

Guthrie Public Schools Frequently Asked Questions - Work Stoppage April 2018

How will the work stoppage affect statewide testing?

The State Department of Education has not extended the current testing window, so GPS still must test grades 3-5 students between April 2-20 and grades 6-8 students between April 2-27.

If school is closed, GPS will not be able to administer the state assessment. When school resumes, students will be expected to take the state test according to the school's testing schedule.

The ACT is scheduled to be given to all juniors on Tuesday, April 3. We will still test all juniors on this date. Administration will check in students starting at 8:00a.m. and start testing at 8:15 a.m. at Guthrie High School. The Child Nutrition Department will serve breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

How will the work stoppage affect extracurricular/co-curricular activities and after-school programs?

Just as GPS is basing its decision to cancel school on available staff to provide adequate oversight of students, extracurricular and co-curricular activities will be determined in the same manner. Grades 7th-12th extracurricular and co-curricular activities (athletics, academic competitions, student association events, performing arts activities, etc.) will continue during the work stoppage based on the willingness of sponsors and coaches to provide oversight.

The district may cancel activities if other schools are not willing to participate. However, this does not seem likely as most school districts are continuing student activities and contests due to the difficulty in rescheduling events and activities at this time of the year. In certain circumstances, the district may reschedule a student activity or event if it's in the best interest of students.

All meetings, rehearsals, and practices will take place outside the normal instructional day which is 8:15 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

GPS will provide transportation for off-campus student activities and events during the work stoppage.

Will Guthrie Public Schools provide any meals for students during the work stoppage?

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) authorized GPS to serve meals at the following three sites.

Cotteral Elementary	Breakfast 7:30-8:00 a.m.	Lunch 11:30 a.m. -12:00 noon
Central Elementary	Lunch Only 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	
Guthrie Upper Elementary	Sack Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	

Anyone under the age of 19 is eligible to receive this meal for free. Due to federal guidelines, the meals must be consumed on school premises. Anyone 18 and over will be charged \$3.65 per meal. If demand does not warrant continuation of this schedule, it will be adjusted accordingly.

Will Meridian Technology Center (MTC) cancel classes during the work stoppage? What about student transportation to MTC?

MTC will remain open during the work stoppage, and students are still expected to attend their classes. Transportation to and from Meridian Technology Center will continue as scheduled.

How will the work stoppage affect students' grades?

The work stoppage will not affect students' grades, and teachers will not assign additional work when school is closed. GPS will treat these days like snow days as far as assignments and grades are concerned.

Will graduation still be held on May 18?

Yes, graduation will be held on May 18. School days could be added after May 25th, if needed.

How will the school calendar change if a work stoppage occurs?

Guthrie Public Schools follows the 1080-hour requirement for instruction. All Guthrie Public Schools sites attend more minutes daily than required by state law and have hours banked for any school closures. If the work stoppage extends beyond the banked days, the district will look at adding minutes to the school day first. Extending the school calendar will be a last resort. Teachers will still be required to fulfill their 180 day contract.

Will all GPS schools be closed during the work stoppage?

Once Dr. Simpson makes a decision to close school for the work stoppage, it will apply to all school sites.

How will I know when school is cancelled?

The district will communicate with the public the school closure using the following methods:

- District website at <http://www.guthrieeps.net>
- Social Media at <https://www.facebook.com/Guthrie-Public-Schools-227858607250575/>
- Automated calling system

As for April 2, the district will make a decision on closing school this Friday, March 30.

How will I know when school will resume?

The automated calling system as well as the other methods will be used.