



Orange Township Public Schools
CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL
"Making the Impossible POSSIBLE!"
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Dear Cleveland Street Families,

We are excited about kicking off the start of the 2020-2021 school year at Cleveland Street School. As partners, we are dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Based on parent, staff and community surveys, and in complete alignment with Governor Murphy’s Executive Orders and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the District will be moving forward with “Plan B” as outlined in the Reopening of School Guidelines. A complete copy of the Reopening of School Guidelines can be found on the district’s homepage <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us> under the **“District News and Information”** Heading. Please be reminded that students are to log on for their first day of virtual synchronous and asynchronous learning on Tuesday September 8, 2020. This school year will have some challenges, but it will also be filled with opportunities to expand your child’s intellectual experiences and Social Emotional Development.

“PLAN B”
 The Orange Public Schools
School Reopening Guidelines
At a Glance

(Full details of reentry begin on page 29 of this plan)

Full Remote OR **Hybrid**

Decelerated Reentry

Provides 100% online instruction taught by Orange teachers

Phase 1: 100% Virtual Phase 2: Remote Synchronous Phase 3: Soft Launch Phase 4: Full Reentry

Families can choose from two pathways, (A) full remote learning that allows a family to opt into a fully online curriculum or (B) a hybrid of in-person and remote learning.
 Note: Parents must register for the Full Remote option at www.orange.k12.nj.us.

Full Remote	Hybrid
Within this model, students engage in virtual instruction as guided by their teacher(s). Students, from home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Log into the weekly synchronous lessons led by their teachers ✓ Routinely check appropriate Google Classrooms and emails for information on courses, assignments, and other resources, on a daily basis ✓ Attend and participate in any check-in times offered by their teachers ✓ Engage in the virtual platforms with academic honesty, integrity, and according to the district’s Acceptable Use Policy ✓ Submit all assignments in accordance with provided protocols, timelines and/or due dates 	Phase 1: 100% Virtual Learning September 8 – October 2 (4 weeks) All teaching/learning is done virtually Phase 2: Remote Synchronous October 5 – November 25 (7 weeks) Teachers only are onsite 2 days per week providing virtual instruction; support staff (guidance, CST, social workers, attendance officers), nurses, TC’s, secretaries are onsite 4 days per week. Phase 3: Soft Launch November 30 – December 23 (3.5 weeks) For all pre-identified students (SwD’s, ELLs, Tier III, etc.) Phase 4: Full Reentry January 4, 2021 – end of year (Remainder of the year) All students-on-site with staggered schedules

The most important impact that we can have on our students and staff during the pandemic is on their health, safety, and well-being. Protocols and guidelines have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of the district’s students and staff.

“Plan B” Overview

Phase 1

9/8/20 – 10/2/20

-All instruction takes place virtually

Phase 2

10/5/20 – 11/25/20

-All students will participate in live virtual remote synchronous instruction.
 -Teachers report onsite for 2 days per week to provide virtual synchronous instruction within their designated grade levels and content areas

Phase 3 – (Soft Launch)

11/30/20 – 12/23/20

-In school and in person instruction. The plan has prioritized face-to-face services for Group 1 students; who were most impacted by the loss of in-person services, including (Students with Disabilities, 504s, English Language Learners and Students needing Tier 3 Supports)

Phase 4 – (Full Reentry)

1/4/21 – 6/24/21

-All students will receive in-school/in-person instruction

It is important to note that families do have the option for full remote learning for the 2020/2021 School Year

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS AND SELF-CARE

Social Emotional Supports during this time is critical to the landscape of the distance learning plan.

- The following information for additional supports outside of the school through our social media handles as well as website and staff communication to families: Mental Health Resources-To access mental health services contact Performcare at 1-877-652-7624. Website is <https://www.performcare.org/>
- To get immediate assistance with an emergent mental health crisis: Contact 911 or go to your nearest hospital. The listed hospitals scripted were as follows: Mountainside Hospital, East Orange General Hospital, and Clara Maass Medical Center.

