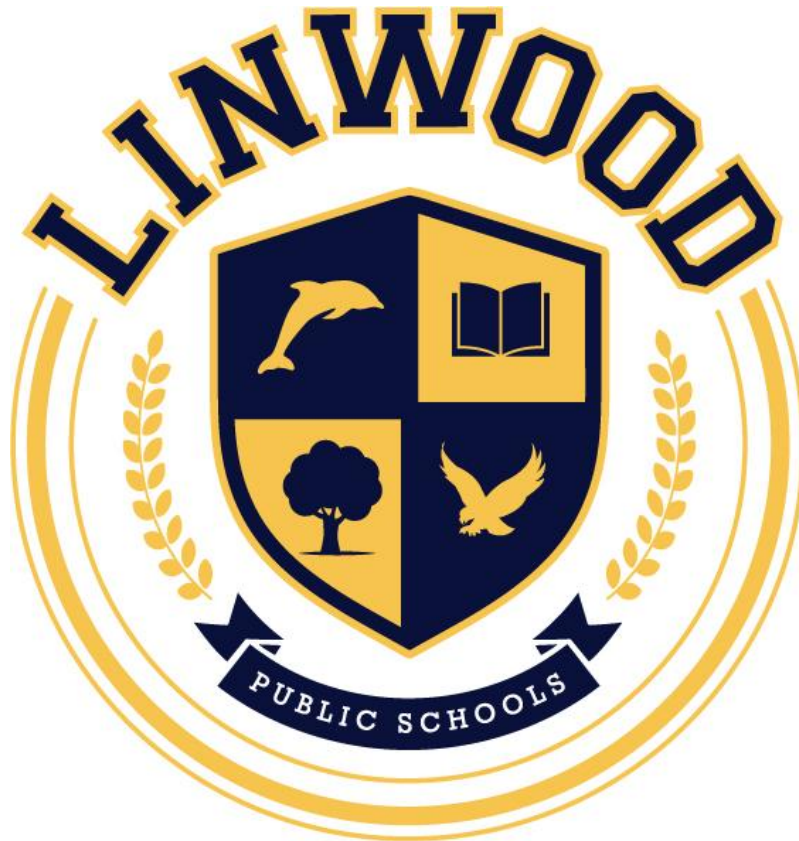


Linwood Public Schools



Emergency Virtual & Remote Instruction Plan

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Belhaven Middle School
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Virtual & Remote Instruction Plan Overview

In April 2020, Governor Murphy signed A-3904 into law (P.L.2020, c.27, or “Chapter 27”), which in part requires each school district, charter school, renaissance school project, and Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities, hereinafter referred to as Local Educational Agencies (LEA), to annually submit a proposed program for emergency virtual or remote instruction (Plan) to the New Jersey Department of Education (Department). This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public health-related district closure by permitting LEAs to 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 district closure lasting more than three consecutive school 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.

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Communication of Virtual & Remote Instruction

A clearinghouse of information will be available on the school website. All information disseminated by the Superintendent and building Principals will be available on this clearinghouse. The district will also utilize School Messenger to communicate with families regarding the virtual and remote instruction and to provide updates throughout the period of building closure.

Attendance During Virtual & Remote Instruction

Seaview Elementary School & Belhaven Middle School- Students will be required to attend all scheduled Google Meets for live instruction. Students must turn on cameras at the beginning and end of each session and participate throughout. Attendance will be taken in a manner reflective of in-person procedures. District procedures for communication of attendance with families will remain in place. Initial attendance calls will be made by the building secretary. Teachers and building administration will contact families in the event of missing assignments or prolonged absences.

Meal Distribution Programs & Transportation

The Linwood School District coordinates its meal distribution with Mainland Regional High School. The protocols/procedures will be provided through MRHS. Parents/Guardians will receive a notice from the Linwood Schools (or through Mainland Regional High School) as to the specific details for these services in the event of closure. Mainland Regional High School, in coordination with the food service vendor, will provide an identified time and location for these families to pick-up a bagged breakfast/lunch on days of school closure related to pandemic events. Prepackaged breakfasts and lunches for multiple days may be provided at the same time to minimize travel to and from the school for families. Other options for food service may be needed including delivery to households. Our staff will be notified of these practices, and the District will coordinate with MRHS for any updates/changes.

