make a shift to e-learning if directed by CPS and ISBE.

6. Will school end at the end of May?

At this point, unless we are given a directive from CPS, ChiArts plans for our last official day for the 2019-2020 school year to end May 29, 2020.

7. What about our graduating seniors?

We are especially thinking about our seniors. We join them in the disappointment or sadness they may feel due to the impact the pandemic has on their senior year. We are committed to celebrating our seniors' growth, accomplishments, and goals. Currently

prom is rescheduled for June 26th at The Hilton and graduation is rescheduled for June 30th at the Harris Theatre. We realize that due to the pandemic, even by the end of June, there is a chance that we may not be permitted to have events for large crowds. Therefore, in an effort to be proactive, we are working on a plan B and C. We would love to hear more suggestions from seniors regarding how they would like to be celebrated under these circumstances. This week we plan to email seniors a survey to gather their ideas.

8. Will social workers and other related staff be providing services to students?

Yes! Our case manager, Cary James, is setting up tele-services with our social worker and other related services. He will have more information soon.

9. Will there be more information on conservatory classes?

We are creating a Conservatory Highlight Newsletter that will be shared with families every Wednesday, beginning 4/22.

10. Now that Governor Pritzker has extended the school closure through the remainder of the school year, may students come to school to retrieve their belongings from their locker?

At this point, students are not permitted in the building due to safety and the state ordered shelter-in-place. When we are provided CPS guidance and permission to allow students in the building to retrieve their belongings in a safe manner, we will inform the school community.

11. Since the school building is closed, how do we get in contact with Mr. Baxter or administration?

Mr. Baxter may be contacted at The ChiArts Google Voice number at (708) 998-2581 or dbaxter@chiarts.org, Principal Milsap may be reached at tmilsap@chiarts.org and Assistant Principal Cullen may be reached at acullen@chiarts.org.

12. Will students have an opportunity to virtually perform or exhibit their art?

Yes, we are making plans. Stay tuned....