

May 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We appreciate your feedback on our weekly updates. Our goal remains to provide timely, comprehensive information about the continuity of education in our district. We are working with our Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) headquarter and regional leadership and local commanders to provide the most up-to-date guidance and the way forward.

- In direct and close coordination with our senior military partners, **DoDEA has decided to continue digital teaching and learning while keeping school buildings closed to students for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year.**
- **Schools are sharing end-of-year guidance to use** as the school year winds down. More information will be provided from your local school principal.
- **DoDEA will be offering a summer educational enhancement program.** More information is forthcoming.
- **Students** enrolled in a **DoDEA** school **retain** their Google account throughout enrollment, including during the summer. Account Removal and Summer Moratorium.
 - a. Current students and students withdrawing from DoDEA schools after April 15 can retain their Google account throughout the summer. Otherwise, when a student withdraws after August 31, the Google account is removed shortly thereafter.
 - b. Google Takeout can be used to save and transfer DoDEA Google account data such as emails, Photos, Google Docs, and Contacts. Students can start the process by going to <https://takeout.google.com>.
 - c. K-12 students will receive notification regarding account access and the recommended backup option by May 18, 2020.
- **DoDEA is working on plans for the upcoming school year 2020-2021.** Any decisions about the upcoming school year will be coordinated with your local installation and shared. We encourage you to continue to follow guidelines of the Center of Disease Control (CDC), your military installation, and local health officials.

This is obviously an extraordinarily challenging, frustrating and concerning time for all of us. Watching our teachers, parents, students and communities come together to ensure continuity of education for our military-connected students in these challenging circumstances has been incredibly inspiring. Please feel free to communicate all needs and concerns related to these programs to your teachers and principals. This type of feedback is important to the education process. #WeAreInThisTogether

Thanks for your support!

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