



PENNCREST

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Updated - September 23, 2020

It's great to be back in school!

Do your part:

Wash your hands

Wear a mask

Stay home if you are sick

The benefits of in-person face-to-face instruction outweigh those of virtual learning.

However, prepare for the possibility of a hybrid schedule or a temporary closure.

Plan today to learn virtually tomorrow.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during the first four weeks of school.

Guidance from the PA Department of Health, PA Department of Education, Governor's Office and The Center for Disease Control and Prevention continues to evolve.

Schools across the county are experiencing learning systems and program outages, and over extended internet bandwidth; we will continue troubleshoot all program glitches.

Please communicate with your teacher(s), principal and school nurse.

We are here for you!

Be a Prepared Learner

- Know how to access assignments, navigate Google Classroom, and turn in completed work.
- Understand and meet virtual classroom expectations.
- Regularly communicate with teachers and ask for help.
- Develop a virtual learning routine.
- Locate reliable internet to download material, upload assignments and stream video.



Phase Guidelines

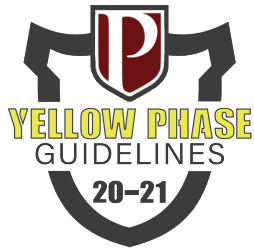
Temporary School Closure

We expect a temporary closure for one or more of our schools during the 20-21 school year. If school is closed for any reason (ex: COVID-19 or weather) learning will continue virtually. One or more schools could be closed for 1 to 14 days depending on a variety of data. It is important that students, parents and teachers prepare for this very real possibility.

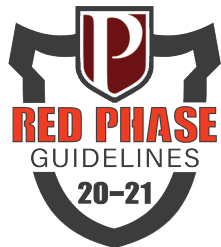
Students should take iPads home every night regardless of the current phase.



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. Classroom/learning spaces will be maximized to allow for maximum separation among students and staff.



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.



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.



The PENNCREST Cyber Academy offers an array of electives and opportunities for success. Applications for the 1st semester are currently closed. Families interested in the 2nd semester should email Assistant Superintendent, Ken Newman at knewman@penncrest.org.



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 conscientious 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 CSHS, MES or SES drop in centers during school hours, by appointment.

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.

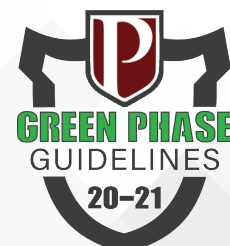
Recommend all individuals sanitize/wash hands on a frequent basis. Hand sanitizer available in common areas.

The custodial staff has access to products and training, and has implemented regimens that meet CDC requirements for COVID-19 disinfection.

Class sizes will maintain 6 feet of separation to the extent possible.

Students may be required to wear a face covering in accordance with procedures and guidelines from the CDC and DoH.

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.





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
- CCCTC attendance will vary, CTC will advise students

Learning Option 2 - Limited Virtual Hybrid

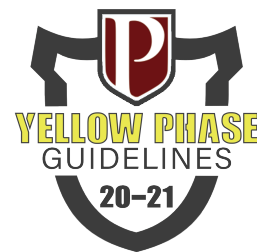
Learning Option 3 - PENNCREST Cyber Academy

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. Students will 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

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 teachers.

All athletics and extra curricular activities are cancelled.

No student travel.



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

Keep your contact information current in Unified Classroom (aka. PowerSchool)

