

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Dept. of Education Provides Update on Public School Operations for October 10

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The V.I. Department of Education has provided an update on public school operations set to take effect on Tuesday, October 10. The changes apply to both the St. Thomas-St. John District and the St. Croix District.

St. Thomas-St. John District Operations:

- All public schools will follow their regular schedules from October 10, 2023.
- Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School (BCB) will return to in-person learning. All BCB students are expected to attend in-person from the specified date and are advised to bring their devices to school daily until further directives are issued.

St. Croix District Operations:

- Most public schools will adhere to their regular schedules. However, some institutions will operate on an abbreviated schedule due to the current heatwave. Bus services will remain available.
 - Eulalie Rivera K-8 School (ERR) will resume operations with an abbreviated timing from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.
 - St. Croix Central High School (CHS) will also adopt an abbreviated schedule, running from 7:40 am to 1:05 pm.
 - St. Croix Educational Complex (SCEC) and the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) will operate from 7:40 am to 1:05 pm.
 - John H. Woodson Jr. High School is set to operate entirely virtually, adopting a full-day schedule from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

D.O.E. has emphasized the significance of a smooth transition for students switching from in-person to virtual learning. They have ensured that students are equipped with the necessary instructions to access virtual classes.

Additionally, there's a device distribution plan in place for students requiring gadgets to support their virtual education. The distribution starts on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, with the following schedule:

- Tuesday, October 10, 2023:
 - 8th graders: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the school's cafeteria.
 - 7th graders: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the school's cafeteria.
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (Final Day for Device Collection):
 - 7th and 8th graders: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the school's cafeteria.

Students eligible for device distribution are urged to capitalize on this opportunity for an uninterrupted virtual education journey.

The modifications in the St. Croix District's operation emphasize the D.O.E.'s dedication to student and staff safety while prioritizing education. For more details or questions, individuals can contact the respective schools or the St. Croix District office at 340-773-1095.