

Update regarding the status of Glenbard West

What exactly happened at West last week?

Just before 3 p.m. May 9 a transformer outside of Glenbard West caught on fire, causing an electrical fire. All students and staff were evacuated. There were no injuries. The school has been without electricity since the fire.

What is the extent of the damage to West?

The May 9 transformer fire damaged Glenbard West's electrical system. Most of the damage was limited to the west side of the building, where the transformer was located, and the mechanical room adjacent to the transformer.

What work has been done to get West ready for students' return?

Construction crews, restoration experts and air quality experts have been busy at West for several days. The following are highlights of the work:

Electric:

- all damaged switch gear has been removed
- internal wiring has been replaced
- overhead cabling has been replaced.
- A new main electrical distribution panel has been installed and power to a temporary generator has been connected.
- While permanent electrical connections are completed West will be connected to a very large generator.
- Two new exterior transformers are in place. The transformers are expected to be connected over the weekend.

Cleaning:

- Classrooms, hallways and offices have been cleaned.
- Ceiling tiles have been replaced.

Environmental testing:

- Although water service was not affected, as a precaution water samples have been taken and the water quality deemed safe.
- An environmental expert has deemed the air quality suitable for occupancy.

Other:

- Mechanical, elevator and fire alarm equipment has been tested.
- During the week, work will continue in the mechanical room and the exterior near the service area. This will not disturb the students or staff.
- The service area will be fenced off until the project is completed.

How can I be sure the school is safe?

The DuPage County Regional Office of Education and Glen Ellyn Fire Company have thoroughly inspected West and deemed it safe for students and staff members. Their inspection follows considerable work by a team of environmental and restoration experts, as well as utility crews, to make the school inhabitable again.

When will classes resume?

We anticipate classes beginning at their regular time on Tuesday, May 15. **Important:** all students should check for updates on West's Web site, www.glenbard.net/glenbard_west.

Do students need to make up the missed days of school?

The DuPage County Regional Office of Education has determined because the school closure was in response to an emergency, the days do not need to be made up. The last final exam day for underclassmen is Tuesday, June 5.

Will graduation continue as scheduled?

Yes, graduation will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 1.

Is the last day for seniors still May 25?

Yes

Are athletic events and other extra-curriculars continuing as scheduled?

Athletic events continue as scheduled. Please check West's Web site for any rescheduled or relocated extracurricular activities.

Where will the remainder of the AP testing be conducted?

Tuesday, May 15: AP chemistry and AP environmental science will be held in the District 87 administration center, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. Continue to check West's Web site for details about testing on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17. Any questions, please email Audris Griffith, assistant principal for instruction, at Audris_griffith@glenbard.org

When will the Senior Honors Convo be held?

The Senior Honors Convo has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the auditorium.

When will the Student Recognition Convo be held?

The Student Recognition Convo for underclassmen has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, in the auditorium.

Will driver education behind the wheel minutes need to be made up?

Yes, behind the wheel minutes will need to be made up. Driver education minutes will be assessed, and students should see their teacher for details. Students will make up the drive time during resource periods and during final exam week. The final exam will be rescheduled to the last regular scheduled days of the school year.

Was phone service at West affected by the fire?

Phone service at Glenbard West was temporarily unavailable. Parents and students have been encouraged to check Glenbard West's Web site for information and updates.

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