

Bergen County Technical Schools
EMERGENCY REMOTE PLAN SY 2021-22

Committee Recommendation on how Virtual and Remote Instruction will be provided to students who may not have access to sufficient broadband, or to any technology required for virtual or remote instruction.

- Students who cannot attend school due to illness will be provided remote instruction or participate in a virtual learning environment.
- All high school campuses will utilize a Hyflex instructional model by dividing each grade in half – enabling half of each class to attend within the building classroom while the other half will join through Zoom or other virtual platform simultaneously. Wherever possible, students will remain in the same classroom with teachers rotating in an effort to minimize the number of students in the hallways during passing time. All teachers will be inside the building teaching for the entire school day. The schedule rotates each week, and Principals may modify scheduling to accommodate programs such as Shared Time.
- Students will attend the school building every other week depending on their cohort schedule.
- In the event that pandemic conditions worsen and it is no longer safe to hold classes inside the buildings, a virtual learning environment for both teachers and students will occur.
- This virtual learning environment applies to all students and staff, and education will continue on a full-remote schedule.
- Student population evaluated for technology needs and additional technology purchased.

Committee Recommendation on the Impact of Virtual or Remote Learning on the School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

- District meals for students are prepared by Chartwells. Chartwells is following all of the DOH protocols in the preparation, packaging and distribution of food. A schedule of pick-up days/times during the week has been created and established for students who are remote to be able to pick up five days of meals.
- In the event we are on the A/B Remote schedule, schools will employ staggered meal schedules in cafeteria, cafeteria menu will be grab-and-go only, and discontinue self-service and buffet style meals. Overflow classrooms and outdoor areas may be utilized and will be designated for dining purposes to reduce the cafeteria population during meal times. One directional seating with six feet between diners will be observed. Cafeterias and common areas will be marked with one-way directional tape to reduce congestion and physical proximity.
- Morning and afternoon duty staff to endure social distancing F/R lunch meal service to continue during remote operations in conjunction with local schools if possible.

Committee Recommendation on the required length of a virtual or remote instruction day.

- A remote plan has been developed and all class schedules will remain the same on the remote plan and meet the 4 hours a day of instruction excluding lunch and physical education.
- Parents are advised of a clearly defined deadline to submit requests for full remote learning.
- An Administrator and Counselor are identified on each campus to answer questions.
- Google document was sent to each family.
- School Days are a minimum of four hours of instruction per day, excluding lunch and recess.
- Mental health support groups are being conducted for staff, parents and students, to help those struggling with transitional issues or any other mental health topics.
- Additional tutors added to staff, enabled by the American Rescue Plan Grant.
- Myfi's have been ordered to accommodate families without internet access.
- An additional 450 Chromebooks and MacBook Airs were ordered to accommodate new students and shared time students.
- An additional 50 laptops including Surface Pros (for math and science curriculums) have been ordered for staff.
- New headsets have been ordered for clearer communication dependent on the need for the possibility of remote instruction.
- PowerSchool has been updated with additional emergency contact via the "student information card".
- Webcams have been installed for all instructional spaces.
- PowerSchool forms launched to reduce paper handling.