



GREENVILLE EARLY COLLEGE

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Marjon A. Ford, Principal

From the Desk of Ms. Ford...

As a result of the Governor's executive order, all schools in South Carolina, including GCS, will be closed for the remainder of the month. Despite this closure, your child's health and well-being remain a priority for our district. It is important that we use this as an opportunity to love, support, educate and grow together. Be sure to practice healthy habits and be open minded about how we can overcome the challenge that is presented by this unconventional situation. Please be sure to read and consider all of these items and help your student plan accordingly. We will be thinking of you all during this time. Please be sure to check out Greenville County's website www.greenville.k12.sc.us for the most up to date information.

eLearning for Early College Students

Teachers are preparing instructional material for students to continue their school work from home. Each student is enrolled in a class through ECHO our traditional Learning platform. Students can access ECHO by visiting: <https://www.greenvilleec.echo-ntn.org> or visiting our school website. Teachers have also put duplicate information in Google Classrooms for their courses. Students have been automatically enrolled in those courses. There are course codes on teachers' websites in the event of technical difficulty. A printed packet of information is available for students to pick up on Wednesday or Thursday of this week from 8:00am – 3:30pm. Students are being provided with 10 days of assignments. In the event the closure extends past March 31, 2020, we will update information on teacher websites, in the Google Classroom and in ECHO. Students will need to complete all assignments. If the student does not have internet access, all work will be due within five days of returning to school.

During this closure, teachers will be monitoring their email and school telephone lines during the regular school day. Additionally, teachers have posted virtual office hours. This is the best time to reach out for additional instructions and clarity. Teachers may even host virtual classroom learning sessions or support academic review during this time using tools like Remind 101, Facetime, Google Meet (formerly Google Hangouts).

Office Hours:

8:05am – 9:35am	English	Bradley, Cochran, Genovese, Harris, Ray, Wolfe
9:50am – 11:20am	Science, CTE, Spanish	Johnson, Lemon, Myers, Smiley, Villalobos
11:30am – 1:00pm	Mathematics	Aquino, Bowens, Earle, Parks, Robinson, Watson
1:45pm – 3:15pm	Social Studies, Special Ed	Bartram, Dillard, Moore, Pierson
8:05am – 12:00pm	School Counseling Services	Ely, Ferguson, Gibson

Included with this information is a contact sheet that contains email and classroom phone numbers for school personnel. Please use this information to communicate any questions you have.

Read 180/ System 44

Students have access to Read 180/ System 44. The programs are available to students from 8:00am – 4:00pm.



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Virtual Programs

Greenville County Virtual School Programs will continue in Google Classroom. Students enrolled in VirtualSC are still expected to complete assignments.

Technology Support / Chromebook Repairs

Students can deliver broken Chromebooks to the nearest Career Center between 7:30-5:30 Monday -Thursday, where those devices will be swapped out by ETS staff. Parents may need assistance locating their nearest Career Center. Teachers and students should call into HELPDESK (355-4357) for technical assistance.

Charter Spectrum Internet

Charter Spectrum is providing [free](#) broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 students and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. Call 1-844-488-8395 to enroll; installation fees will be waived for new student households. The program applies only in existing Charter service areas. Households should be clear on the terms of service before entering into an agreement with the provider (Spectrum) to be aware of the point at which charges will be assessed. At this time, Spectrum is stating that regular rates will apply after the initial 60 days. This program is in addition to an existing [low-cost Internet program](#) offered by Spectrum. For a list of free Spectrum Wi-Fi hotspots with locations visit <https://www.spectrum.com/wifi-hotspots>.

Food and Nutrition Services (FANS)

To ensure the students of Greenville County schools continue to receive healthy and nutritious meals during the time schools are closed in response to COVID-19, Greenville County Schools will be providing breakfasts and lunches free of charge to anyone 18 and younger at 15 District locations Monday through Friday. This program will begin Monday, March 16.

Meals will be prepared in our school facilities by trained Food and Nutrition Services Staff. All existing DHEC and FDA approved procedures for meal prep, storage, service, and sanitation will be observed.

The following sites will be providing meals during the school closures:

- AJ Whittenberg ES
- Berea ES
- Blue Ridge MS
- Eastside HS
- Fountain Inn ES
- Greer HS
- Grove ES
- Hillcrest HS
- JL Mann HS
- Mauldin HS
- Sterling School
- Sue Cleveland ES
- TR High School
- Wade Hampton HS
- Welcome ES

While schools are closed, nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children aged 18 or younger regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin. Children are not required to be enrolled in Greenville County Schools to be eligible for this service.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 8 a.m. each morning and lunch will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. each morning at each location. All meals will be served in the school's car drop off line.



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Medication Pick Up and Other Personal Items

Families who need medication or other critical items may pick them up during regular school hours. On Wednesday and Thursday, parents or students can pick up Chromebooks, textbooks, and other items that have been left at schools. *Medicine must be picked up by parent or guardian with proper ID.*

Athletics

At this time, all school athletics are suspended. Students should not be on any campus for any reason.

Special Assistance

We have a few community partners that will be able to provide some support with basic needs like food, during this time. Additionally, we have had a donation from BMW and Communities In Schools for any family that may be in need of food. Please contact Ms. Mary Beth Ely at (864) 355-3158 or the main office (864) 355-7560 if you need access to these resources.

Cupcakes and Conversations

The Cupcakes and Conversation program scheduled for March 17, 2020 has been postponed until April 28, 2020 at 6:00pm. As a reminder this is a required event for parents of students planning to return to Greenville Early College next year. The purpose is to discuss important student information and expectations.

School Climate Survey

Please take a minute to complete the School Climate Survey.

<http://bit.ly/1920Climate>

With this survey, we would like to gather information from you for two purposes:

1. To provide feedback to school administrators and teachers about perceptions of the climate at your school.
2. To allow New Tech Network to understand how school climate is related to better outcomes for students.

The answers you provide are anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers. We will provide your school with a summary of answers from everyone in your school that participates in the survey. However, we will also provide schools with written responses to any open-ended questions. To ensure your answers are not connected to you, please do not provide any personal information in your written responses.

Please complete the 20-minute survey as directed. While taking the survey, be sure to read the directions at the top of each page. If you have any questions, please contact your school administrator.