

East Greenwich Township Schools 2020-2021 Q&A

Health and Safety Questions

1. Are masks required or are face shields allowed in place of masks?

Masks are required for students. If a student has a medical reason a mask cannot be worn, please contact the school nurse for more information regarding the required documentation.

2. If a child has to quarantine for 14 days, are they able to return to school in our hybrid model once clear?

Yes, if a child needs to quarantine, he or she may return to the hybrid learning model at the end of the quarantine period.

3. If a child or staff member in the class is positive, what communication will families receive and what is the overall notification process?

Our school nurses will serve as direct liaisons to the Gloucester County Department of Health. If our district is notified of a positive COVID-19 test result, we will work in consultation with the Gloucester County Department of Health to identify and notify the close contacts through the contact tracing process. Close contacts will need to isolate (exposed with symptoms) or quarantine (exposed but not sick). Here is a link to more information about [:Close Contacts of Confirmed COVI-19 Patients](#)

Here is a link about: [Timeframe for Isolation and Quarantine](#)

4. Will children share desks and materials?

No, students will not share desks or materials.

5. How will snack breaks be handled?

Snack breaks and hand washing breaks will be scheduled daily.

6. What is the procedure for bathroom use?

Each homeroom will be assigned to a specific set of student bathrooms. This will limit cohort mixing in the bathrooms. Each homeroom will have a daily, scheduled bathroom break. Signage is placed on the floor to assist students in socially distancing. Every other sink will be turned off to promote social distancing. Students may use the bathroom at other times of the day with the permission of their teacher.

7. What is the protocol for cleaning bathrooms?

Bathrooms will be sanitized hourly on a rotating schedule. Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every evening.

Curriculum & Instruction Questions

8. What is the difference between homeschooling and the 100% remote instruction?

- a. Remote Learning - Parents can select this option for their child(ren). Students will receive an education through technology while home. They will participate in a schedule similar to a regular school day and will have direct instruction from teachers during the day. Assignments are graded and attendance is mandatory.
- b. Homeschooling - Homeschooling is when a parent/guardian chooses to disenroll their child(ren) from the school district. It then becomes the full responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the instruction and select/purchase educational materials.

9. How will BSI services be provided?

BSI services will be provided virtually.

10. How will related services be provided?

Related services will be provided in-person for students participating in the hybrid model, and they will be provided remotely for students participating in the 100% remote model.

11. How will special areas be held?

Special areas will be held virtually in live sessions at consistently scheduled times.

12. Do children need additional supplies for September?

At this time, we do not anticipate a need for additional supplies.

13. What assessments will students be given in September?

The final assessment schedule is still being finalized, and this information will be shared with families. The assessments we use will be for the purpose of determining students' strengths and areas of focus, and the information will be used to guide instruction.

14. Will the 100% remote teachers be from East Greenwich district?

Yes, the 100% remote teachers will be our staff members.

15. Will virtual students receive speech services?

Yes, students in the 100% remote model will receive speech services virtually.

16. Will teachers change classes throughout the day? Or will the students change classrooms?

Teachers will change classrooms, and students will remain in the same classroom.

17. If we choose the 100% remote option and need to return to work, when could we make the change to the hybrid option?

The change could be made at the end of the first trimester, December 9th. You would make your request to the school principal two weeks in advance.

18. Will students in the 100% remote option have instruction according to a set schedule each day? Will it be synchronous?

Yes, all 100% remote instruction will be provided according to a set schedule, and students will be expected to login and participate in the live sessions. Students will also have independent assignments that can be completed when they are not participating in live instruction.

19. Will work be reviewed and corrected? In the spring we didn't receive any substantive feedback from work submitted.

Yes, work will be reviewed and feedback will be provided. Assignments will be graded and included in the gradebook.

20. Will hybrid be divided with class time being devoted to core subjects?

Yes, ELA and Math core instruction will occur during in person class time.

21. Will the parents/students receive the 100% remote assignments per week for the whole week?

No, students in the 100% remote option will be expected to participate in daily, live instructional sessions with the teacher. These sessions will be scheduled at consistent times each day.

22. What does a general in-person day of instruction look like?

In-person instruction will begin with a social-emotional lesson using our Sanford Harmony materials. Then, students will receive instruction in English Language Arts, Writing and Math. The teachers and students will use our core instructional resources in each subject area. For English Language Arts, students in grades B-4 will use Journeys, and students in grades 5-6 will use novels/articles. In grades B-5, students will use Go Math materials. In grade 6, students will use Go Math materials and district-materials. All students will use Schoolwide writing materials for writing instruction. In grades B-2, students will also receive Foundations instruction and use Foundations materials. A bathroom break, snack break and movement break will also be included in this time.

23. What does a hybrid model remote day look like?

During a remote day, students will be expected to participate in live instruction at consistently scheduled times. They will also have time allotted for independent paper/ pencil and online tasks. The required amount of time engaged in instruction and practice activities is 4 hours per day.

Small group Reading, Small group Math, Social Studies, Science, Special Areas, BSI, SOAR and instrumental lessons will be scheduled for remote days.

At the start of the day, students will join their in-person classmates for a portion of the social-emotional lesson. Students will also have time scheduled for their live special areas class. If they participate in BSI, SOAR or instrumental music lessons, they will also have a live instruction time scheduled. Live, small group time will also be scheduled for Reading and Math. Students will also have time to complete their paper/pencil assignments, online assignments and movement breaks.

24. What does a 100% remote day look like?

Remote instruction will include a combination of live, virtual instruction, recorded videos, independent paper/pencil and online tasks. Students will be expected to participate in the live, virtual lessons at their scheduled times. The required amount of time engaged in instruction and practice activities is 4 hours per day. Each day begins with a social-emotional lesson using our Sanford Harmony materials. Then, students will receive instruction in English Language Arts, Writing and Math through a combination of teacher-recorded videos and live virtual instruction. The teachers and students will use our core instructional resources in each subject area. For English Language Arts, students in grades B-4 will use Journeys, and students in grades 5-6 will use novels/articles. In grades B-5, students will use Go Math materials. In grade 6, students will use Go Math materials and district-materials. All students will use Schoolwide writing materials for writing instruction. In grades B-2, students will also receive Foundations instruction and use Foundations materials.

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Students will also have time to complete their paper/pencil assignments, online assignments and movement breaks.

Transportation Questions

25. Will the driver wear a mask?

Yes, the driver will wear a mask. Students are also expected to wear a mask at all times.

26. How many children would be allowed on the bus and would it be one child per seat?

Children will be seated one student or one family per row. At this time, each cohort bus route averages between 18-20 students.

27. Would each child get their temperature checked before boarding the bus?

Parents will be expected to check their child's temperature prior to arrival at the bus stop as part of a daily health

screening.

28. Would each child use hand sanitizer or some type of antibacterial wipe getting on and off the bus?

Hand sanitizing stations are available at the building entry/exit points, so students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer on their way into and out of the buildings.