

Delsea Regional High School District Emergency Virtual Learning Plan

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 a 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. In the event that the LEA is directed to provide virtual or remote instruction before garnering county office approval, the approval date will be retroactive. Questions should be directed to the county office of education.

The Delsea Regional High School District Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan has been developed to be consistent with the requirements in the NJDOE Guidance with consideration to the school district's local needs in order to ensure the district reopens safely and is prepared to accommodate students' unique needs during this unprecedented time.

This document includes basic information about virtual/remote instruction. For more information about our COVID-19 Responses, Safe Return Plans, opportunities for public comments, and more, please visit the district's website.

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Plan for Emergency Remote Instruction

Should it become necessary that the district moves into a remote instruction model due to a declared emergency, the following plan will be implemented. The length of the day and student schedules will not change. High school hours are 7:22 - 2:12 and middle school hours are 8:20 - 3:22. Teachers will report to the buildings to teach directly from their classrooms so as to have all appropriate resources available. Virtual links to the Google Meet for all classes will be posted in each teacher's Google Classroom. Students and teachers will be expected to log into each class at the regularly-scheduled time for full remote learning for the duration of the period. Students will be expected to have their cameras on unless there is an approved reason not to do so. Physical Education will be the only class that will not meet remotely but will instead utilize asynchronous learning. Students will find all relevant physical education links in the Google Classroom. During the periods of the year when health class is scheduled in lieu of phys ed, those classes will meet synchronously as well. Lunch/free time will be provided at the appropriate time in each student's schedule.

Equitable Access for Remote Instruction

Delsea became a 1:1 Chromebook district eight years ago which immediately allowed for more equitable access to technology. Students have been using the Google platform for that time and are extremely comfortable with how to navigate the nuances of the program. Prior to going fully remote in September 2020, the district conducted a survey of parents to assess access to the Internet. At that time over 90% of households had access. For those who did not, the district invested in "hotspots" for the students to use. Some families requested assistance with procuring free or reduced internet access and our tech department worked with them through that process. This type of assistance for families will continue to remain in place should virtual learning be required.

Providing Lunches to Students

As occurred for the entire 2020-21 school year, the district will deliver breakfast/lunches to any student who completes the online form requesting it. The cafeteria staff will prepare lunches for 2 or 3 days in advance and deliver them twice a week to pre-assigned bus stops. This system was highly successful last year so no issues are expected.