

Jersey City Public Schools
Remote Learning Plan for
School District Closure
2023-2024



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Introduction

“In April 2020, Governor Murphy issued an executive order that became [P.I.2020.6 c.27](#). This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public-health related district closure so that Local Educational Agency (LEA) can utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 7F-9.

This plan would be implemented during a LEA closure lasting more than three consecutive days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.”

This document outlines the protocols the Jersey City Public Schools (JCPS) will follow to provide synchronous instruction. Meals will be provided to eligible students.

Addressing the Digital Divide

JCPS has provided a 2:1 ratio for students to use a device in school and an additional device to use at home.

- ❖ [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) information was distributed to parents to assist in addressing the Internet network access divide. Families who qualify for free or reduced lunch status are eligible to apply. This benefit would allow for more reliable internet access than hotspots which have limited usage hours and are costly to replenish.
- ❖ The District continues to provide hotspots to families requiring internet services.

Remote Instructional Day

- ❖ To maintain the continuity of learning, students (general education, special education, ELL) will retain their current full-day schedule. The length of the school day is in accordance with [N.J.A.C.6A:32-8.3](#).
 - 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. for Pre-K through 8
 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. for high school
- ❖ Teachers will post their schedule on Google Classroom (Pre-K through 12) or COR Advantage (Pre-K).
- ❖ Synchronous instruction takes place on screen. Students are logged in virtually using the Google Meet link in Google Classroom (Pre-K through 12). This mode of instruction allows for instant feedback and clarification. Students are able to participate in the daily lesson and complete classwork in real time.
- ❖ Scheduled professional development opportunities for teachers, school staff members, and administrators will continue to be offered.

- ❖ Child Study Teams will continue to conduct I.E.P. meetings and evaluations to identify, evaluate, and re-evaluate students. Continuous Learning Plans have been developed to track delivery of related services, student academic progress, and the implementation of accommodations and modifications.
- ❖ According to the guidance provided by the NJDOE, students in Pre-K will take part in synchronous instruction for a total of 1 hour. The Early Childhood department will provide teachers with their schedule.
- ❖ Teachers, paraprofessionals, and all students (general education, special education, ELLs) in grades K-12 will continue to follow their regular full day instructional schedule, synchronously.
 - This includes all general education, bilingual, ESL, and special education teachers, specialists (i.e., Art, Music, Physical Education, Library Media, World Language, Drama, etc.), counselors, and other related service providers (i.e., OT, PT, Speech, etc.).
- ❖ Assessments will continue to be given through online educational platforms.
- ❖ Two 10-minute breaks should be included throughout the school day, as determined by school administrators.
- ❖ The Jersey City Public Schools Attendance Policy, as outlined in the district's 2023-2024 Code of Conduct, will continue to be in effect. In order to address the remote learners' attendance, the following items will also be part of the attendance policy:
 - Attendance will be taken daily and recorded on Infinite Campus every day school is in session.
 - Students' cameras must remain on during a virtual session. Students may blur their background, if needed.
- ❖ Remote learning is an extension of the classroom and therefore all students are expected to adhere to the district's approved 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct. This includes but is not limited to dress code, use of technology, HIB, sexting, and other inappropriate uses of technology, academic integrity, etc.

Extended Day Programs

In the event of district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days, the following extended day activities would continue remotely:

- ❖ C.A.S.P.E.R. (pending State funding)
- ❖ Extended Day programs (morning, afternoon and Saturday)
- ❖ High School Sports may continue, in person, depending on circumstances

Meal Distribution

In the event of a district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days, the JCPS is committed to ensuring that all eligible students up to age 18 are provided nutritious meals throughout the closure (providing circumstances permit).

- ❖ Meal distribution sites will be set up at convenient locations so parents can pick up breakfast and lunch within close proximity to their homes.
- ❖ Meal service will continue during remote instruction at identified sites. Families of eligible students may pick up breakfast and lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

M. S. #4 Conwell Middle School 107 Bright Street	P. S. #5 Michael Conti School 182 Merseles Street	M.S. #7 Franklin L. Williams School 222 Laidlaw Avenue
P. S. #11 Martin Luther King Jr. School 886 Bergen Avenue	P. S. #12 Julia A. Barnes School 91 Astor Place	P. S. #14 Ollie E. Culbreath Jr. School 153 Union Street
P. S. #15 Whitney M. Young Jr. School 135 Stegman Street	P. S. #17 James H. Brensinger School 600 Bergen Avenue	P. S. #20 Dr. Maya Angelou School 239 Ocean Avenue
P. S. #22 Rev. Dr. Ercel F. Webb School 264 Van Horne Street	P. S. #23 Mahatma K. Gandhi School 143 Romaine Avenue	P. S. #24 Chaplain Charles J. Watters School 220 Virginia Avenue
P. S. #25 Nicolaus Copernicus School 3385 Kennedy Blvd.	P. S. #27 Alfred E. Zampella School 201 North Street	P. S. #28 Christa McAuliffe School 167 Hancock Avenue
P. S. #34 Pres. Barack Obama School 1830 Kennedy Blvd.	P. S. #37 Rafael Cordero y Molina School 158 Erie Street	P. S. #38 James F. Murray School 339 Stegman Parkway
M. S. #40 Ezra L. Nolan School 88 Gates Avenue	P. S. #41 Martin Center for the Arts 59 Wilkinson Avenue	

Facilities

- ❖ The facilities department will schedule essential workers to report to school buildings in order to properly maintain them during the district closure.

Ongoing Communication

The Jersey City Public School District will be utilizing the StraxAR app to enhance communication with parents, guardians, and the community. This app will be available in various languages. In addition, the district will continue to utilize the following platforms for communication:

- ❖ **District Website**
 - Messages from Superintendent, Dr. Norma Fernandez
 - Latest updates
- ❖ **Individual School Websites**
 - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Blackboard Connect
 - Staff directories, email and Google contact information
 - Teachers' Google classrooms
 - COR Advantage (Pre-K)