



INFORMED RE-ENTRY PLAN

PENNCREST

SCHOOL DISTRICT

The PENNCREST School Board and staff are committed to the success, growth and development of our students. This Re-Entry Plan will outline procedures, protocols and expectations for educating students and supporting families in all Pennsylvania Phases.

Virtual Open House
August 31, 2020

First Day of School
September 2, 2020

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the benefits of in-person face-to-face instruction outweigh those of virtual learning. Having our students in our schools is of paramount importance to the collective good. This is extremely clear when we consider the needs of our youngest learners, our at-risk populations, and families that may lack resources to learn in a virtual environment (i.e. high-speed internet, food insecurity and access to social services).

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)

- "all school activities must be informed by Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania. The Wolf administration has categorized reopening into three phases: red, yellow, or green. These designations signal how restrictions on school, work, congregate settings, and social interactions will ease in each county."
- All PA School Districts must follow the guidance and recommendations from the PA Department of Health.

Feedback, conversation, and controversy from families and employees both in PENNCREST and across the Commonwealth revolves around the requirement of masks/face coverings.

- We will not tolerate mask shaming or contentious interactions involving the wearing or not wearing of masks.
- **We have purchased a variety of face coverings for students and staff from which to choose.**
- **We must follow PA DoH guidelines, including the section 3 exceptions. All section 3.A.i. exceptions will require a note or letter from a medical provider.**
- **Face masks are strongly encouraged or mandatory during school as recommended under current mandates by the CDC and/or PA Dept. of Health**



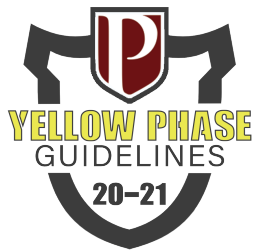
Phase Guidelines

This year we will prioritize in-person instruction, but offer options for families. Families should expect this year to be a blend of in-person and virtual learning regardless of choice. Expect all schools to move between the restricted phases at some point during the 20-21 school year. Our goal is to minimize risk and offer families reasonable options that are feasible to implement for PENNCREST students and staff.

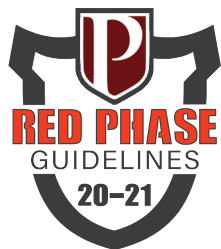
Students should take iPads home every night regardless of the current phase.



In the green phase, students may attend school at 100% capacity. School is open to all students similar to a traditional school day. Safety precautions are in place and staff and students will wear masks according to the PA DoH guidelines when social distancing is not possible. Classroom/learning spaces will be maximized to allow for 6 feet of separation among students and staff, to the maximum extent feasible.



In the yellow phase, students may attend school at a capacity between 50-70%. Safety precautions and rates of disinfection are increased. The hybrid learning model will replace our traditional educational model. The district will focus its resources, time and attention on school days and activities. All athletic and extracurricular activities are suspended and student travel is eliminated.



In the red phase, all teaching and learning is virtual. All schools are closed to students and residents. Only essential employees will report to work. Food service will continue to provide meals to resident children in a “drive thru” distribution system.



Are you looking for an alternative to the traditional method of education? Then venture outside the walls of a “brick and mortar” school and explore what the PSD Cyber Academy has to offer. The PSD Cyber Academy offers an array of electives and opportunities for success. Applications are currently being accepted from PENNCREST resident students for the 2020 - 2021 school year. [More Information.](#)



Green Phase

Learning Options

Learning Option 1

Physically attending school for in-person instruction

- Traditional learning with live in-person face-to-face interactions

Learning Option 2

Limited Virtual Hybrid Instruction (4th - 12th grade)

- This option provides middle ground to families not comfortable returning to school until and if a vaccine is produced, or under the current PENNCREST guidelines
- Students can participate in class(es) virtually or physically
- 4th grade - 6th grade & Elementary Emotional Support, Life Skills & MDS students 7th grade - 12th grade - all subjects
- This is not synchronous or live teaching; it is asynchronous learning
- This student has a classroom seat
- Student may attend class when the family believes it is in the student's best interest based on COVID-19 data and PA DoH guidance
- Teachers will provide minimal daily pre-recorded instruction, but the same in-class assignments, homework, feedback and resources
- Attendance is confirmed when a student uploads the day's assignments
- This option is only recommended for contentious learners, self-starters and children who have the ability to monitor their learning pathway with little prompting

Learning Option 3

PENNCREST Cyber Academy (K - 12th grade)

