

HOPE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Chapter 27 Virtual or Remote Instruction Program Plan
2021-2022

Introduction

In April 2020, Governor Murphy issued an executive order that became P.L.2020, c.27. This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public-health related district closure so that LEAs can utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9. In order to provide transparency and ensure that New Jersey students continue to receive high quality, standards-based instruction, each school district, charter school, renaissance school project and Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities (APSSDs) must annually submit its proposed program for virtual or remote instruction (plan) to the Commissioner of Education. This plan would be implemented during a district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.

A superintendent must consult with the board of education, if practicable, prior to implementing the school district's plan of virtual or remote instruction. A day of virtual or remote instruction, if instituted under a plan approved by the Commissioner of Education, is considered the equivalent of a full day of school attendance for the purposes of meeting State and local graduation requirements, awarding of course credit, and such other matters as determined by the Commissioner of Education. LEAs must include the statutory requirements listed in the "LEA Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2021-2022 SY," in their plans for virtual or remote instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. The 2021-2022 plans must be approved by the LEA's board of education or board of trustees (board), submitted to the county office of education for review and approval, and posted on the LEA's website.

Virtual / Remote School Day Schedule

- The virtual school day will be the same length of time as a traditional, in-person school day, which is 8:46 a.m to 3:02 p.m for grades K-8. PK will continue with their normal half day program from 8:55 a.m to 11:55 a.m
 - For grades 3-8, students will follow their assigned, in-person schedules and will meet with teachers via Google Meet or Zoom to receive synchronous instruction.
 - For grades PK-2, students will meet with their teachers at assigned times via Google Meet or Zoom to receive synchronous instruction in language arts, math, science, social studies, and specials.
- Students will be required to attend virtual meetings, and teachers will take attendance at virtual meetings.
- Assignments and meeting links will be posted to Google Classroom for students in grades 3-8 and grades PK-2.

Technology and Access for All Students

- In the event of an emergency closure, Chromebooks are available for any student requiring one to complete synchronous and asynchronous work remotely.
- All students have been provided with district Google accounts.
- All staff have been issued laptops, so they can continue to provide instruction remotely.
- Students without Internet connectivity will be provided with assistance.

Meals

- During an emergency closure, administration will assess the safety of the situation and determine the distribution of lunches.
- The free and reduced lunch list will be used to determine eligibility for lunches.
- The district will work with Maschio's Food Services to coordinate the preparation and distribution of student lunches. Lunches will be available for pick up at the cafeteria door on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.