

## KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

### COVID-19 Updates: July 29, 2020

#### Are you a student? You have rights!

You should be able to continue classes through distance or online learning if your school has a remote option in the fall.

- You may be able to get free meals from your school district during COVID-19 closures. See <https://www.operationfoodsearch.org/covid-19-meal-map/>
- Your school should give you online access to classes or provide work packets or other alternatives to classroom-based learning.
- You will not have to make up school days missed due to COVID-19 closures.
- Statewide testing was cancelled for the 2019-20 school year and no plans for spring 2021 testing have been announced.
- Graduating seniors eligible for the A+ Scholarship should go to <https://dhewd.mo.gov/covid-19.php> for updates on your eligibility requirements.
- The ACT is offering a flexible schedule for fall/spring take-home options. Go to: <https://leadershipblog.act.org/2020/04/act-to-offer-students-additional-summer.html>

#### Are you a student with a disability? You have rights!

- Schools must give **equal access** to instruction it gives to other students during COVID-19, including the provision of special education and related services in IEP or 504 plans to the extent possible.
- Your IEP team is allowed to meet virtually with parental consent to confer about what individualized supports you may need while at home.
- If you have an IEP and are not receiving any services while school is closed, you might be able to get substitute services, including extra time with a special education teacher or therapist to make up for services you are not receiving now.
- For more information go to: “DESE Special Education Compliance COVID-19 Question and Answer Guide” located at <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>, Special Education Information & Guidance section to see if you can get services.

#### Are you a student experiencing homelessness? You have rights!

- Your school must still enroll you immediately when you are homeless – ask for the Homeless Liaison when enrolling.
- If you move to a new temporary place, and the new place you are staying is in a different school district then your other school, you still have the right stay enrolled in the current school or you can enroll in the new school district.
- Your school must give you access to the same services that all other students have.

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