- 100% online instruction facilitated by PENNCREST teachers on the EdGenuity learning platform
- Scheduled time for tutoring and face-to-face assistance in our MES or SES drop in center during school hours
- Classroom seat(s) not reserved physically in schools

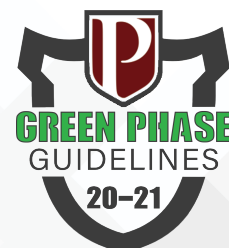
Safety Protocols

- Continued and daily cleaning of all classrooms and restrooms, hallways, transportation vehicles and "high touch" surfaces.
- **Increased ventilation through extended occupancy times and exhaust ventilation.**
- Continued disinfection throughout all buildings as needed.
- **Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible.**
- Recommend all individuals sanitize/wash hands on a frequent basis. Recommend making hand sanitizer available in common areas, hallways, and/or in classrooms where sinks for hand washing are not available.
- **The custodial staff has access to products, training, and has implemented cleaning regimens that meet CDC requirements for disinfecting facilities in response to COVID-19.**
- Class sizes will maintain 6 feet of separation to the greatest extent possible.
- **Students may be required to wear a face covering in accordance with procedures and guidelines from the CDC and PA Department of Health.**
- Seating configurations of desks and work areas will be in rows with all facing the same direction when feasible. If not feasible, staggered, or diagonal seating at shared tables to avoid "across the table" seating.

Limited Virtual Hybrid (Option 2)

Families who are selecting this learning option **AND** who are not sending their children on September 2, 3 or 4, must register no later than August 28th.

Please register [here](#).





Yellow Phase

Learning Options

Learning Option 1

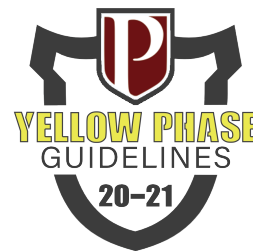
- PreK-3rd grade & Elementary Emotional Support, Life Skills & MDS may attend every day Monday - Thursday and Friday Virtually
- 4th grade – 12th grade will attend in an ABABC pattern
 - Last names A - L Monday and Wednesday physically & Tuesday, Thursday and Friday virtually OR
 - Last names M - Z Tuesday and Thursday physically & Monday, Wednesday and Friday virtually
- Eliminate the secondary hybrid block and transition to a 7-period day

Learning Option 2 - Limited Virtual Hybrid

Learning Option 3 - PENNCREST Cyber Academy

Safety Protocols

- All GREEN Phase precautions.
- Increased frequency of cleaning cycles of all classrooms and restrooms, hallways, and transportation vehicles as well as “high touch” surfaces.
- Implement occupancy-limitation plan - students attend school in person with cohorts MW or TR, and online Friday. Staff and students would work from home on Friday. Other illustrations of the plan will change to meet the needs of special populations.



Transportation in Green and Yellow Phases

- Students must follow the directions of the bus driver.
- Students are required to wear a mask or face covering on district transportation.
- The bus will load from the back to the front and unload from the front to the back.
- All students will have assigned seats and families will sit together.
- Kindergarten and Pre-K students must sit with family members or in the front of the bus.



Red Phase

Virtual Learning

Option 1-100% Virtual Instruction

- Students will follow the Board approved calendar and participate in synchronous and/or asynchronous virtual learning through Google Classroom and the Google Suite.
- The reporting and assessment of student progress will occur according to policy 213.

Option 2-Limited Virtual Hybrid Instruction is now covered in Option 1

Option 3-PENNCREST Cyber Academy



All students and community members have free access to high speed internet at 9 locations across the district. Walk or drive near the exterior wireless array and select the Guest network.

Look for our WiFi signs at:

Blooming Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Chapmanville Volunteer Fire Department
Little Cooley United Methodist Church
St. Hippolyte Church
Venango Volunteer Fire Department
Cambridge Springs Campus
Maplewood High School
Maplewood Elementary School
Saegertown High School

District Protocols

Our schools are physically closed to all students and residents.

All students are learning in a virtual environment on a district iPad or other family device using Google Classroom to send and receive assignments and communicate with our teachers.

All athletics and extra curricular activities are cancelled.

No student travel.

The key to a successful 20-21 school year is home-school communication. To this end, we will communicate through passive venues such as school and district websites and Unified Classroom and via active avenues like automated phone calls/texts, Google Classroom updates, emails, Class DoJo and Facebook posts. When there is a change in learning, we will actively reach out to you. When you are not sure of the school's direction, actions or status, reach out through a call or email.

