

La Porte High School Class of 2020 FAQ COVID 19 Impact

Number	Question	Answer
1	Is the school year over for seniors?	No, seniors are expected to continue classes in the alternate eLearning schedule as all students grades 9-11 are completing. The calendar has been sent to all parents/students and is posted on the school district main page.
2	Will there be a commencement service for the Class of 2020?	A decision will be made once more guidance from the Governor and/or state/federal entities about social distancing and large group gatherings is given. It is our hope and intent to honor the Class of 2020 with a ceremony in some way recognizing that the coronavirus may alter traditional plans. An update will be given in early May.
3	How do I get my cap and gown?	The administration is working with Herff Jones on a process to get all previously ordered caps/gowns to students/parents.
4	Do students seeking an Academic Honors Diploma or a Technical Honors Diploma still need to meet the credit requirements for AP or/or dual credits?	Yes, as long as the course continues in the eLearning alternate schedule, students are expected to complete it. For AP, the College Board is following a modified online testing format. Students enrolled in the AP class are expected to take the corresponding AP exam. Please keep in mind that dual credit college grades will be put on college transcripts unless the college grading policy allows for Pass/Fail.
5	How will my coursework be graded this quarter?	<p>Grades will be calculated with the A-F system using completion and participation in coursework from the 3rd and 4th quarter combined. The classroom teacher determines when the student meets minimum requirements for course satisfaction and will award a course grade which will be transcribed.</p> <p>LPHS understands the negative impact of COVID 19 is applying the waiver or hold harmless principle to the 4th quarter grades. A student's grade can't go lower than the 3rd quarter grade IF participating in eLearning. This means that if you have a "B" at the midterm, then the lowest grade that you can get at the end of the semester is a "B" as long as you completed the eLearning assignments and participation requirements.</p>

6	Will summer school be available to finish up any credits that I need for graduation?	Yes. Plans are underway to make a summer virtual program available to seniors to complete graduation credit requirements.
7	When the class valedictorian and salutatorian be named and how will that work?	A: The same process used in the past to score honor graduates will be followed, but it will be conducted through email and/or Zoom sometime in April.
8	When can I clean out my locker and return my Chromebook?	At this time the building remains closed and students and parents cannot get in to retrieve belongings. The district will be developing a plan for the end of the school year once social distancing measures are relaxed so students can return school books and materials.
9	Is late work accepted?	<p>Yes. All work must be completed 1 week after the last school day which will allow for make-up work.</p> <p>The LPHS teachers will work with students as much as possible to be successful. As long as the student is taking part in the class and completing assignments, the student will be academically successful in the class.</p>
10	How is the state's flexibility or hold harmless waiver for grades being applied for seniors?	LPHS understands the negative impact of COVID 19 is applying the waiver or hold harmless principle to Q4 grades. A student's grade can't go lower than Q3 IF participating in eLearning.
11	Do I have to pass the GQE in order to graduate?	No, a passing score on the graduation exam has waived. Graduation now based on credit attainment only for the Class of 2020.
12	Can I fail a course that is being delivered via eLearning?	Yes. If a student was not academically successful during the 3rd Quarter and does not meet academic standards with instruction during the 4th Quarter (eLearning period), then the student could earn an "F" for the semester. Teachers will provide students with multiple opportunities to be academically successful during this eLearning period.

13	If I had a passing grade in the 3rd quarter and do not do any course work in the 4th quarter, do I still get the credit?	No. Based on the state's flexibility waiver, you will get an "Incomplete." Please note an "Incomplete" may negatively impact your postsecondary plans.
14	If a senior does not pass a class that he/she was enrolled in during 2nd semester, could this prevent the student from graduating?	Senior students in the 2020 cohort that were on a path to graduation on March 13, 2020 are expected to graduate. LPHS has the ability to work with senior students on an individual basis and map a path to graduation. This may include summer or fall virtual enrollment. Senior students and their parents that are concerned with being short of credits by the end of the school year should reach out to their school counselor.
15	How does the state's flexibility guidance affect the AHD or THD?	Students working towards earning an Academic Honors Diploma or a Technical Honors Diploma will be required to meet the 47 credit requirements specific to each of these diplomas. Students who completed or were on track to complete one of the diploma types will be held harmless and will be awarded the diploma upon completion of 2nd semester.
16	Do I have to take the class final?	Traditional finals will not be given this semester. Any assessments administered in a course will only encompass the curriculum covered during the eLearning schedule.
17	I am in the Class of 2021, but I was approved as an early graduate. Do the COVID19 modifications apply to juniors who are graduating early?	No, early graduates must meet the requirements for their cohort.
18	How will local scholarships be handled?	Local organizations will notify scholarship award winners through the contact information provided in the application process. At this point we have not heard back from all participating organizations on the status of the scholarships, but attribute it to the disruption caused by COVID19.
19	What is Ivy Tech's policy for dual credit grading and credits?	Ivy Tech has sent info to all instructors and is allowing students grading options for dual credit grading and credits. Please refer to the Ivy Tech letter that outlines high school students taking Ivy Tech courses. Students should contact their teacher with any questions.

20	What is IU's policy for dual credit grading and credits (ACP)?	IU ACP has sent information to students and the instructors about their policy. IU is providing grading options for students. Students should contact their teacher with any questions.
21	Where can I get additional information?	As information is available it will be posted in the SRT Canvas page. Students should check their SRT Canvas page often for updates.