



## Roma ISD COVID-19 Frequently Asked Question Responses for Students & Families

April 17, 2020

These responses are based on preliminary information. Some items may change in response to community or staff needs. Please check back regularly with Roma ISD's web site and social media channels for more information in the coming weeks.

### **How will Roma ISD continue instruction with students through the end of May?**

Educational materials are available online for all grade levels through Google Classrooms and school web sites. All students must complete their educational materials by May 26, 2020 to enable staff to finalize grades.

If you do not have access to view the virtual materials at home, please contact your school's principal by email to make further arrangements.

Each student must turn in their educational materials, which will count for the entire last six weeks grade of complete or incomplete.

### **How can students/families stay in touch with my teacher on a regular basis?**

Please be sure to visit your school's web site to obtain the email address for your child's teacher if they have not already been in touch.

R. T. Barrera Elementary School – [www.romaisd.com/rtb](http://www.romaisd.com/rtb)

Delia G. Garcia Elementary School – [www.romaisd.com/dgg](http://www.romaisd.com/dgg)

R. & C. Saenz Elementary School – [www.romaisd.com/rcs](http://www.romaisd.com/rcs)

F. J. Scott Elementary School – [www.romaisd.com/fjs](http://www.romaisd.com/fjs)

Emma Vera Elementary School – [www.romaisd.com/eve](http://www.romaisd.com/eve)

Veterans Memorial Elementary School – [www.romaisd.com/vme](http://www.romaisd.com/vme)

Ramiro Barrera Middle School – [www.romaisd.com/rbms](http://www.romaisd.com/rbms)

Roma Middle School – [www.romaisd.com/rms](http://www.romaisd.com/rms)

Roma High School – [www.romaisd.com/rhs](http://www.romaisd.com/rhs)

I. & G. Center – [www.romaisd.com/ig](http://www.romaisd.com/ig)

### **When will the district hold ceremonies for Class of 2020 graduation, elementary school kinder graduations and middle school eight grade promotions?**

Roma ISD is working on plans for a virtual high school graduation in late May. Based on CDC predictions that public gatherings will not be encouraged until after fall 2020, Roma ISD is setting tentative dates for the weeks of the school's regular Christmas and New Year's break to ensure that Class of 2020 seniors will be home from college and able to participate in a live in-person graduation. Events will be held at the Roma ISD Performing Arts Center given the changes in temperature during this time of the year. Roma ISD schools will be in touch at a later date with families of students impacted to provide information on these future arrangements. Kinder graduations and middle school promotional exercises will be held in the fall so that families can still have that memory.

### **How will students/families turn in owed library books?**

Roma ISD realizes that many students checked out library books. The district needs to account for these books in order to be prepared for normal operations in the future. Drop boxes will be available at the front of each school for families to return books owed by May 26, 2020. The drop boxes will be available starting May 1, 2020. All fees for late books will be waived for the school year.

In addition, Roma ISD librarians will continue to post updates on free digital reading resources available for each school community.

### **Will students be promoted to the next grade level?**

Each school will review the work of students prior to the district's closure on March 16, 2020 to determine promotion of students. Each student must turn in their digital educational materials as well. Those packets, when completed and returned will count for the entire last six weeks grade and will result in a complete or incomplete. In most cases, the schools will tend to promote students. If you have a concern about your child's promotion to the next grade, please email your child's principal.

### **How will RHS Class of 2020 Seniors obtain their academic transcripts or letters of recommendations? How will they be notified about local scholarships?**

Members of the Roma High School Class of 2020 can reach out to their school counselor by email for any requests for academic transcripts or letters needed. Counselors will check their messages on a daily basis Monday to Friday.

If you are selected to receive a local scholarship, you will be notified by the RHS Counseling Team and will be informed of the process of how the scholarship will be awarded.

**How will Roma High School ensure students are properly credited for dual credit work with STC and UT-RGV?**

South Texas College, UT-RGV and other accrediting programs have been in touch with RHS students about continuing their course work online. If a student still has a question about their coursework, the student should reach out to a Roma High School Counselor for support. Roma High is in constant contact with these schools to ensure academic records are properly updated for the benefit of students.

**Will Roma ISD make digital counseling services available to students in need?**

If a student needs to talk to one of our counselors, please make contact with them via our email to schedule a phone call or video conference.