Information to speak with a counselor 24 hours a day; information below can assist accordingly:

- Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
- NJ Hope Line: 1-855-654-6735
- 2nd Floor Teen Helpline: 1-888-222-2228

For school-based supports you can reach out to our school nurse Denise Scott at scottden@orange.k12.nj.us and/or our school counselor Darryl Smith at smithdar@orange.k12.nj.us.

The following links have been given to staff during this pandemic for support for families and students as well as self-care for the staff (Articles and Workshops):

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-care-in-overwhelming-times-registration-101723668230>
- <https://mhccnetwork.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Taking%20Care%20of%20Yourself%20During%20a%20Public%20Health%20Emergency.pdf>
- <https://cc-bc.com/rental-counseling?fbclid=IwAR1-DMKzAz1WPMwzLomL1MPmRWU4yQqh3a24D53kjpYn2jDahnPvYTtMLH0>
- <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/talking-about-men/202003/improving-student-mental-health-during-the-covid-19-crisis>

Self-Care The following were tips for students that we posted and provided to families:

- Keep a schedule-wake up at the same time everyday
- Have meals at the same time everyday
- Share kindness with friends on social media platforms; continue interactions as this time can be deemed as lonely
- Relax: Listen to music, write poetry, draw, read, talk to friends and family

Directory to Contact School Guidance Counselors & Social Workers (Social Emotional Supports/Trauma), Nurses (Medical), and Child Study Team Members (Special Services):

- <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/24120>
- We provided this scaffold to families in the effort of providing additional supports through this time.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

The Orange Township Public School District Meal Program will continue this school year at designated locations. Families may go to the most convenient location to obtain breakfast and lunch for their children. The Meal Program will operate from September 8, 2020 – June 24, 2021, Monday – Friday, from 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Pickup locations are as follows; OECC located at 397 Park Avenue, Forest Street School, located 651 Forest Street, Heywood Avenue School, located at 421 Heywood Avenue, Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue, Oakwood Avenue School, located at 135 Oakwood Avenue, Park Avenue School, located at 231 Park Avenue and Rosa Parks Community School, located at 369 Main Street.

CHROMEBOOKS KIOSKS AND INTERNET CONDUCTIVITY

Like last year the school district will be maintaining a series of Chromebook kiosks. This will allow families the opportunity to return and exchange non-working Chromebooks for a working one, with the least amount of instructional loss to students. Dates, times and locations of the Chromebook Kiosks will be forthcoming. Families having challenges obtaining internet access should visit the district website <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us> for information on how to obtain no-cost internet access from Comcast and local wifi hot stops throughout the city..

STUDENT ABSENCES, ATTENDANCE AND ATTIRE

Parents are responsible for reporting student absences to our school Secretary Mrs. Davis via email at davissim@orange.k12.nj.us. District policy states that students must be present for 163 or more school days a year, in order to successfully complete the instructional program requirements of the grade and or course to which they are assigned. Students must logon daily and engage in all scheduled synchronous and asynchronous learning activities for that day in order to be marked present. During the virtual synchronous instruction, students are expected to be on time for classes. This is real time and in the moment instruction. Students failing to do so will be marked absent for that day. **Students are reminded that this is still school, but in the virtual sense. They are expected to wear appropriate attire for length of the instructional day .**

FORMS

On the first day of school students/families will receive several forms which we need to be completed and returned via Class Dojo. They will include but are not limited to the emergency contact forms and lunch forms. Please review, complete and return all forms no later than Friday September 11, 2020. It is important that these forms are completed and returned as quickly as possible, so we may begin having active communication with you throughout the upcoming school year.

Families will receive information during our Virtual Back to School Night, which will be held on Thursday September 17, 2020 from 6 PM – 8PM. The meetings will take place as follows; 6 PM – 7PM, English with Spanish translation available and from 7 PM – 8 PM, English with Creole translation available. Additional information can be found in our 2020/2021 Parent/Student Handbook. For your convenience we have attached a copy of the school supply list by grade level and content area. A copy can also be found on our school website. With your continued support I'm certain that this will be a happy, healthy, and outstandingly productive school year.

Educationally yours,

Robert Pettit

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