

Marana Unified School District
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Potential School Closure

There are a number of questions about what a potential walkout and school closure may look like and how it would impact our schools. Please see below for frequently asked questions and answers. This document will be updated as more information becomes available.

1. How will I find out my child's school is closed?

Please only rely on official district communications for information on a school closing. The District will use their parent mass notification system, [district](#) and school websites, and social media accounts to communicate information regarding a school closing. Parents are requested to make sure their contact information is up-to-date by contacting their child's school. For a missed phone call, please check the voicemail message before calling the school as staff will not be available at the school.

2. How will you determine if schools need to be closed?

Marana Unified School District is making every effort to avoid closing district schools. However, if there are too few staff members to appropriately supervise students and ensure their safety and well-being, all Marana schools will be closed. This will impact preschool through high school.

3. How much notice would I have if there is a closure?

On Thursday, April 19 the Arizona Educators United movement announced that Arizona educators across our state voted to walkout of Arizona's schools beginning Thursday, April 26th. No information was given on length of that walk out. The Marana district is in the process of obtaining additional information and as soon as more information becomes available, we will share it with you. We will do our best to be timely in our communication to give you enough advance notice to make other arrangements for the care of your child.

4. If school is closed, would before- or after-school care and after school activities be available?

No. All before and after school programming, student services, student and club activities, and after school extra-curricular activities, including LEAP would be canceled.

5. If school is closed, would athletic practices or games be canceled?

Lower level high school and middle level athletics would be canceled if the schools are closed. Varsity athletics would continue as long as a coach is available for the sport. Information would be provided by the high school.

6. If school is closed, would the school year be extended?

Yes, aligned with state laws and current policy, any day that a school is closed would have to be made up at the end of the of the current school calendar.

7. Would school closures affect graduation dates?

School closure would not affect the date of graduation ceremonies; however, students may be required to come back after that ceremony to complete the school year, if the school year is extended due to a walkout. Diplomas would be issued for each student if and when all requirements, such as course completion and attendance, are met.

8. Would school closures affect other grade level promotion events?

Yes, promotion activities would be canceled and rescheduled.

9. If school is closed, would daily field trips be canceled?

Yes. Daily field trips would be canceled and rescheduled if possible.

10. If school is closed, would out of state and multi-day trips be canceled?

No. Out of state and multi-day field trips would continue as scheduled as long as chaperone(s) are available for the trip.

11. Would Prom be canceled?

No, prom activities would be held as scheduled.

12. Would my child still be able to take their Advanced Placement (AP) testing?

Yes, testing would continue as planned at the high school.

13. If school is closed would events and activities be held?

No. Events and student activities specific to the school site would be canceled and rescheduled if possible.

14. If school is closed, do I have to call to report the absence?

No, you would not be required to call to report your child's absence.

15. If school is open with limited staff and I send my child, what can I expect would happen that day?

The top priority would be the safety and security of our students. There may be limited academic instruction and support services.

16. If school is open with limited staff, can I keep my child home?

Parents would be free as always to determine whether to report their child as absent that day. We would only open schools if we have adequate staff to appropriately supervise students and ensure their safety and well-being. As indicated above, however, instruction may be impacted as well as other services.

17. Would parent(s) be able to volunteer?

If school is open, volunteers are always welcome.

18. If school is closed for more than one day, how often will I receive communication?

You can expect daily communication during a school closure.