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#### R2360.01 FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNING

This regulation establishes standards and procedures for the District's optional full-time distance learning schedule.

#### 1. Program Scope.

Students who participate in the full-time distance learning schedule will receive the same quality and scope of instruction and other services as students who receive regular in-class or hybrid instruction. The schedule will adhere to length of school day requirements pursuant N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3, District attendance policies, and all other applicable laws, regulations, policies, and rules.

### 2. Eligibility.

The District will accommodate all requests from parents/guardians for full-time distance learning, including requests that only some services be delivered entirely remotely, while other services are provided in-person or otherwise according to the District schedule. Eligibility for all students, including special education students, will not be conditioned on demonstrating a risk of illness or other selective criteria.

3. Procedures for Requesting Full-Time Distance Learning.

Parents/guardians who want to request full-time distance learning must comply with the following procedures and requirements:

- A. All requests must be submitted in writing, using the District's "Full-Time Distance Learning Request Form". The request form must be completed and submitted to the school principal before the request can be granted.
- B. Requests to begin the school year with full-time distance learning must be submitted on or before the last day in August.



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- C. Requests to transition from in-person or hybrid services to full-time distance learning may made at any time, and remote instruction will be implemented within 10 calendar days after the request is received.
- D. For students with disabilities, full-time distance learning constitutes a change in placements, and parents may consent to amend the IEP accordingly with or without a meeting.
- 4. Procedures for Transitioning Back to In-Person Learning.

For students on a full-time distance learning schedule, parents/guardians may request that in-person learning resume subject to the following protocols:

- A. All requests must be submitted in writing, using the student's previously-approved "Full-Time Distance Learning Request Form". The previously-approved form contains a section labeled, "Request to Resume In-Person Learning", which parents/guardians must complete and submit to the school principal before the request can be granted.
- B. Requests to resume in-person instruction may be made at any time and in-person instruction will resume within 30 calendar days after the request is received.
- C. Upon approval of each request to resume in-person learning, the school will provide information about specific student and academic services that will assist parents/guardians anticipate their students' learning needs and help educators maintain continuity of services.



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### 5. Reporting.

To evaluate full-time distance learning, the District will report to the New Jersey Department of Education data regarding participation in full-time distance learning. Data will include number of participating students by each of the following subgroups: economically disadvantaged; major racial and ethnic groups; students with disabilities; and English learners.

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