

Dear Phoenix Students and Families,

We know that this is a time filled with uncertainty and that many of you may be worrying about the impact of this time out of school on your or your Phoenix student's education and learning. We want to share some information with you all about what we are doing to support all learners during this time.

Remote Learning at Phoenix Charter Academy Lawrence



Tuesday March 17th to Thursday March 19th, Phoenix staff distributed chromebook laptops to students and family members following all safety and sanitation protocols. An additional distribution date has been scheduled for Monday, March 30th.



Google Classroom

As of Wednesday March 18th...

1. **Google classrooms** are up and running. All core academic courses at Phoenix (Humanities, Science and Math at all three category levels) have created google classrooms where students are able to access all graded assignments and resources for these courses.
2. Teachers are holding **daily "office hours" on google hangouts (video chat)** for students to log in and receive small group or 1:1 help.
3. Staff have created **Individual Learning Plans** for students who are their primary people. Each student's plan outlines the graded assignments they need to complete, for 1-3 of their courses along with all necessary information to access their teachers and google classroom.



As of Tuesday March 24th, **all graded assignments and learning resources from Units 1-5** will be available on google classrooms.

As of right now, we are following the guidelines provided by Governor Baker who has set the return date for **Monday, April 6th**. As this information is updated we will continue to



communicate with students and families. A great way to stay informed is to like and follow the [Phoenix Academy Lawrence on Facebook](#) and listen to all-calls and voice messages sent from the school phone number [\(978\) 681-7710](tel:9786817710).

Supporting ALL Learners

We recognize that online learning does not work in the same way for every learner and we are committed to doing what we can to support students with different learning needs:

1. **Video chat “Office Hours” for extra support** from Academic Support and ELD teachers
2. **Visual/video and text-based** learning resources
3. **Tutorial videos** to walk students through logging into their chromebook and navigating google classroom
4. **Modifications to Individualized Learning Plans** to scaffold them appropriately for specific learner needs
5. **Learning accommodations** that can be provided via online learning platforms (e.g. links to an online calculator for math assignments, text-to-speech tools and editable graphic organizers for written assignments)



Following this closure, we will be closely monitoring students' progress on their IEP goals. If we have concerns that a student's progress was negatively impacted by this closure, we will be contacting students and families to hold meetings regarding options for providing compensatory services to make up for services lost during this closure.

For more information about the responsibilities of schools during this closure and the rights of students and families surrounding Special Education services, see [Coronavirus/Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions For Schools And Districts Regarding Special Education - March 17, 2020](#).