



Talkington Parents and Students,

We hope this message finds you well! Navigating uncharted waters and looking to establish a new "normal" can be quite difficult. First and foremost, we miss your faces, your laughter and our daily conversations. We want to reassure you during this time that we are here for you and want the best for your continued education, health and wellbeing! Since we are not a neighborhood school we have not been able to “see” you during parades or other activities, but want you to know we have virtual activities planned each week that will give us the opportunity to connect.

We know that COVID-19 has brought about unexpected changes to all of our daily routines. We also know that these changes can bring about uncertainty, anxiety, and distress. We recommend that you make a daily schedule that works best for you and your family.

We know an online format is different but believe that our Talkington students are prepared and are eager to continue their learning. Below you will find some basic information that will make this transition easier.

1. Each teacher has created a Google Classroom that your student will be working from.
2. Students are not required to log in and complete work at a set time. We know family schedules differ so set a daily schedule that works for you.
3. Each Sunday evening, parents and students will receive through email a weekly rundown. This will help parents know what to expect their students to be working on. We will also post this schedule on the Talkington website.
4. Facebook will be our social media outlet. We have daily Facebook “lives” scheduled, contests and other fun activity ideas that will be posted. If you have not joined, please do so.

5. If you do not have internet access, please see the information located on the LISD homepage to help you get set up. You can also send an email to a teacher or administrator and we can help you.
6. Make sure your contact information in TEAMS is updated. We want to make sure you are receiving up to date information from Talkington. Staying in contact is important during this process.

We know as we make this transition that there will be some anxiety. Stay positive and know you have a support system from your Talkington family. Our counselors will continue to provide services for you in the best way possible and will communicate with you through email, school messenger, Facebook and our webpage. Please feel free to reach out to us via email or by calling our school extensions and leaving a message. We would love to hear from you! Above all else, know that you are loved, and we will get through this together as a Talkington family!

Our district has done an amazing job keeping you informed and updated on district and state level news. We feel humbled to work with a district whose guidance and support is carrying us through these unplanned days. Please read through the information below and stay connected to the district and school websites for continued updates.

District Link to COVID-19 Info: <https://www.lubbockisd.org/healthupdates>

Talkington main page: <https://www.lubbockisd.org/Talkington>

Talkington counseling page: <https://www.lubbockisd.org/Domain/1351>

Facebook: Search Talkington School for Young Women Leaders

Counseling and Community Resources:

Crisis hotline numbers

- 24 Hour National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1-800-273-8255
- Crisis Text Line - 741741

Community Resources

- Refer to the Talkington Counselor Website for a list of resources.
<https://www.lubbockisd.org/Domain/1351>

Administrator and Counselor/College Advisor Contact

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Again, WE are here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out to any of your Talkington family if we can help in any way.

Thank you,

Julie Wyatt, Principal

