COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Guardians of Students with IEPs – FAQs

Question: Will my child continue to receive IEP services in the event of a long-term school closure?

Answer: TUSD is currently developing a plan for continued instruction for all students during a potential long-term school closure. If/when students begin online instruction, or if work is sent home for students, every effort will be made to provide appropriate instructional programming for students with IEPs.

Question: What if we had an IEP meeting scheduled during the fourth quarter?

Answer: If an IEP meeting is currently scheduled, the meeting could be held through a conference call through a landline, cell phone, or computer. You should be hearing from your student’s case carrier/special education teacher about scheduling a meeting remotely. Currently, meetings will not be held in person per guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on the importance of social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the parent/guardian of a student with an IEP, you have the right to request that the IEP meeting be postponed until after students return to school. Please contact your child’s case carrier/special education teacher through email (available through ParentVue) if this is your request. The current IEP will be implemented upon the student’s return to school and until the IEP team convenes.

Question: Does the IEP need to be changed due to the school closure?

Answer: Per the Office of Special Education Programs, the federal organization that oversees special education services, the provision of an alternate mode of instructional delivery, such as online learning, during a school closure does not require an IEP amendment.

If your child receives special education services, the IEP case carrier/special education teacher, will contact you shortly after classes resume at school sites, to discuss the individual needs of your child.
**Question**: What if my child was being evaluated by the school psychologist or speech language pathologist?

**Answer**: If the assessments have been completed, then the school psychologist or speech language pathologist will be reaching out to schedule a meeting remotely through a phone or video conference. Currently, meetings will not be held in person. The psychologist may request a 30-day extension due to the school closure.

If the assessments have not been completed, the school psychologist will be reaching out to request a 30-day extension. Every effort will be made to complete the evaluation in a timely manner given COVID-19 social distancing guidance.

**Question**: Where can I go for more information regarding TUSD’s response to COVID-19?

**Answer**: TUSD, and the Exceptional Education Department, are committed to keeping you updated with information as soon as it becomes available. Please continue to check the TUSD School Website for announcements related to COVID-19 and the actions the District is taking. The District’s website is located at: [https://tusd1.org](https://tusd1.org).