



# Emergency Virtual Instruction Plan

## 2021-2022

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## 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.

Any district program of virtual or remote instruction implemented for the general education students shall provide the same educational opportunities to students with disabilities. Special education and related services, including speech language services, counseling services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and behavioral services, may be delivered to students with disabilities through the use of electronic communication or a virtual or online platform and as required by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), to the greatest extent practicable.

## Digital Divide

### Connectivity

Students who do not have internet access will be provided with a access to the internet.

### Devices

Students in grades 2 through 6 are assigned a district Chromebook. The district maintains a supply of Chromebooks, and students in preschool through first grade in need of a device will be provided one. In the event of an unexpected closure, pick up times will be arranged, so families can pick up a device at the school.

### Delivery of Instruction

Google Classroom will be used to deliver instruction. All staff and students have active Google accounts.

## Meals

In the event of an emergency closure, meals will continue to be provided to families. The district will establish and publicize a schedule for meal pick up and/or delivery.

## Length of Day

In the event of an emergency closure, the district will maintain the same daily schedule as an in person learning day. The school day begins at 8:40am and ends at 3:20pm. Staff and students will follow their in-person schedule for academic instruction, special area instruction, lunch and recess.