

Stamford Public Schools: Frequently Used Words

Word in English	Definition
Asynchronous	Pre-recorded lessons/events/talks/teachings that students access remotely through the assigned platform
Clear plastic barrier	A clear plastic surface or solid surface (which serves as a wall or barrier) that can be cleaned and disinfected frequently
Cohort	A group or team of students and educators who comprise the same members and stay together throughout the school day
Close Contact	<p>A close contact is a person who has spent 15 minutes within 6 feet of a person with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test or a direct exposure to possibly infected droplets of saliva or nasal mucus (e.g. being sneezed or coughed on in the face)</p> <p>A close contact of a contact is not a contact. In other words, a person must be in direct contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19 to be considered a contact</p>
Containment	To keep under control
Face Masks / Coverings	A cloth, paper, or disposable face covering that covers the nose and mouth. It may or may not be medical grade
Face Shield	A clear, plastic shield that covers the forehead, extends below the chin and wraps around the sides of the face, protecting the eyes, nose and mouth from contamination from respiratory droplets, which may be used along with masks or respirators
Google Classroom	<p>An online tool used by teachers to create an online classroom, invite students to the class, then create and distribute assignments.</p> <p>Within the Google Classroom students and teachers can have conversations about the assignments and teachers can track the student's progress</p>
Google Meet	An online platform used by teachers to give a lesson or schedule and conduct live meetings over video.

Home Schooling	Option where the student is unenrolled from Stamford Public Schools and parents accept full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of State law. (Not the same as Distance Learning DTLA)
Hotspot Device	Portable router that you use to set up internet anywhere
Hybrid Combination model Mixed model Half in-person and Half-distance	An Educational Model where students have been divided into two groups: 50% are Green and 50% are Blue. Students are assigned a color day and attend school, in-person on alternate days and participate in distance learning from home on the other day. The student at home is expected to do school work and/or participate virtually according to the teacher's guidelines that were given the day before at school. The colors are switched each day
In-Person class	A class with the personal presence or action of the specified individual
Isolation	Isolation means separating people who are ill with COVID-19 symptoms and can be contagious, to prevent the spread of the disease
Isolation Room	A room located separate from the nurse's office in each building. In addition, the room should be reasonably close to a rest room and an exit to the building
Learning Stations	Physical locations (tables, chairs) in the classroom where the student is assigned a particular activity to be accomplished individually or in a team
Mitigate	Reduce or lessen
Physical distancing	Physical distancing means being physically separate. The School District recommends maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from others. It is a general action that all people should take even if they are well and have not had a known exposure to COVID-19.
Platform Check other platforms	Different online programs used for educational instruction such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Google Classroom ● Google Meet ● Edgenuity

Set of Programs that provide a service	
Policy	A set of ideas, rules or a plan of what to do in particular situations
Pop Up Webinar	Online live and/or recorded (which can be accessed any time in the future) informational meetings (webinars) on current topics that are available or occur suddenly with short notice
PowerSchool Parent Portal	An online student information system used by the district that provides parents and students access to essential information including school schedules, class information, color assignment, bus assignments, grades, contact information. Parents can also access and complete forms and update contact information.
Quarantine	Quarantine (or self-quarantining) means separating a person (or yourself) from others because that person (or yourself) have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 even if the person (or yourself) don't have symptoms. During quarantine, you should monitor your condition for symptoms. The goal is to see if the person (or you) become sick so as to prevent the spread of the disease.
Synchronous	Live (real time) lessons and teaching that students access remotely through the assigned platform
Tutorial / Videos	A method of teaching by example and providing the information to complete a certain task
Ventilation	The provision of fresh air to a room, building, etc.
Visitor	Any person entering a school building during normal school hours
Web Site	A location connected to the Internet that maintains one or more pages on the World Wide Web
Acronyms	
BYOD	Bring Your Own Device (chromebook/laptop/tablet)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
DPH	Department of Public Health
DTLA	Distance Teaching and Learning Academy

EL	English Learners
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Air. It is a type of pleated mechanical air filter
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPT	Planning and Placement Team
SEL	Social Emotional Learning
SPS	Stamford Public Schools
TISS	Technology Integration and Support Specialist (Assists with Technology problems (WiFi, Chromebooks, Laptops, etc.). If a parent has a technology issue, they can contact the TISS at the school. Click on to the blue link to find your school's TISS