

THE ACADEMIES AT JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear JHS Seniors:

Up until March 15, 2020, the JHS Class of 2020 was in the middle of what seemed to be an incredible school year. Many of you were looking forward to prom, sporting events, cheer competitions, senior trips, clubs, and the rest of what a senior year has to offer. But it was all taken from you because of this once in a lifetime global pandemic. We don't pretend to know what you are going through, but what we do know is this is an unprecedented time period we are all going through together.

Our district is managing this fluid situation on a day to day basis, as information changes quickly. Our utmost concern is for the safety of you, your families, and our faculty. Please know that any decision that is made, puts health concerns first and forefront. With that being said, please know that we are searching for alternate methods for graduation to celebrate and recognize the JHS Class of 2020. As those plans are realized, we will notify you as soon as those become available. In an attempt to address any uncertainty regarding recent announcements by the Governor, we have prepared this letter, which highlights our expectations for you in completing the 2019-2020 school year.

AMI Classwork: Seniors will attend school, virtually, until April 15, 2020. During this time, our expectation is that assignments made through Google Classroom, AP Classroom, or Edgenuity will be completed to the best of your ability. We also expect that any missing work will be submitted. You should expect grades and feedback to be rendered for these assignments. Your teachers are working very hard to create an authentic classroom experience for you, and will be contacting you via email and phone to keep you on track. Please check your email and respond to any communication from your teacher as quickly as possible. Your progress as a JHS student is being monitored daily. If you were a Senior who was not in good standing as of the third quarter, you should be working particularly hard in collaboration with your instructors to submit missing work, and complete all assignments recently assigned. You should not expect to automatically graduate due to the shift to digital learning. Our expectation is that you meet normal graduation requirements before receiving a high school diploma.

CTE Classwork: Seniors currently enrolled in CTE courses preparing for industry certifications will be contacted by their instructors concerning the format for those assessments. A "completer" designation is still solely dependent upon the completion of coursework. Seniors enrolled in concurrent courses will still receive college credit so long as the coursework assigned by teachers via Google Classroom is fully completed and submitted on time. Students enrolled in AP courses will still have the ability to test for college credit. Students will have the option to take online-based, 45-minute exams during the weeks of May 11-22. These exams can be taken from home using school-issued computers, personal tablets, or personal smartphones. Expect more correspondence concerning concurrent and AP courses from your teachers and administrators as the year progresses.

During your final week, you will receive communication concerning how to turn in your computers in an orderly fashion before your diplomas are issued. As a JHS Senior, please continue to live up to those ideals and traditions that define us as a school. Although we are navigating difficult times, we know that you are still capable of significant achievements, and we have no doubt that you will impact your community in ways that will better the lives of all those you share it with. **If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our administrators.**

Please watch for announcements on how we will celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020.