**Will there be any summer programming at Roma ISD including academic camps, sports campus, performing arts camps, summer schools and summer practices, or opening of facilities like the track and gyms?**

The determination on these activities will be made at a later date by the district administration based on available information and recommendations by federal, state and local officials. Students are encouraged not to assume these activities are cancelled until they receive absolute notification from their principals, teachers or activity advisers that these activities are cancelled. Many groups will be making plans for digital activities to replace these normal events in case they must be cancelled.

**Will the planned summer programming for Roma ISD students continue with partners STC and UT-RGV?**

Students are encouraged not to assume these activities are cancelled until they receive absolute notification from their principals, teachers or activity advisers that these activities are cancelled. Many groups will be making plans for digital activities to replace these normal events in case they must be cancelled.

**Will Roma ISD continue food services through May 31, 2020?**

Roma ISD plans to continue providing curbside grab and go meals Monday to Friday, according to TDA guidelines, from 10 a.m. to noon at the following campus locations through May 31, 2020.:

- Delia G. Garcia Elementary School
- R. & C. Saenz Elementary School
- F. J. Scott Elementary School
- Veterans Memorial Elementary School
- Ramiro Barrera Middle School
- Roma Middle School
- Roma High School (Emma Vera Elementary & I. & C. Center pick up here)

**Will Roma ISD still have the Summer Meals on Wheels Program?**

Roma ISD plans to continue the program for summer 2020. The district will announce the locations and times of feeding at a later date depending on the COVID-19 spread or containment.

**How and when will I be able to register my pre-kinder student for the 2020-2021 school year?**

Roma ISD will issue information no later than May 15, 2020 online line, via text and social media.

**How and when will I be able to register my kinder to 12<sup>th</sup> grade student for the 2020-2021 school year?**

Roma ISD will issue information no later than May 15, 2020 online line, via text and social media.

**My child is in a performing art and owes the district an instrument, camera and/or costume. Will my child need to return it and how?**

Yes, the district needs all owed instruments and costumes back in order to account for items and prepare for normal operations in the future. Please contact the following persons to make arrangements for the return of owed instruments and/or costumes by May 26, 2020.

Conjunto, Mariachi, Orchestra, Guitar, GTN & Folkloric – Dr. Adrian Guerra, [aguerra@romaisd.com](mailto:aguerra@romaisd.com)

Band – Dena Laurel, [dlaurel@romaisd.com](mailto:dlaurel@romaisd.com)

**My child is in JROTC and owes the district a uniform or equipment. Will my child need to return it and how?**

Yes, the district needs all owed uniforms and equipment back in order to account for items and prepare for normal operations in the future. Please contact LTC Luis Barrera by email by May 26, 2020 to make arrangements.

**My child is in an athletics program and owes the district a uniform. Will my child need to return it and how?**

Yes, the district needs all owed uniforms back in order to account for items and prepare for normal operations in the future. Please contact your child's coach by email by May 26, 2020 to make arrangements.

**I paid in monies for an upcoming school/group trip or event that may not occur. Can I get a refund?**

The district is working directly with principals and program directors to ensure monies owed for cancelled trips or events will be refunded. A written request should be submitted to your child's principal by email outlining how much was paid, when and for what cancelled activity. Please be patient as refund requests are processed, allowing at least three weeks for the submission of the request, tracking of the monies and payment of monies owed.

Please note that no refunds are available for caps and gowns already ordered for high school, middle school or kinder grads/promotions. Since Kinder Graduations and Middle School Promotions will be held in the fall, those items will be held at your child's campus and will be distributed upon appointment with the principal at your child's campus. Please save them for future dates to be announced for graduations and promotion ceremonies.

**Will Roma ISD employees continue to be paid during the length of the physical closures?**

All Roma ISD employees will be paid during the length of the building closure.

**When will Roma ISD employees return to work on a regular basis?**

Roma ISD has no firm date for the resumption of normal operations, but hopes to return to normal operations in time to prepare for the 2020-2021 School year. For now, those employees that can work remotely are working on many projects and activities digitally. Other workers are called on in small groups to maintain needed operations at campuses including cleaning and maintenance, as well as business office functions.

**Will construction on the JROTC continue during the closure?**

Roma ISD is in continued contact with the firm working on this project and work does continue following social distancing guidelines.

**What if students and staff left personal items at their school/work? Will there be dates and times for the to get their items?**

Students and staff that need to obtain personal items from campuses or buildings may do so by contacting their campus principal or department supervisor by email to schedule a pick up time and date. Campuses will only be opened for this reason by appointment.