

Dear Mojave River Academy Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this ever changing time. In order to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families, school will remain closed through May 1, 2020. This decision was made following the latest information and in collaboration with public health officials, the San Bernardino County Superintendents of Schools, and the Oro Grande School District. During this challenging time, it is critical that everyone does their part to help “flatten the curve” by honoring the recommendations issued by federal, state, and local officials, including social distancing, avoiding public places, and limiting contact with others to prevent the spread of this virus. Information regarding rescheduling of milestone events such as Commencement will be shared with families as we get more information.

While schools are physically closed, please know Mojave River Academy is fully committed to the well-being of our students and families. The team has developed a plan for students to stay engaged during this time that can be accomplished with or without technology. As educators we will focus on our students, taking care of the whole child, not just the student, and facilitating learning for them – whatever that may look like. Each week, families will receive a call from their assigned teacher to check-in and monitor the learning, and select specific assignments to be submitted by scan, email, drop-off, or other arrangement. For our high school students, teachers will also discuss how we will help ensure students obtain their credits towards graduation.

Our teachers have many tools to communicate with our students and families, and will work with each family to determine the right form of communication for them. If you do not have internet access, you can pick up printed materials at your center during scheduled hours. Teachers will continue to communicate with you on what works best for your family. During this time of distance learning, grading of student work will focus on feedback and progress. We want our students and teachers to discuss the learning experiences. Teachers will provide students with feedback on their work to further their academic growth. Any assignments that were given since the beginning of the second semester will be accepted and given the appropriate credit towards the student’s grade.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our teachers embark on a new type of distance learning instruction. This is a learning curve that students, teachers, and parents will be navigating together. We recognize our parents and community may have many questions during this time of school closure so please refer to www.mojaveriver.net and go to the [Coronavirus Updates](#) tab at the top of the website. We will also continue to post information on our social media.

Sincerely,
Kari Hemsley
Executive Director