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Want to submit a question?

Please use this [link to submit your question](#), if it has not already been addressed in this FAQ.

Start Dates and Schedules for In person instruction

Q (in person) 1. When do students return to in person learning?

- The District is following the advice of the local Office of Emergency Management and created a staggered schedule to return students to in person learning. This is done with the hope of ensuring that we can move through opening as safely as possible. FWS Pre-K4, September 21; YS Pre-K4, September 29; All buildings Self-contained, October 5; YS Pre-K3, October 5; Thursday-Friday cohort, October 15; Monday-Tuesday cohort, October 26.

Q (in person) 2. What if I did not select in person instruction for my child(ren), when can I change that request?

- The District will provide some additional information closer to the end of October to advise parents if they can request a change from remote learning to in person instruction. It is likely that any new students moving to in person instruction will need to be placed in the Thursday-Friday cohort.



Q (in person) 3. What if I asked for in person instruction and now want to keep my child(ren) as remote learners, what do I need to do?

- You can send the building administration a note. If you are not certain and may want some days to be remote and some days in person, just ensure your child is joining classes via Google Meets at the proper times.

Q (in person) 4. Is there a chance my child's teacher will not be teaching in person?

- Yes, there is a chance based on schedules, quarantines or other circumstances, that any staff member may not be working from the building. Students will always be supervised, however, some instruction may be handled with the teacher in a remote location. This can change during the year.

Q (in person) 5. The days the kids are at school do they have classes in the afternoon once they come home?

- At the [Middle School](#), the students will need to log on in the afternoon because they will not see their teachers in all classes during the 4 hour day.
- In [YS](#) and [FWS](#), the posted schedule states the afternoon is for remediation and Enrichment for virtual learners on days students are in school in the morning. If your child needs additional help, the teacher may ask that they attend an afternoon session.
- Elementary and Middle School schedules were built to acknowledge that children will need time to get home and eat. The middle school students have more classes and need the additional time in the afternoon for classes.
- The [HS schedule](#) was built to facilitate extracurricular activities and allow students to stay after school. The students come in later in the morning and the schedule posted demonstrates the student's daily schedule.

Technology Equipment for in person learners

Q (technology) 1.

Transportation

Q (transportation) 1. When will I get my child's transportation information?



- We will mail the information home at least a week in advance of the return date. You will also be able to see the bus information in Parent Portal of Powerschool.

Q (transportation) 2. What are the safety measures in place on the buses for COVID?

- The buses are being sprayed with an antiviral twice a day. Between bus runs, the high touch areas will be wiped down.

Q (transportation) 3. Will the windows on the buses be open?

- Based on the recommendations we have received, windows will be open to increase air flow, whenever possible.

Q (transportation) 4. Do students need to wear masks while on the bus?

- Yes, as per the NJ Department of Health, all students should be masked on the bus, at school *and at the bus stop*.

Q (transportation) 5. Are you limiting the number of students on a bus?

- The District is trying to limit the number of students on each bus, however, it may not be possible to provide each student with their own seat. The state's guidance is to work to have students wear masks on buses as much as possible.

Q (transportation) 6. Are students going to wait inside the building in bus lines?

- Yes, at the elementary schools we will stage the buses to ensure that students are placed on the proper bus. With approximately 20 buses at each building, we do not want a student accidentally riding an incorrect bus and possibly disembarking in an area unknown to them.

Cleaning protocols

Q (cleaning) 1. What cleaning protocols are in place to ensure a safe environment for students?

- Each evening, the custodial staff will use a viracide. During the day, frequently touched surfaces in common areas will be wiped down.

Q (cleaning) 2. Will students in the high school and middle school have wipes available to them when they change classes?

- Yes, the District is providing wipes for students to use as they enter or exit a new classroom. We are also indicating which desks to use during the periods to avoid a desk being used in two consecutive periods.

Q (cleaning) 3. Are you cleaning toys used in classrooms?

- Yes, most plush toys are being removed from classrooms. Other toys in preschool rooms will be washed daily.



Athletics

Q (Athletics) 1. For student athletes who are returning to in person instruction, when and where will they eat before practice?

- Students will have time after school to change and eat as needed between classes and practice. Coaches will provide direction to student athletes on where to eat and change.

Q (Athletics) 2. Will student athletes have a place to store their equipment when they return to in person learning?

- Yes, the coaches will provide direction on where items can be stored while in school.

Symptomatic Students

Classroom and School Closures

Q (closure) 1. I was notified that my child's classroom is being closed, does that mean my child was exposed to someone who has the virus?

- The Principal will notify families if after consultation with the Department of Health, it is determined that a classroom must be closed. The communication will include whether your child was considered a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The communication will also include the date on which students may return to school.

Q (closure) 2. Will I be told who has COVID-19 so I know if my child was in contact with that person?

- No, the District cannot disclose the identity of the person who has tested positive for COVID-19. The contact tracing will be done by a qualified person within the District based on the guidance from the Department of Health. You should always monitor your child(ren) for symptoms whether or not you receive communication. If you receive communication from us, please monitor your child more closely.



Q (closure) 3. I was notified that the entire school is closed, does that mean my child was exposed to someone who has the virus?

- The Superintendent will send a notification if an entire building needs to be closed, after consultation with the Department of Health. If your child was considered a close contact, you will receive additional communications.

Q (closure) 4. If the school is closed does that mean a lot of students or staff have tested positive for COVID-19?

- Not necessarily, it only takes 2 unrelated cases in the same building to close the school based on current guidance. The reason for closing is to ensure we don't have large numbers of people infected.

Q (closure) 5. I was notified the school was closed, does that mean extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are also stopped, including sports?

- Yes, if we need to close a building, it means all activities will be shut down as well. This information will be included in the communication. Only essential personnel will be permitted to remain in the building.

Q (closure) 6. Will staff be back in before students after a closure?

- The details will be decided for each individual event. If the closure is for 14 days, it is likely that the staff will return before students return.