Transportation services are coordinated with MRHS and notification of updates/changes will occur as they become available.

Curriculum and Instruction

The virtual curriculum will align with the LPS curriculum for all content areas, and grade level standards will continue to be covered in the virtual learning environments. Communication between the staff will be ongoing while making the most effective use of classroom time.

Teachers will continue with the regular course of instruction, moving to a digital instruction model for the length of the emergency closure. Students will continue to have access to live instruction with time available for additional interventions and assistance as needed. Assignments, assessments, and grading will continue as usual with assignments posted in Google Classrooms and grades reflected in OnCourse.

For students and staff needing social-emotional support during the time of closure, guidance counselors, Child Study Team, and Resiliency Team members will be available virtually through scheduled meetings.

Supports for Special Education or Students with a 504 Plan

Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and New Jersey State special education regulations, students with disabilities are entitled to special education and related services. Consistent with guidance from the United States Department of Education, districts must continue to meet their obligations to students with disabilities to the greatest extent possible. IEP teams will review individual student data to make an individualized determination of the need for additional services to address learning loss during the closure as necessary. IEP meetings and evaluations will take place virtually utilizing the same timeline as in-person procedures.

Accommodations will be provided for students virtually on a case by case basis. Students who receive accommodations in person will be provided those accommodations virtually to the extent possible. Related services will be provided and families of those students will be contacted regarding those procedures.

Please reach out to your child's case manager with any questions you have during this time.

Supports for English Language Learners

Programming for English Language Services (ELS) will be conducted via Google Meet and Google Classroom to deliver live instruction that mirrors in-person learning to the greatest extent possible. Opportunities for additional assistance with classroom teachers are available daily. Google Translate is offered for all district families, staff and students for document translation as needed. ELS teachers will provide translation for families as necessary and assist staff in differentiation of materials and instruction. All district staff have received training in culturally responsive teaching, resiliency, social-emotional learning, and trauma-informed practices.

Roles of Students and Families

Student Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Virtual Instruction:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Check Google Classroom(s) for meeting links and assignments○ Attend all meetings as scheduled○ Be prepared to learn and interact with teachers and classmates● Complete, review, and turn in your assignments by the due date● Communicate with your teachers and ask clarifying questions if you need support● Be respectful of yourself, teachers, and peers
Parent/Guardian/ Caregiver Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Virtual Instruction:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ensure your child has working technology and internet○ Monitor your child's adherence to the virtual schedule and attendance policy○ Help your child login and attend virtual meetings with his/her teacher if necessary○ Provide a quiet place to work with minimal distractions● Talk with and support your child with their work as needed● Allow your child to work independently on assessments and projects● Assist your child with communicating with his/her teacher if necessary● Communicate with teacher/district regarding any technology concerns

Instructional Schedule & Delivery

The minimum hours of instruction for a virtual or remote day is four hours excluding lunch and recess. Therefore, the Virtual & Remote Instruction Plan will follow the structure of the school half-day schedules with time scheduled for interventions, enrichment, and additional assistance after the conclusion of the class periods. Students will login to Google Meets with their teachers during the scheduled class period for live instruction. The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Linwood Public School District.

Attendance will be recorded, assessments will be administered virtually as needed, and grades will be awarded which will count toward the child's cumulative average. Extra-curricular programming will continue to the extent that it can be delivered virtually.

Sample Belhaven Schedule for Virtual & Remote Instruction

Live Instruction: 8:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Intervention, Enrichment & Remote Work: 12:45 PM - 2:45 PM

5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Homeroom 8:20-8:27	Homeroom 8:20-8:27	Homeroom 8:20-8:27	Homeroom 8:20-8:27
8:29 – 8:58 (1)	8:29 – 8:58 (1)	8:29 – 8:58 (1)	8:29 – 9:14 PE/Related Arts
8:58 – 9:28 (2)	8:58 – 9:28 (2)	8:58 – 9:28 (2)	9:16– 9:45 (2)
9:28 – 9:58 (3)	9:28 – 9:58 (3)	9:28 – 10:13 PE/Related Arts	9:45 – 10:14 (3)
9:58 – 10:28 (6)	9:58 – 10:28 (4)	10:13 – 10:43 (4)	10:14 – 10:43 (4)
10:30 – 11:00 Lunch	10:28 – 11:13 PE/Related Arts	10:43 – 11:13 (5)	10:43 – 11:12 (5)
11:00 – 11:30 (7)	11:14 – 11:44 (8)	11:13 – 11:43 (8)	11:14 – 11:44 Lunch
11:30 – 12:00 (8)	11:45 -12:15 Lunch	11:43 – 12:13 (9)	11:46 – 12:15 (8)
12:00– 12:45 PE/Related Arts	12:15 – 12:45 (9)	12:15 – 12:45 Lunch	12:15 – 12:45 (9)
All Grade Levels: 12:45-2:45 Small Group Check-In with teachers as needed and requested Students: time to work on project-based learning activities, assignments, and skills practice			

