



MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
VIRTUAL OR REMOTE INSTRUCTION PLAN
2021-22

The Morris School District Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan would be implemented during a district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health-related closure, or directive by appropriate health agency.

Part 1:

How will virtual or remote instruction be provided to students who may not have access to sufficient broadband, or to any technology required for virtual or remote instruction.

- How do we account for measuring digital divide?
- How do we address ongoing digital divide (1. Network 2. Devices)

The Morris School District has created a [virtual learning hub](#) where information on technology access, troubleshooting, remote learning and general resources can be accessed.

Every student in the Morris School District is issued a district chromebook in grades PK-12. Any student who needs assistance with their device can access our [virtual learning hub](#).

Every Morris School District student is screened for home internet access at time of registration and during the district's annual update. If a family indicates they do not have access to wifi at home, the family is issued a "Mifi" which is a portable device that provides internet connectivity . Guidance counselors and teachers can also request a Mifi for a student if the need comes up. Families are given Mifi instructions in multiple languages and if they need assistance they can access support through the [virtual learning hub](#).

All families are [encouraged to apply](#) for The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB). The EBB is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly internet bills for qualifying low-income households.

Part 2:

What will be the impact of virtual or remote instruction on the school lunch and breakfast program

- How will MSD provide continued safe delivery of meals to eligible students?

During days of virtual instruction in Morris School District, all eligible students can pick up individually packed “grab & go” free breakfast and lunch between 10:40am and 11:30am at Morristown High School’s rear entrance on Atno Avenue, by the lower atrium.

Pick up service will be available weekdays, meals are not served on weekends. The Morris School District will help connect families to resources for food distribution when meals are not provided by the school district. This information will be communicated to families by our instant messaging system, Swift K-12 in multiple languages.

Part 3:

The required length of a virtual or remote instruction day is four hours excluding lunch and recess.

- How will MSD provide the required amount of time for a virtual or remote instruction day?
- What will be the impact of virtual or remote instruction on the schedule for administering State Assessment?

Every student in the Morris School District is issued a district chromebook in grades PK-12. Virtual and Remote instructional days will follow the regular daily bell schedule across all grades. The presence of universal one-to-one technology and in classroom webcams, allows the district to maintain the exact instructional day schedule both in the building and remote/virtual.

In the event of fully remote instruction, Preschool and K-5 schedules will be adjusted to provide more than the required four hours of instruction virtually while providing balance between “on screen” and “off screen” learning activities.

PRESCHOOL

REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

- Students will receive live instruction in the afternoon guided family plans
- All families will continue to receive the weekly lesson plans including the At Home Guided Plans through Teaching Strategies.
- Preschool Teachers will schedule live google meets with full remote learners during the school day and in the afternoon

GRADES K-5

REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

K-5 Connections Sample Daily Schedule*	9:00 - Morning Meeting Teacher will greet the class through a Google Meet and host a morning meeting. Students will be able to interact with the teacher and classmates in a structured and meaningful way to build and foster relationships and prepare the brain for learning.
	9:30 - Teacher-Directed Live Reading Lesson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online/Offline activities /Small group instruction • Reading Informal Assessment/"Check-in"
	10:30 - Break
	10:45 - Teacher-Directed Live Writing Lesson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online/Offline activities/ Small group instruction/conferencing • Writing Informal Assessment/"Check-in"
	12:00 - Break for Lunch
	12:30 - Teacher-Directed Live Math Lesson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online/Offline activities/ Small group instruction • Math Informal Assessment/"Check-in"
	1:30 - Break
	1:45 - Specials 2:15 - Live Daily Reflection/Goal Setting

*Schedules for special education students may be different based on services outlined in their IEPs

In the event of fully remote instruction, the middle and high school will operate on the normal bell schedule, participating in all classes virtually.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
HR	7:55-8:10	7:55-8:10	7:55-8:10
1 & 2	8:13-9:35	8:13-9:35	8:15-9:35
3 & 4	9:38-11:00	9:38-11:00 Cycle/PE	9:38-11:27 LUNCH
5 & 6	11:03-11:53 Lunch	11:59-12:24 Lunch	11:30-12:53 Cycle/PE
7 & 8	12:56-2:18 Cycle/PE	12:56-2:18	12:56-2:18

**HIGH SCHOOL
REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE**

Time	A Day	B Day	Minutes
7:50 - 9:15	1A	1B	85
9:20 - 10:40	2A	2B	80
10:40 - 11:30	Lunch	Lunch	50
11:30 - 12:50	3A	3B	80
12:55 - 2:15	4A	4B	80

STATE TESTING DURING REMOTE INSTRUCTION

In the event that Morris School District is required to provide remote/virtual instruction during State Assessment timeframes, guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education will be followed and testing will be scheduled accordingly. Morris School District has the capacity to deliver state assessments virtually with the aid of virtual classroom management tools.

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