



Cherry Hill

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WE Return to Learn Updates

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WE Return to Learn – The Basis of the Plan – District Mission Statement

WE shall provide all children with an education that develops open-minded thinkers with the strong academic and interpersonal skills to thrive **in an ever-changing world** and make it a better place for all.



WE Return to Learn – BOE Strategic Goals

Building upon our strong foundations of academic excellence, inclusion, voice, and cultural proficiency, we will:

Student Wellness

Create frameworks of learning and supports for all students to develop the skills needed for social and emotional wellness.

Purpose & Passion

Develop highly engaging learner-centered experiences within an environment that promotes voice, choice, and passion for learning.

Connecting Beyond Our Classrooms

Provide resources, opportunities, and experiences for our students to connect to the world beyond their classrooms and to become informed and empathetic agents of change in the world.



WE Return to Learn – The Journey Continues

- Information shared during these presentations is designed to:
 - be informative and reflective of the process of the RTL Committee
 - provide informational updates on where we are
 - communicate what the committee is discussing - multiple voices and perspectives

WE Return to Learn – Statewide Numbers

- Reported by Governor Murphy, during his news conference on May 10, 2021, for NJ's 1,353,477 students
 - public districts, charter schools, renaissance schools & schools for students with disabilities
 - 338 Districts are all in person
 - 393,784 students - 29.1%
 - 416 Districts are open in a hybrid model
 - 751,622 students - 55.5%
 - 13 Districts are all remote
 - 45,420 students - 3.4%
 - 44 Districts are using a combination across buildings
 - 162,651 students - 12.0%

WE Return to Learn – Current Student Percentages by Level

May 6, 2021	In Person	Remote	Grand Total
Elementary School Level	72.14%	27.86%	100.00%
Middle School Level	63.18%	36.82%	100.00%
High School Level	40.82%	59.18%	100.00%
Grand Total	59.59%	40.41%	100.00%
Change - <i>Between March 6 & April 6</i>	+1.97%	-1.97%	
Change - <i>Between April 6 & May 6</i>	+4.24%	-4.24%	
Change - <i>Between March 6 & May 6</i>	+6.23%	-6.23%	

WE Return to Learn – On the road?

- Return To Learn Committees
 - All RTL Committees met on Friday, April 30th
 - 7:30 HS
 - 8:15 ES
 - 2:30 MS
 - Summative meeting of the committees is being scheduled
 - Transition full committee focus to 2021-2022 academic year

WE Return to Learn – April 30th Committee Meetings

Discussion points for the meetings:

- Returning to a 5 day per week in person model vs the current 4 day per week in person model
- Returning students with IEPs and 504 Plans

WE Return to Learn – April 30th Committee Meetings

Themes across all levels

- If there is a return to in person Mondays, return all students instead of targeted groups
- Monday is the day teachers are able to serve students together as a learning community, all students receive instruction in the same manner
- Consider impact on CST/504 meetings, ACCESS Testing & related service offerings if Monday transitions to in person
- Consider impact on all students - what is provided for all students
- Many students and families are satisfied with the current schedule

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Mondays

- Transitioning the 4 day hybrid model to a 5 day hybrid model.
- This change will go into effect on **Monday, May 17, 2021**.
- This will provide the opportunity for in person instruction on four Mondays – May 17th, May 24th, June 7th, June 14th.

This determination has been made holistically, with caution and with the health and safety of our students and staff as the primary focus.

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The decision to make the change is based upon:

- Feedback from the Board of Education at Board and Committee meetings
 - Including the April 27, 2021 Board discussion
 - Including the May 3, 2021 C&I Committee discussion
- Feedback from the various Town Hall Meetings
- Feedback from the various ThoughtExchanges
- Tracking and monitoring of the COVID Activity Level Index (CALI) Score that is disseminated by the state each week
 - As of last week, Camden County, the Southwest Region of New Jersey, and the entire state of New Jersey, are now identified in the “Yellow/Moderate” zone
- Feedback and input from the three WE Return to Learn grade level committees
- Discussion and consultation with Superintendent’s Council
- Discussion and consultation with CHEA leadership and CHASA leadership

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Probable impacts that are currently be worked on and addressed by District staff:

- Teacher coverage for IEP meetings that are scheduled on Mondays
- Change in schedule for students, staff members, families
- Scheduled ACCESS Testing and DLM Testing
 - These run through June 11, 2021
- Delivery of related services (Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy/Speech)
- Lesson planning for engaging the 40% of students who remain on remote instruction
 - This schedule will negate all students being instructed on the same platform at the same time
 - Will require all staff to be masked during instruction
- Coverage for staff absences

WE Return to Learn – Planning for Summer 2021

- Summer Remediation & Acceleration Program
 - Plans are being finalized through the Curriculum & Instruction Office
 - The program will be implemented at Elementary, Middle, and High School levels
 - Options to remediate skills and to accelerate learning
 - Credit recovery will be available for High School students
- In person and virtual instruction options will be available for students
- Tuesday, July 6th - Thursday, August 12th
 - Specific times and program dates are forthcoming

WE Return to Learn – Planning for September 2021

- Presentation to the Board of Education on June 8, 2021 of the structure of the 2021-2022 daily schedule - specific by
- In person Option September 2021
 - Full day, in person 5 days of instruction
 - Including breakfast & lunch served at school
 - HS - 7:30am - 2:30pm, MS - 8:00am - 3:00pm, ES - 9:00am - 3:30pm
- Remote Option September 2021
 - 5 full days of instruction - separate from in person cohort
 - Remote - virtual platform
 - Designated teachers - as available depending on subject/grade level
 - Classes will be comprised of students from multiple schools
 - Pending approval from NJDOE

WE Return to Learn – Planning for the Future

- Remote Option September 2021 *(Pending NJDOE approval)*
 - Elementary Students - Grouped by grade in which enrolled
 - Middle School - Grouped by grade and subject
 - High School - Grouped by course



Questions
Feedback
Discussion