

Netcong School District Virtual/Remote Learning Plan

2021-2022

I. Technology Required for Virtual Instruction

Technology Required for Virtual Instruction Although remote learning is not an option for the 2021/22 school year, it may become necessary for individual students, groups of students, or even the entire school to pivot to a virtual learning platform. If individual students are forced to quarantine for any reason, parents must notify the school nurse as soon as possible.

If it is determined that a student must quarantine due to a legitimate COVID-19 related illness or exposure, accommodations will be determined to provide virtual instruction to the student within 24 hours. Teachers will make parents aware of live streaming options and classwork will be shared using Google Classroom.

Students will continue to utilize electronic learning devices (Chromebooks) during the school day, and the platform that teachers use each day will be consistent with what would be used in the case of a pivot to virtual instruction.

A technology survey was distributed to families to determine the needs of each family. Any child needing to sign out a Chromebook will have the ability to do so. If you need Wi-Fi access at home, the district can provide your family with a mobile hotspot to ensure you have access to the internet. Please contact the main office for more information.

As currently outlined in “The Road Forward” document issued by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), days of virtual or remote instruction will count towards the 180-day requirement if the district is forced to close for more than three consecutive days of school. Currently, the first three days WOULD NOT count towards the 180-day requirement. Should the district need to pivot to an all-remote platform, four hours of instruction, exclusive of lunch and recess, are needed for the day to count towards the 180-day statutory requirement after the first three days of closure.

II. Provision of Meals

Students in K-8 will eat lunch in the school cafeteria each day with reduced capacity at each lunch table. While the current mask mandate is in place, masks will be required at all times students are not seated at a designated cafeteria table. This includes entering and exiting the cafeteria, waiting online for lunch/snack, and when disposing of items in the garbage. Students will eat in shifts to allow for recess and cleaning in between meals. While the weather is nice, picnic lunching outside will be encouraged.

The Netcong School District will participate in the Seamless Summer Lunch Program for the 2021-22 school year, which will provide a FREE school breakfast and lunch for any interested student. Additional information on this program will be forthcoming.

Should the district need to pivot to an all-remote learning platform due to an outbreak of COVID-19 or due to a public health emergency, meals will be available for pickup by all students twice per week. Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up on Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00am-11:00am in front of the school. Please come to the double doors and wait by the bollards. Your meals will be placed on a table outside the double doors. As the Netcong School District is participating in the Seamless Summer Lunch Program, all students are eligible for free meals during the 2021-2022 school year. Should the district need to pivot to an all-remote learning platform, more information on the breakfast and lunch program will be shared with stakeholders.

III. Instruction, Building Access, Extracurriculars

Should the district need to pivot to an all-remote learning environment due to the pandemic, the students will participate in instructional activities via the Google Meets platform. The district will follow a similar schedule that was used during the 2020-2021 school year with specials work done asynchronously on Mondays and live instruction in the areas of Math, ELA, SS, and Science Tuesday through Friday. Homeroom would start at 8:18 Monday through Friday. Tuesday through Friday, instruction will begin at 8:45am and conclude at 12:55pm. Additional help sessions will be scheduled based on student need on Mondays as well as on Tuesday through Friday from 2:20pm – 2:59pm. Related services will be scheduled to ensure the district is meeting the needs of students receiving those services. If there are concerns with student progress while in a remote learning environment, you should contact your child's teacher directly.

The Genesis Parent Portal will be updated frequently so that students and parents can monitor and track progress. Attendance will also be posted in Genesis daily as students are expected to be in Google Meets for live instruction.

Should the district need to pivot to an all-remote learning platform due to the pandemic, the school building will be closed to students, staff, and visitors and no extracurricular activities will take place unless the activity is something that can be done in a virtual setting. The administration will allow access to the building on an as needed basis.