

WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REMOTE INSTRUCTION 2021-2022

What is remote instruction?

According to the New Jersey Department of Education's [*The Road Forward: Health and Safety Guidance 2021-2022 School Year*](#), "Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should be prepared to offer virtual or remote instruction to those students in a manner commensurate with in-person instruction to the extent possible."

After consultation with our District Planning Team, the West Essex Regional School District's Remote Instruction plan includes:

- Asynchronous learning with a classroom teacher
- Use of certified teachers for structured support during the day in the 4 core subject areas (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies)
- Continued access to Google Classroom
- Continued access to classroom teachers before/after school
- Excused absence (medical) from in-person attendance
- Independent bell schedule for remote learning
- Remote attendance records

Who qualifies for remote instruction?

Only students with COVID-19 related incidents may utilize remote instruction. This includes school-related exposure, outside exposure, close contacts as per the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, or a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. Students that are quarantined because of travel restrictions do not qualify for remote instruction. Students who are symptomatic, but not considered a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case, will be eligible for remote instruction only if they test positive.

How is my child's attendance recorded?

Students who qualify for remote instruction will have their official in-person attendance recorded as "medically excused." To access the remote instruction, students must sign into a Zoom meeting for each scheduled class. Remote instructors will take attendance. If your child is too sick to log in or participate in the Zoom meeting, please email the remote instructors and the school nurse (HS Nurse: [Karen Kinsey](#), MS Nurse: [Rachel Hall](#))

When does remote instruction begin?

After a phone conversation with a parent or guardian, the school nurse will send an email confirmation of the remote instruction process. This email will also include specific instructions, including Zoom links. Students may begin utilizing the Zoom links on the *next school day*. Students who are symptomatic, but not considered a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case, will be eligible for remote instruction only if they test positive.

What activities will my child complete during remote instruction?

Each day, students are responsible for obtaining a list of assignments from each of their teachers' Google Classroom pages. Remote instructors will answer questions, provide structured support, and guide students as they complete their assignments. Students should remain in contact with their classroom teachers throughout the duration of the quarantine and request extra help from their classroom teachers if needed.

What is the remote bell schedule for students?

The class schedule for each building is outlined below. The bell schedule for remote instruction is the same each day for both the MS and HS.

<u>Time</u>	<u>High School Schedule (by Subject & Grade Level)</u>
8:45 -9:40am	Math - grades 9, 10 English - grades 11, 12
9:45 - 10:40am	Science - grades 9, 10 Math - - grades 11, 12
10:40 - 11:35am	English - grades 9, 10 Science - grades 11, 12
11:40 - 12:35pm	Additional Math or Science support - all grades
12:40 - 1:35pm	Social Studies - all grades

<u>Time</u>	<u>Middle School Schedule</u>
8:45 -9:40am	Science
9:45 - 10:40am	English/Reading
10:40 - 11:35am	Math
11:40 - 12:35pm	Social Studies
12:40 - 1:35pm	Guidance - by appointment only. 7th grade - Mrs. Crescibene-Davis (ccrescibene@westex.org) 8th grade - Mrs. Lombardozzi (mlombardozzi@westex.org)

How does my child access the Zoom classes?

Before students can open the Zoom links sent to them by the school nurse, they must FIRST access the Zoom program on their Chromebook. On Zoom's login screen, students must "sign in with Google." Students with access to multiple Google accounts must be sure to select their westex.org account. Once they are signed into Zoom, THEN they can click on the Zoom links to join the meetings.

Students who are still unable to access the Zoom meeting should email the remote instructor who may be able to help. If the problem continues, please complete this [Tech Support Form](#) so that our tech team can help you resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Who is the best person to contact for assistance?

Parents may contact the school nurse with questions regarding their child's medical status, including vaccinations, quarantine start/end dates, or COVID-19 protocols. Students should direct any specific academic questions to their classroom teachers. For assistance with technology issues during remote instruction, please complete this [Tech Support Form](#).