

Dear Parents of Special Education and students with a 504,

Frontier would like to do our best to put your worries at ease during this unprecedented time of COVID-19. We are constantly being briefed and updated by state departments regarding the changes and guidelines for our students. As these change, we will continuously make sure that we are meeting these requirements.

If your child is on an IEP, a 504 plan or is receiving special education supports, special education case managers will be, if they haven't already, contacting families to discuss specifics of the continuous learning plan. In short, a Temporary Individualized Learning Plan (TILP) will be collaboratively developed and implemented while the district is using the continuous learning model. That plan will be discontinued and the previous IEP document will reinstate when we resume normal school operations

At the middle and high school level, any support scheduled as a class period will continue with that teacher providing content and learning activities for students (i.e. reading support, math strategies, etc.). If the supports were intermittent and not formally scheduled, the service provider will be in touch to discuss what that looks like in this continuous learning model. If you are concerned, please reach out directly to the teacher and feel free to include the building administrator on that message.

We will continue to have our annual IEP meetings, as required by DESE and IDEA. We've already met with parents if the due dates of those meetings were in March or the first part of April. As always, these documents are fluid, if you would like to schedule a video meeting please contact your child's case manager via email or phone the school.

Initial 504 and Special Education Evaluations, along with Re-evaluations, will continue per DESE guidelines. If there is a need for additional assessments, if they can be done via video, the team will move as we would under normal circumstances. If there are additional assessments that cannot be done via video or phone, you (the parent) will be contacted and a plan will be put in place per team agreement, while still meeting DESE guidelines and standards.

As always, our first focus is our students, please feel free to contact any member of your students IEP/504 team, your child's teachers, or administration with any questions or concerns you may have.

This information is valid as of April 13th, 2020. Information about COVID-19 is continuously changing.

Here is the link to Special Education Compliance COVID-19 Q&A:

<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-com-covid-19-faq.pdf>

Here is a link to DESE's information as it changes:

<https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>