



# Pequannock Township Public Schools

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Dear Pequannock Township School District Families:

The purpose of the letter is to clarify how we manage students' status for attendance in school and mode of participation in instruction. Essentially, we have four main categories:

- Present - In-person (student is attending school for in-person instruction)
- Full-time remote (student has elected to be fully remote)
- Present - remote (student is participating remotely either because his/her cohort is not in school, or because he/she must stay home due to quarantine or being symptomatic)
- Absent (student is unable to participate in in-person or remote instruction)

Per state requirements, the district accommodates the full-time remote option for students whose families request it. Students who elect to be fully remote are expected to maintain that status through the end of the marking period; for the sake of consistency, we apply the marking period dates from PTHS/PV to the elementary schools. Students currently on the full-time remote option will remain so through **April 1st, unless we are notified otherwise by February 12th**. Those planning to return to in-person instruction after spring break should notify their building principal by **March 15th**.

Our district also employs a daily Present-Remote option for students whose cohort is remote, as well as those who either need to be quarantined or are experiencing symptoms that require that they stay home, but do not prevent them from being able to participate in remote learning. When students are Present-Remote due to quarantine or being symptomatic, they may not participate in in-person activities such as sports, music, or clubs. Full-time remote students or those whose cohort is remote for the day, however, may still participate in activities.

Families that would like to return their children to the in-person portion of the hybrid learning environment must confirm their intent with their building principals by **Friday, February 12**. After that date, students who elect to be fully remote will then be able to return to in-person instruction on **Monday, April 12**.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,  
Michael Portas  
Superintendent of Schools