

Grace Baptist Academy places the safety and well-being of our students and families high on our list of priorities. While we do not know the extent of the COVID-19 virus infections in the State of New Mexico and the full impact of the virus within our State, and in response to the mandated public-school closings and legal advice, we believe it is in the best interest of our school families to close GBA until April 6, 2020, with slight modifications as described below.

Our goal is to be wise while not over-reacting; to show compassion in our society without spreading panic; to exhibit faith and trust in our mighty God without succumbing to fear.

Next week, March 16-20, is our regularly scheduled Spring Break. Our church and school offices will be open, though likely with shorter hours. Enjoy your week with your family!

On Monday, March 23, our teachers will be at school to prepare materials for your students to work on at home so that their learning does not stagnate over this extended break. Feel free to stop by Tuesday morning between 9:00 and noon to pick up materials for your students. If you prefer not to stop by in person, we will do our best to have materials available online for you to download and work on with your students.

Teachers will be in again Friday morning, March 27, if you would like to drop off your students' work from that week so that it can be checked. Teachers will be available by telephone as much as possible during regular school hours throughout the week to discuss concepts and answer questions.

We will repeat that process on Monday morning, March 30, and Friday morning, April 3, with work for that week. Again, teachers will be available by phone as much as they can be.

We understand that some concepts – particularly in math – are difficult to comprehend without the assistance of an instructor. Have your students do their best, and we will help as much as we can. Work that is not completed will not count against your students' grades, but it may mean that students will need extra help catching up on those concepts once school resumes on Monday, April 6.

Of particular interest to you may be [AfterSchoolHelp.com](https://www.theschoolhouse.com/after-school-help), a free website prepared by BJU Press for supplemental help in math for grades 7-12 and for grammar for grades 4-12. While GBA does not use the BJU curriculum for grammar, the concepts should still be applicable to the A Beka curriculum – though you may have to search a bit for the specific topic being covered.

We do use the BJU Press curriculum for our secondary math classes, and that website should provide excellent help (both during these weeks and throughout the regular school year).

Khan Academy also provides many in-depth tutorials and videos that will help explain various concepts and principles.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. If I am not in the office, contact me on my personal cell phone at 505-947-5037 if I can help in any way.

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” Isaiah 41:10

Continue to pray for wisdom for our faculty and staff as well as for each other, that we might glorify God above all else in our responses.

For His glory,  
Brian Gottschall  
Administrator