



**WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP**
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Emergency Virtual / Remote Instruction Plan
2021 – 2022**

Emergency Virtual/Remote Learning Plan

The Washington Township School District, per Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2021-2022 School Year, is submitting the following virtual/remote learning plan in case of an Emergency school closure requiring Virtual/Remote instruction.

In April 2020, Governor Murphy signed A-3904 into law (P.L.2020, c.27, or “Chapter 27”), which in part requires each school district, charter school, renaissance school project, and Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities, hereinafter referred to as Local Educational Agencies (LEA), to annually submit a proposed program for emergency virtual or remote instruction (Plan) to the New Jersey Department of Education (Department). This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public health-related district closure by permitting LEAs to 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.

By October 29, 2021, each Chief School Administrator or Lead Person must submit the LEA’s Plan for the 2021- 2022 school year, approved by their district board of education or charter school board of trustees, and the completed checklist to their county office of education.

This plan will 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 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.

Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan 2021-2022 School Year

Device Access/Connectivity

- All Washington Township School District students have equitable access to remote learning technologies as well as in-person instructional resources.
- All Washington Township School District students have been issued a school purchased iPad and accessories.
- All Washington Township School District students and staff members have been provided with Microsoft 365 accounts and appropriate technology applications.
- All faculty members have access to technology resources including but not limited to, a district issued Dell 2 in 1 device, document camera, applications, and resources. Paraprofessionals will have access to Dell 2 in 1 device as needed to provide educational support to students.
- Students and families in need of additional internet connectivity support will be provided a district issued “Hot Spot.”
- Technology support to families will be provided via email and phone support from administration and the district’s technology technician.
- In situations when the district is unable to resolve iPad issues via the phone and / or email the district will provide a replacement iPad for the student.

Virtual/Remote Learning Schedule

- All students will be required to attend and participate, on a daily basis, in all of their classes via Microsoft TEAMS utilizing their school provided technology device.
- Students and faculty will follow their normal schedule on emergency virtual/remote learning days. Brass Castle School students 8:45am – 3:10pm and Port Colden School students 9:00am – 3:25pm.
- Teachers will hold “live” classes, through Microsoft TEAMS, with students based on the daily schedule.
- Student attendance will be recorded each day.

Related Services/Educational Support

- During an emergency closing virtual/remote instruction day, related services may be provided as practical. Related service providers will contact parents to determine if a service may be provided.
- Social and emotional support will be provided as warranted by the Child Study Team and/or Guidance Counselor. As warranted, CST members and/or Guidance Counselor will conduct online meetings with students/classes.
- Paraprofessionals will provide support to students on emergency virtual/remote learning days as per the students’ IEPs.

Meals

- During an emergency closing virtual/remote instruction day, all students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will have access to breakfast and lunch from Maschio’s Food Services.
- On emergency closing virtual/remote day, meals will be available for parent pick-up at the Brass Castle School. An announcement will be sent via the district’s emergency notification system indicating the time and location of meal pick up.
- The monthly Maschio’s Food Services menu is available to view at:
<https://washtwpsd.nutrislice.com/menu/>