

## **ALSDE COVID 19 UPDATES & GUIDANCE: MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ASSESSMENT UPDATES** Today, the College Board sent a direct email to AP teachers, AP coordinators, principals, and district staff that directs them to the new AP Central page. It has been updated with information regarding flexible testing options for schools experiencing substantial disruption or closure and guidance for schools that plan to maintain **OPTIONAL** AP instruction while students are at home. Additional resources that AP teachers may use during this time include: Free, daily online practice in the AP classroom to check for student understanding of each topic and skill in the AP course and ensure that students are well prepared for exam day can be accessed in the **one-page overview** (.pdf/514KB); **Foundations**. Learn how AP Classroom complements the new AP course and exam descriptions and offers students opportunities for practice and feedback throughout the year; **AP Classroom Demo**. See a click-through demonstration of AP Classroom, which highlights how to assign, score, and interpret results from Topic Questions, Personal Progress Checks, and teacher-created assignments and quizzes from the AP Question Bank; and **AP Quick Start Videos**. Short tutorials on recent features. In April, free online video lessons developed by AP teachers will be available for AP topics and skills typically taught in the final weeks of each AP course.

**CODING ATTENDANCE** For questions regarding coding student absences on 3/16/20 – 3/18/20 (if your LEA was open), contact Dr. Marilyn Lewis in Prevention and Support Services at [mlewis@alsde.edu](mailto:mlewis@alsde.edu).

**ALSDE COVID-19 EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE QUESTIONS** The following information was posted can be shared with your staff and community to use to pose questions for the ALSDE. *“In an effort to maintain ongoing communication efforts during this time when “social distancing” is critical, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has developed COVID-19 email addresses for parents and school employees. As new developments occur, we hope this method can be used to submit your COVID-19 related questions. ALSDE staff will be continuously monitoring submissions and will provide responses in a timely manner. We will continue to work through this together to support “Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.”*

**If you are a parent and have a COVID-19 related question, click [COVID19PARENTS@ALSDE.EDU](mailto:COVID19PARENTS@ALSDE.EDU).**

**If you are a school employee and have a COVID-19 related question, click [COVID19SCHOOLS@ALSDE.EDU](mailto:COVID19SCHOOLS@ALSDE.EDU).**

**CNP GUIDANCE FOR FOOD SERVICES DURING COVID-19** The *Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Meal Service Guidance During COVID-19 ALSDE Memorandum FY20-1006* was finalized today and will be posted in the ALSDE Memoranda Site for your convenience.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES GUIDANCE RELATED TO DEADLINES DURING COVID-19** Crystal Richardson, SES Coordinator, provided the following to LEA Special Education Coordinators today: *“Please refer to the previously provided OSEP Q&A for information related to school closures and students with disabilities. **We are still waiting on specific guidance from OSEP regarding timeliness.** IEP Teams are not required to meet and staff are not required to complete evaluations during Governor Ivey’s mandated school closure. Please make concentrating on health and safety and communicating with staff and families a priority during this time. We will provide updates on an ongoing basis.”*