

Temporary Permission to Provide Primarily Continuous/Remote Learning (Optional)

West Des Moines - Dowling Catholic High School

Review In Progress

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Information

Department of Education and Public Health guidelines recommend applying for a waiver for temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days if both of the following criteria have been met. You may still apply even if you do not meet these requirements.

- 15-20% positivity in the county on average over the past 14 days
- 10% absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning

Only the Departments of Education and Public Health can make the determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning. This plan is fluid and subject to change as more information becomes available.

Please note that the Department is required to post this application and all supporting documentation to the [Department's Website](#). **Personally identifiable information must, therefore, be omitted from this application and any supporting documentation.**

Circumstance Requiring Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning

Temporary Permission to Provide Primarily Continuous/Remote Learning is being sought for

- the entire public school district
- one or more buildings within the public school district
- a state accredited nonpublic school

Which of the following best describes the amount of time that students will receive online only instruction?

If you are submitting an application for one or more buildings in a school district, please indicate the percent of online instructional time along with the name of the building in the question above.

- More than 50 but less than 100 percent of instruction will be delivered online.
- 100 percent of instruction will be delivered online.

Please enter the date that you propose primarily continuous/remote learning will begin.

11/23/2020



Please enter the date that you

propose primarily
continuous/remote learning
will end.

12/4/2020



What was the county's average positivity over the past 14 days?

20.3

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What is your current or anticipated absentee rate and how was it calculated?

9.05%

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information.

Provision of Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning

If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that all students with IEPs are provided with FAPE during the time the district/school is providing services primarily online?

Dowling Catholic High School is working with West Des Moines School District to ensure that all students currently on an IEP through WDM are properly served. Our staff and the staff at WDM will work with the identified students to ensure their needs are met.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school

ensure that students who require mental health or health services still have access to these services during the time the district/school is providing services primarily online?

Dowling Catholic counselors will continue to monitor student attendance and at-risk behaviors and then communicate virtually and by phone with families. This communication will help provide pathways to gather enough information to identify student needs for mental health or other health services.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that students with 504 plans continue to receive services?

The Dowling Catholic Intervention Team will design virtual study sessions and continually monitor students online to provide the supports identified in the 504. The team will work with families, students, and faculty to continually provide the time and supports identified.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district continue to provide meals to students?

A plan will be developed to offer grab-and-go meals for students daily or weekly. Our lunch service staff will continue to work and provide accessibility in different ways for students who wish to participate in the program.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district provide access to instructional materials and services for students who do not have access to the internet?

Dowling Catholic has continually surveyed and monitored student access during our time in the hybrid model. Families without reliable internet access have been provided hotspots to gain internet access. All students have been provided with Chromebooks to access all school information remotely. All classes have links to classes and all necessary resources accessible for online instruction.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, what process will you use to communicate with parents/families on educational services and changes in delivery models?

Families of Dowling Catholic High School will be notified by email communication of the change in attendance model. This will be consistent with all of the other communications that have been used throughout the last 9 months.

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