Walker County Schools
School Closure/End of the Year Update
May 1, 2020

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp recommended all Georgia schools close due to the potential impact of COVID-19 Coronavirus. On April 2, 2020, Governor Kemp recommended schools remain closed for the rest of the school year. Walker County Schools is following this recommendation, but there are several areas that need to be addressed as we begin closing out the school year. This will ensure an efficient and effective process that is communicated to our students and parents. Below are some recommendations and are based on the continued guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and their social distancing guidelines. All dates and times are subject to change.

- Last Day of School-May 22
- Project-based Learning-May 4-21
- Last Day for Seniors-May 15
- Teacher Professional Learning and Close out-May 26 & 27

Testing Information

- EOC Exams-will not be administered or included as a portion of the final grade based on a Georgia waiver
- ACT-testing information and testing dates are available on their attached website
- Advanced Placement (AP)-testing information and testing dates are available on their attached website
- Dual Enrollment course work is still the responsibility of the student to complete in coordination with the college or university

Promotion and Retention Decisions

- Decisions will be made by the Principal at each respective school
- A students final average will be no lower than the grade earned in the course through the closure date of Friday, March 13, 2020. The overall grade can improve based on their completion of assignments in their extended or distance learning plans.
- All students have the opportunity to positively impact their final averages through the week of May 18-22; any Senior will have through June 24 to complete all academic requirements; however, they will be considered a Summer Graduate.
Graduation Ceremonies

- Traditional Graduation-Thursday, May 21, 2020-Ridgeland High School Bowers & Painter Field 8:00 p.m. *TBD
- Traditional Graduation-Friday, May 22, 2020-LaFayette High School Jack King Stadium 7:00 p.m. *TBD
- Virtual Graduation Broadcast-Thursday, May 21, 2020-Ridgeland High School
- Virtual Graduation Broadcast-Friday, May 22, 2020-LaFayette High School
- Traditional Graduation-Thursday, June 25, 2020-Ridgeland High School Bowers & Painter Field 8:00 a.m. due to heat index *TBD
- Traditional Graduation-Friday, June 26, 2020-LaFayette High School Jack King Stadium 8:00 a.m. due to heat index *TBD

*In-person events (TBD) will be based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the Office of the Governor, and the Georgia Department of Education. Any changes will be announced on the walkerschools.org website and social media outlets.

Proms

- LaFayette High School
  - Saturday, June 6, 2020 DoubleTree Hotel 7:00-11:00 p.m.*
  - Saturday, July 25, 2020 DoubleTree Hotel 7:00-11:00 p.m.*
- Ridgeland High School
  - Saturday, June 13, 2020 RHS Large Commons (working on possible venue) 7:00-11:00 p.m.*
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On-Site Pickups

- Medications-any prescription medications remaining at school should be picked up by parents; schools will work individually to schedule this and all visits will adhere to the current social distancing requirements.
- Personal items, fundraiser items, lockers, Spring pictures, etc.-schools will work individually to schedule dates/times to accommodate pick-up of these items and all visits will adhere to the current social distancing requirements.

**Promotion and Academic Recognition**

- Schools will work individually to schedule virtual, mail-out and/or pick-up recognition options for students.

**Summer School & Fall Planning**

- Summer events, including camps, field trips, extended school year for Special Education students, and athletics have not been made at this point and will be based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the Office of the Governor, and the Georgia Department of Education. Additional information will be posted on our walkerschools.org website and social media pages.
- Fall Planning/Restart of School are pending at this time; more information will be made available as this situation changes.