*Schedule subject to change.

Sample Seaview Schedule for Virtual & Remote Instruction
Live Instruction: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Intervention, Enrichment & Remote Work: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Pre K	ED K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
AM Pre K	AM ED Class time	AM K Class time	Morning Meeting 8:30-9:00	Morning Meeting 8:30-9:00	Math 8:30-9:30	Morning Meeting 8:30-9:00
			Reading Groups 9:00-9:45	ELA 9:00-9:45		Related Arts 9:00-9:30
			ELA 9:45-10:30	Reading Groups 9:45-10:30	Related Arts 9:30-10:00	Math 9:30-10:30
	AM ED Lunch	AM K Related Arts	Morning Meeting 10:00-10:30			
	AM ED Recess		Lunch 10:30-10:50	Recess 10:30-10:55	ELA 10:30-11:30	ELA 10:30-11:30
	PM ED Lunch		Recess 10:50-11:15	Lunch 10:55-11:15		
PM PreK	PM ED Lunch	PM K Class time	Math 11:15-12:00	Math 11:15-12:00	Lunch 11:30-11:50 Recess 11:50-12:15	Recess 11:30-11:55 Lunch 11:55-12:15
	PM ED Class time	PM K Related Arts				
		PM K Class time	SS/Sci 12:00-12:30	Related Arts 12:00-12:30		
			Related Arts 12:30-1:00	SS/Sci 12:30-1:00	SS/Sci/WIN 12:15-1:00	SS/Sci/WIN 12:15-1:00
	Grades PreK-K: 1:00-3:00 Remote exploration and discovery learning			Grades 1-4: 1:00-3:00 Small Group Check-In with teachers as needed and requested Students: time to work on project-based learning activities, assignments, and skills practice		

***Schedule subject to change.**

Technology

The Learning Management System (LMS) Linwood Public Schools will utilize for all programs will be the Google platform and Google Classroom. Our students and teachers are familiar with this LMS, as they used this platform during our school closure in the 2019-2020 school year and during hybrid learning in the 2020-2021 school year. This system promotes flexibility and supports virtual and remote instruction. It also opens lines of communication between parents, students, and teachers.

A needs assessment was sent out to the staff and community to gather data to inform the district of the technological needs for digital equity. This includes, but is not limited to connectivity, device availability, and assistive technologies for remote learning. Based on the feedback from the survey the Linwood School District has implemented the following plans:

- A one-to-one device program which assigned Chromebooks to all students for use both at home and in school.
- Mobile hotspots distributed to students that have no or limited Internet connectivity.
- A district identified “toolkit” listing district approved online platforms and tools for students and staff to utilize during in-person and remote instruction. This toolkit takes into account the needs of our population with learning disabilities and language barriers. It also informs our professional development planning for all stakeholders.

The district Acceptable Use Policy will be enforced as usual and new technologies and policies will be utilized for the following areas:

- Students and parents will be required to sign a device take home policy which addresses expectations of device care, security, privacy, and safe and appropriate use of school owned devices at home.
- Web filtering will be deployed to all student devices to block harmful websites both at school and at home.
- Incidents which break the district’s Acceptable Use or Device Take Home Policies will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the buildings administration in conjunction with the Supervisor of Technology.

Facilities & Essential Employees

School buildings will be maintained by the district maintenance and custodial staff in the event of an extended closure. Facilities protocols will remain in place as outlined on the District’s Safe Return Plan.

Essential employees have been identified by the District. A list of identified employees will be provided to the county office in the event of the LEA’s transition to remote or virtual instruction.