

**FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS**  
**About the CEMCS Campus Closure / Online Learning Plan**  
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I'm confused! Who can help me?

We understand ... and we are all here for you! Please reach out to your child's teacher as the first point of contact and then let Ms. Stephanie know through email if you still have needs. Also, Ms. Twilia will either be answering the school phone or checking voicemail regularly, so you can always call and leave a message with your questions.

I don't like this and neither does my child! When will things get back to normal?

We don't like this either, not at all! We want nothing more than to be back on campus spending the days with our amazing students! The situation in the city, state and country changes daily, and we are watching it very closely. It is our intention to reopen the campus and return to regular school operations as soon as possible.

Is the online learning going to be on a specific electronic platform?

No. As a Montessori elementary school with no existing online learning infrastructure, it is impractical to adopt a platform at this time.

Academic information and resources will be housed on the Class Newsletters page of the website (<http://cemco.org/newsletters.htm>) and academic content will be delivered in the newsletters and on the Online Learning page of the website (<http://cemco.org/ol/>).

Some work may also be prepared in paper form.

Will my child still receive his/her MTSS support and/or Special Education services?

Yes! What exactly they will look like is not totally clear right now, but support and services will be continued during this period. The MTSS and Special Ed Departments will be meeting early this week and creating specific plans. Any required upcoming MTSS and Special Education meetings will be held over the phone.

Will we receive our child's 3rd Marking Period report card?

Yes. 3rd MP Report Cards, MAP Reports and Critical Concern Forms (if applicable) will go in the mail by Monday 3/30.

If you've had a recent address change, please let the school know ASAP; you can just give us the information right now and submit proof of address later. Leave a voicemail or email [cemcssav @ gmail.com](mailto:cemcssav@gmail.com).

How will grading for the 4th Marking Period work?

During the online learning period, instruction will be provided and assignments will be given, but work will not be graded until on-campus school resumes. This means that 4th-quarter grades will be based on fewer data points and fewer school days than other quarters were. Flexibility will be provided.

How will this move to online learning affect state testing?

Georgia has suspended the state assessment window, which affects both the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) and the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS). Therefore, all remaining state standardized tests in which our students usually participate have been cancelled. (Note: Kindergarten teachers have been collecting GKIDS data all year, so that information may still be used for report cards and/or promotion decisions).

**My child really relied on school meals; will there be any meal-related assistance during this time?**

Beginning on March 23, the SCCPSS will be offering all children aged 18 and younger a daily meal at one of 12 school sites across the city between 10 AM - 12 PM every weekday. Please note that the children must be present. A list of the schools can be found [here](https://spwww.sccpss.com/Pages/SCCPSS-will-Offer-Meal-Service-to-Students-While-Schools-are-Closed.aspx), and you can visit the one that is most convenient for you: <https://spwww.sccpss.com/Pages/SCCPSS-will-Offer-Meal-Service-to-Students-While-Schools-are-Closed.aspx>

In addition, we hope to have a regular supply of our PACK non-perishables bags, and we will make them ongoingly available to our families. Pick-up windows will be shared via email and call-out.

**Will CEMCS students be returning to school 4/2/20 like SCCPSS students are?**

Only if the CEMCS administration and CEMCO Board deem it to be safe by that time. Our school's operations are independent from the SCCPSS, and so is our decision-making. We will continue to do our very best to make choices that are the best for our students, families and staff.

**On that note, do the call-outs from the SCCPSS apply to us at CEMCS?**

Sometimes, but that depends on the situation. It's always safer to assume that the information the district provides does NOT apply to us and then check CEMCS-related info sources. The website (including your class newsletters and the online learning page), school social media, cemcssav and teacher emails, and call-outs from Ms. Stephanie contain the trusted and relevant information for our school.

**Will students be allowed at the school at all during this period? What about parents?**

There will be no access to any of the CEMCS campus by non-staff members except under specific conditions (such as designated materials pick-up, etc.) and those details will be clearly outlined. Any required meetings will be held via phone or computer.

**When students return to campus, how will they be protected from illness?**

No student or staff member should attend school or work if s/he is sick. It will be imperative that everyone is vigilant about this, and we will be vigorously enforcing school policies about sickness, fever, being picked up from school, staying home, etc. Excellent hygiene and school cleanliness will be critical. In addition, it is also possible that we will undertake other precautions, like checking temperatures every morning. We will communicate this information as the time approaches.

**When students return to campus, what should I do if I have individual concerns about my child's attendance?**

Simply contact Ms. Stephanie to discuss the concerns and work out a plan. Please take every precaution now to do your part to stay safe and healthy and contribute to flattening the curve of this outbreak.

**Will all events for the end of the year need to be cancelled?**

We have cancelled the things that were scheduled in the next few weeks - teacher tutorials, spring photos, a prospective family open house, and the in-person portion of the 2020-21 Lottery drawing. We will be assessing the situation for other events as they approach - like STEM Day, the rescheduled Peace Pole Ceremony, Field Day, 5th Grade Soiree, etc. The school calendar on the website will always have the correct and up-to-date information.

**Will CEMCS have make-up days added on at the end of the school year?**

The model we have adopted during this time is that school continues, just via a different method, and that we continue to follow the established calendar. That means that school should end on May 15, 2020, as scheduled.