



# FAQ's About MCSD Recovery Plans

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In the days and weeks ahead, we will be providing important information and details about the final days and weeks of the school year. As you can appreciate, there are lots of differences and contingencies we are developing each day to address the issues below, and more. The most important message we want to convey, however, is that we intend to finish the year strong, with dignity, and respect for all. We encourage you to join us in that effort so that we can show our students, community, and entire state that #wearemurray and #wefinishstrong.



**Q:** How long will digital home learning continue?

**A:** Digital Home Learning will continue through May 29, 2020.

**Q:** What will the last few days of Digital Home Learning be like?

**A:** At the **elementary schools**, May 26-29 will be reserved for virtual field trips and special recognitions. At the **jr. high schools and high school**, May 26-29 will be reserved for finalized instruction and wrapping up the end of the term.

**Q:** How will 4th Term be graded?

**A:** **Elementary Schools** will be issuing grades in either Aspire or Illuminate. Along with report cards issued with pick up appointments on June 1-4, as described below, an explanation of grading will be provided with the report cards. Students will be receiving As, Bs, Es, Ss, or a Blank Grade for those schools using Aspire. Illuminate schools will be able to see their proficiency (1, 2, 3, 4) for those standards that were covered or an N/A for those standards not taught in Term 4 or an NE for "not enough evidence" for those standards where a student wasn't able to provide evidence of mastering the standard.

**Secondary Schools** will be issuing grades in Aspire. Students will earn a letter grade and can request a P in place of a letter grade. Students who have not completed sufficient work or students receiving an F will receive an Incomplete. Students have until 9/30/20 to work with teachers to change Incompletes to a P.

There will be no citizenship grades for students in grades K-12.

**Q:** When and how will 4th Term grades be distributed?

**A:** For **elementary schools**, 4th Term grades will be distributed June 1-4 in a drive-through setting and schedule at each elementary school. Elementary principals will be in touch with parents about retrieving

personal and other end-of-year items for your student, including report cards. For **secondary schools**, 4th Term grades will be finalized by June 3 at 5 pm, then mailed to students/parents.



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Q: When and how can I return library books, textbooks, or rented musical instruments? Or pay fines due (school and lunch)? Or retrieve my student's belongings or yearbook?

A: Appointments will be set up for families to drive-up and exchange materials with school officials between June 1-4. This will include the return of school property (library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc.); Payment of any fines due (school and lunch); and to retrieve personal belongings along with yearbooks (where applicable) and report cards (elementary).

If you would like to return library books now, each school has a bin located at the entrance where they can be returned to during the scheduled grab-and-go lunch period each day (M-F, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm) and in some cases hours beyond that.

Q: Will fees for Secondary second-semester classes and spring sports be refunded?

A: Second-semester class fees and Spring sports fee refunds will be announced on May 1, 2020.

Q: Should we return my student's Chromebook?

A: It depends. Students in grades K-11 will keep their Chromebook and bring it with them when they return to school in the fall. This includes students moving from 6th grade to the junior high schools and 9th-grade students moving to Murray High School. If students are NOT returning to MCS D in the fall, their Chromebooks **must be returned** to the District Office between May 29 and June 4. Call 801-264-7411 to make an appointment for that return. Failure to do so will result in a fine and filed police report.

Q: Will there be Summer activities my student can participate in using their Chromebook?

A: Yes. For those keeping them, there will be opportunities for Summer bridge activities where Chromebook use is appropriate. More information and details will be announced at a later date.

The District Technology Department will also continue to service Chromebooks through June 30, 2020. Chromebooks will be 'bricked' two days before school begins and include a message that the device needs to come to school with the student on the first day. All returning students must bring their Chromebook to school with them the first day back in the Fall.

Q: What if I don't want to keep the Chromebook over the Summer?

A: Parents that don't want to keep their student's Chromebook over Summer can call 801-264-7411 to schedule a return appointment on or after May 29.

Q: What if my student's Chromebook becomes lost or damaged?

A: A police report needs to be filed for any lost or stolen Chromebook to have it covered by our insurance program which will then cover the loss at a \$25 cost. If a report is not filed then we ask for the full replacement cost which is between \$175 and \$225 (depending on the model.) If a Chromebook is damaged, we will honor the insurance at \$25 for the repair except for the touchscreen models which cost \$100 to repair the screen. We will continue to offer the \$25 insurance program next year and you can opt for that when you pay student fees or register your student.



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Q: What will schools do to honor 6th Graders as they move on?

A: We are still going to honor our sixth graders and their elementary accomplishments but on a smaller scale. All elementary schools will be honoring their sixth-grade students in a multimedia slideshow and sharing that slideshow with their students over Google Classroom while still adhering to FERPA and student data privacy laws. Principals will work with their respective committees on that promotion.

Q: What will the High School do to honor graduating seniors?

A: Murray High School is developing a multi-phase plan to recognize and celebrate the hard work of our graduating class. Information will be provided on Monday, April 27. It's important to MCS D that we optimize the experience while staying within State and local guidance.

Q: When will information on the Summer Math Acceleration program for 6th-grade students be given?

A: This information will be available on May 1, 2020. This program is for 6th-grade students who wish to complete Math 7 over the Summer and register for Math 8 during their 7th-grade year.

Q: My 5th-grade student was unable to participate in the Maturation Program. Will it still be offered?

A: Maturation will be taught to 6th-grade students in Fall 2020. Parents interested in sharing maturation information this spring can use the following District-approved videos:

- Video for boys: <https://bit.ly/MatuBoys>
- Video for girls: <https://bit.ly/MatuGirls>