



Union County Educational Services Commission
Restart and Recovery Plan
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Appendix P:

Remote Learning Options for Families

On July 24, 2020, the New Jersey Governor and Commissioner of Education published a guidance document indicating that parents may submit, and districts shall accommodate without condition, requests for full-time remote learning for their children during the 2020-21 school year.

The NJDOE guidance requires a Board Policy to address this new requirement for distance learning. On August 5, 2020, the UCESC Board of Directors will consider adoption of Board Policy 1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families that includes the following provisions:

Unconditional Eligibility for Full-Time Remote Learning

- All students are unconditionally eligible for full-time remote learning. Parents are not required to demonstrate a risk of illness or other criteria to support their request.

Procedures for Submitting Full-Time Remote Learning Requests:

- Parents may request that a full-time remote learning program for their child by submitting a written request to the Principal of the school in which their child is enrolled.
- Requests shall be provided to the Principal at least 10 calendar days before the student is eligible to begin full-time remote learning.
- The Principal will review the parent's request and provide written approval for full-time remote learning, including the date the program will begin, within 10 calendar days of receiving the parent's request.
- The full-time remote learning program provided for the student will be of the same quality, rigor, and scope of instruction and other educational services as any other student otherwise participating in traditional or hybrid instructional programs.
- UCESC will make its best effort to ensure that students participating in full-time remote learning have access to requisite educational technology and receive special education and related services as recommended to the greatest extent possible.

Procedures to Transition from Full-Time Remote Learning to In-Person Services:

- Students are eligible to transition from full-time remote learning back to traditional in-person instruction, if traditional in-person services are being provided in the school, beginning 30 school days after the full-time remote learning program was implemented.
- Parents may request their child return to traditional in-person instruction by submitting a written request to the Principal at least 5 days prior to the requested return date.
- The Principal will review the parent's request and provide written approval for traditional in-person instruction, including the date the program will begin, without undue delay.