

Pendleton County Schools



March 2018 – Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child's graduation be affected?

NO. Under state board policy we are able to graduate every child who meets the credit requirements. State policy 2510 requires school systems to schedule the requisite seat time (45 minutes x 180 days= 8,100 minutes) for every content area, but students are not required to attend all of those minutes in order to meet the graduation requirements. The graduation date will not be changed. The calendar approved by the WVDE will be honored.

Will my child be promoted to the next grade?

If a child is showing insufficient mastery and is being considered for retention, parent/teacher conferences should have and must continue at the school level. Teachers and parents should be working in conjunction with the Student Assistance Team (SAT) or IEP/504 Committee to ensure that supports are in place. However, if a child is showing mastery of the content, he/she will be promoted. We will not penalize students for the work stoppage.

Will the grading period change?

The number of days in the current grading period will be equalized with the final quarter of the school year to get additional grades. We will maintain our current policy regarding grading requirements.

- March 29 - End of the 3rd nine weeks
- April 5 - Report card day

How will student testing be affected?

Testing that is controlled through national organizations (AP, SAT, ACT) will be held as scheduled. These test dates are not within the control of the local school systems.

Important Dates

April 10

SAT Testing for High School

May 26

PCHS Graduation – 10 am

Will students have to make up time?

Pendleton County Schools will request a waiver to WV Board of Education Policy 3234 to use our accrued instructional time (daily time beyond state required minimum) to reduce the number of the make-up days for our students.

All staff will make up lost time due to the work stoppage.

No changes in testing dates have been communicated from the WVDE for end of the year state testing in grades 3-8. County Superintendents have requested that the testing be moved later in conjunction with an extended school year so that teachers have more time to prepare for students to be successful.

How will the school calendar change?

In light of the work stoppage, which has resulted in nine lost instructional/employment days, Dr. Paine has been instructed by Governor Justice to work with each county to ensure as much lost time is made up. The West Virginia Department of Ed. will be assisting counties in identifying options for utilizing the remaining school year to maximize meaningful instruction for our students. It is important that we also recognize the need for staff to work their full employment contract.

The Superintendent, working with members of the central office staff, has submitted our calendar changes to the WVDE to fully comply with the directive from the Governor and State Superintendent.

The following adjustments will be recommended to the Pendleton County Board of Ed. for approval.

- **March 30 – School Closed**
- **April 2-6, May 31 - June 5 – Instructional Days –School in Session**
- **Remaining Make-Up days will be determined after waiver submission is reviewed by WVDE.**

We are diligently working on our school calendar regarding days involving the work stoppage - Guidance continues to come from WVDE.

We hope to have a presentation to the BOE at our March 20 meeting. Please understand that any plan must be approved by WVDE.

It is my understanding that we must look at all days in the calendar that can be used. We will still have Good Friday off, March 30.

As soon as we know the direction we can go, we will let all know.



A Note from the Superintendent

The work stoppage has been a time of uncertainty filled with emotion and stress for parents, staff, and students. The community has united in many efforts to provide meals for students and support for teachers and service personnel.

I remain confident we have the ability to come back together as a team and county for the betterment and common good of our children.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Charles Hedrick,
Superintendent