

Frequently Asked Questions: School Closures Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27
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We hope to answer questions regarding school closures on Thursday, April 26 and Friday April 27. This document will be updated as more information becomes available.

Why are schools closing?

A significant number of teachers and support staff have indicated that they intend to be absent this Thursday and Friday. In collaboration with school leaders, we determined that all schools will be closed as we cannot guarantee that we will have adequate supervision to ensure student safety and provide meaningful learning opportunities.

How will I find out about ongoing information related to school closure?

You can expect regular and frequent communication to provide any updates regarding school closures. Communication will be provided via email, School Messenger, school and district websites, and the Vail School District Facebook page. Please rely only on official communications from your school and the District for ongoing information on school closings. To help with this process, please make sure schools have your current phone numbers and email addresses.

Will the school year be extended?

Based on the information we have at this time, for each day that school is closed, it will be made up at the end of the current school calendar. According to state law and current policies, any day that a school is closed would have to be made up to meet the statute requirement of 180 instructional days.

Do I have to call to report the absence during the school closures?

No, you are not required to call to report your child's absence when school is closed.

Are before or after school care and after school activities available during school closure?

No. All before and after school programming, student services, student and club activities, and after school extra-curricular activities will be canceled during the school closures unless specifically noted by your child's school.

Will preschool and childcare services be available when schools are closed?

No. All district childcare services will be closed including all programs related to Community Service Programs and Vail Inclusive Preschool Programs.

Will school closure affect graduation dates?

Graduation ceremonies will be held as scheduled. If there are prolonged school closures, students could be required to return to school after graduation ceremonies to complete diploma requirements.

Will school closures affect other grade level promotion events?

At this time, we expect K-8 promotion activities to be held as scheduled. Any updates will be provided by your child's school.

Will daily field trips be cancelled on days of school closure?

Yes. Daily field trips will be canceled and rescheduled if possible unless specifically noted by your child's school.

What will happen with extended school trips (e.g. DC Trips)?

At this time, extended field trips will continue as planned as long as we are able to ensure the safety of students through adequate supervision. As information becomes available, teachers and sponsors will provide updated information to families.

When will finals be held?

At this time, we are hopeful that exams will still be held as scheduled.

If schools are closed, how will students take Advanced Placement (AP) exams?

AP testing will take place at home campuses. High School will provide specific information regarding testing dates and times.

What about pending homework and long-term assignments?

Specific information regarding homework and long-term assignments will be provided by your child's school.

What will happen with extended school trips (e.g. Disneyland tours)?

At this time, extended field trips will continue as planned as long as we are able to ensure the safety of students through adequate supervision. As information becomes available, teachers and sponsors will provide updated information to families.

PLEASE NOTE THAT UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL FAQ WILL BE MADE AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.