

Q & A from GILA Conference Call #2
April 8th, 2020

I haven't gotten any of the mass texts.

If you aren't receiving our mass texts, please contact either me, Dave Huntington, or Angie and check that we have your correct phone number.

3. I didn't save your cell phone number, can I please get it.

John Riddle---907-656-7193 (texting is highly preferred—please include first and last name of student)

Dave Huntington---907-656-7456 (texting is highly preferred—please include first and last name of student)

Angie P—907-656-2053

I want my kids to have work because I want him to bring up his 3rd quarter grade. I'll be here and he has NO choice but to do better.

Teachers receive this document as well. I recommend you call all of his/her teachers. All students will continue to receive work and contacts from teachers, even if they end up wanting to keep their 3rd quarter grade (s).

5. I cannot get into anything of theirs. I'm going to call GCI tomorrow. They claim they'll give free internet.

Please call each of your students' teachers and make sure they know you want to be included in all conversations. I will remind them to do this as well.

6. Still no work packets here. I never got any contact information for their teachers.

Work packets will be coming. The first mailings are now, from what I am hearing, beginning to arrive. We will be boxing up each of the 2nd work packets and sending them to Fairbanks where they will be mailed out. This should speed delivery. Teachers will ALSO be sending work home via email or text/phone call. If you receive work in one of these formats, please do not wait on the hard copies. Just send them in by attachment to an email or by taking a photo of the work and texting it to your teacher. You may also be able to email the photo from your phone using a hotspot—if you so choose.

7. If I have 2 kids there, can you send the work in the same box?

We will go ahead and keep separate mailings. This is strictly due to time constraints on our end and the need to standardize postage rates.

So we're not getting graded on the work were doing?

Teachers may still choose to assign grades as long as those grades either keep your 3rd quarter the grades the same or bring them up. Do not settle for a lower 3rd quarter grade. Try to bring them up. 😊

What happens to the work we do?

The work comes back to the teacher, hopefully through an email attachment you send. Your teachers may assign a grade (per above) but will provide you feedback via conversation if possible. Otherwise, they will contact you through text, email, voicemail, or carrier pigeon.

Did I hear wrong or are there no final exams?

You are correct. There are no final exams.

When we do go back to school in 2020 August, will there be tests to put us in the classes we do need to take but already took?

I do not currently have the School Schedule for 2020-2021. We anticipate school opening as usual with approximately the same dates. We'll keep you informed.

There will not be a test you have to take to see if you have to repeat a 3rd quarter class. The exception is if you choose to fail a 3rd quarter class. Then you would need to retake the class if it is a class you need to graduate.

How do we know if we're enrolled in e-learning classes...or is that an independent thing we join on our own?

Yes, that is an independent thing you would have registered for on your own.

How do I get my semester credit again?

Your 2nd semester grade will be the grade you received at 3rd quarter. If you had a poor 3rd quarter grade, however, you **MUST** work with your teachers to bring that grade up. I know you don't want to settle for a poor or failing grade. As long as you are working with your teachers, they will help you be **SUCCESSFUL**.

I wanted to email you to let you know that I barely have internet from where I am. The only internet I have is my mom's phone and I hotspot it to get internet and check my email.

For students who are at the most risk of failing and not being able to graduate, a Mifi device is on its way. This doesn't replace phone calls and hard copy mailings.

If this does not pertain to you, please text or email me and let me know that you do not have internet.

What if some of us seniors never took any SAT or ACT tests? What will that do for any college applications or plans?

SAT and ACT upcoming test administration dates have been cancelled. These organizations are recommending that you directly contact the Colleges, Universities, and Post-Secondary Training Centers in which you are interested to discuss this with them.

I also recommend that you contact ACT and SAT directly for updates. You can monitor their websites or speak with them directly.

Is there any work that can be emailed? I'm able to print at work.

Yes, some teachers will be doing so starting today. However, many teachers are busy today putting hard copy packets together. For those teachers, the emailing or calling with work assignments will begin tomorrow or on Monday.

Is my student in any class that are not required to graduate? What are they?

I will be emailing all parents/guardians, and students (seniors) today letting them know which class/classes their student is enrolled but does not need to graduate.

Please reply to this email with the words: “[student first and last names] got it.” If I don’t receive an email response by 9:00 am on Friday, I will try to call you with this information. If you haven’t heard from me by Monday, please text me.

Are challenge exams recommended?

You certainly can if you wish but since there are no final exams, I do not recommend you do so.

If I am able to email my student’s work back in sections, am I able to do that?

Yes.

Can you summarize the first 15 minutes please I was playing rummicube?

You nut 😊. No! Email or text me if you have specific questions. This is an example of what we mean when we tell you how much we miss you. You put a smile on our faces. Rummicube— geez! 😊

If students want to bring up their grades, can we require them to do the work that was sent in the first mailing instead of this more recent work?

I recommend you have them do both. You can start with the work in the packet or the more recent work, whichever arrives first.

The first mailing has the proper amount of work for a grade change.

This is up to you. However, please contact your student’s teachers to make sure that the amount of work you submit is sufficient to improve your student’s 3rd quarter grade. If you are ok with your student’s 3rd quarter grade, and if you don’t want them to work in that class or classes, it really doesn’t matter.

My student was enrolled in a class that also enabled them to receive college credit. Will they still be able to earn this credit?

As you know, we partner with UAF to offer some of our courses for dual credit. This means that a student who passes these courses with an 80% or better will earn University credit as well as high school credit. Given the circumstances, challenges have arisen in this area. 3rd quarter grades will not meet UAF's requirements. Currently:

1. Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT), Anatomy and Physiology, and Professional Skills for the Workplace will be allowed to receive UAF credit if the following conditions are met:
 - a. Returned work (ETT **does** require a final but only for UAF credit) is postmarked by May 1st, 2020.
 - b. The work is graded at 80% or better.
 - c. You have been working with your teacher beginning, at least, by Monday, April 13th.
2. Digital Photography:
 - a. This has yet to be determined. We will let you know as soon as we have confirmation.

We are still working with UAF to determine the answer to this question. We will be back in touch with you regarding this issue.

We need to know if our student is going to successfully graduate and on time.

If your student has met his or her graduation requirements, they will graduate on time.

Here is the website for the Alaska (Florida) on-line school

<https://www.aklearns.org/aksvs>

Is RAVN the only airline that serves Galena?

Currently Wright Air Service and Everts Air Cargo Service are the only airlines servicing Galena.