

Dear Senior Families,

While we fully understand that the decision made by the Governor to close schools is in the best interest of our community's health and safety, we are deeply saddened that our seniors' final year of high school has been cut short. These are unprecedented times.

The extended closure of school means the cancellation of all in-person events. I am especially saddened that our seniors will not be able to enjoy their prom and commencement ceremony as we had all envisioned. The Herron High School leadership team is committed to celebrating the Class of 2020 in some way, and we will be working with class officers and senior Achaean 80 members as we come up with an alternate plan.

In his Executive Order, Governor Holcomb also provided flexibility for schools to address graduation requirements. The testing requirement for seniors has been waived, so any senior who still needed to pass ISTEP or ASVAB does not need to worry about that any more. The IDOE has also addressed credits for seniors, declaring that "a school corporation may issue an Indiana diploma to a student who:

1. Has met all of the course and credit requirements for the specific diploma designation based on a combination of high school credits earned prior to and the courses in which a student was enrolled as of March 19, 2020, when the Governor issued the statewide school closure order; and
2. Meets any virtual or remote learning participation requirements established by the governing body of the local school corporation in response to the statewide school closure order issued by the Governor ; and
3. Meets any additional graduation requirements established by the governing body of the local school corporation pursuant to IC 20-32-4-1.5(3) prior to the school closure order issued by the Governor."

Our seniors will continue their E-Learning studies through Thursday, May 14 (though online AP exams will be May 11 through May 22) as they earn the final credits required for their Herron High School diploma. Seniors and families who need a reduced academic workload during this time may still drop any classes not required for graduation through the procedure outlined in Mr. Roe's email.

To summarize:

- E-Learning will continue on the Monday-Thursday schedule (which can be found at <https://www.herronhighschool.org/ics-campus-closure-with-e-learning/>).
- The last day of E-Learning for seniors will be Thursday, May 14 (and the last day of E-Learning for 9th - 11th graders will be Thursday, May 21).
- All final exams are cancelled.
- AP exams will be facilitated via College Board's online at-home test format between May 11 and May 22. AP teachers will provide guidance for their students. Additional information can be found at <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>. Per Herron High School policy, students must take the AP exam to earn the designation of AP credit on their transcript.
- Seniors still have the option to drop any classes not required for graduation through the procedure outlined in Mr. Roe's email.
- All in-person spring events are cancelled or postponed.
- We will continue to serve meals to our families every Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 to 1:00 at both campuses.
- Mr. Roe is still available to help seniors in their transition to college and life after high school, so please reach out to him with any questions.

I hope your family is healthy and well, and I hope Spring Break has been restorative for your scholar. Please reach out to the Assistant Heads of School or your school counselor if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Gilchrist
Head of School