



Programs for Exceptional Students Department

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# Remote Learning Information for Parents

A quick reference guide for virtual learning from our reopening plan.



All reopening plans developed by school districts and BOCES across the state are required to include information regarding how virtual learning will be accomplished. Although the Programs for Exceptional Students Department is working hard to ensure that all of our students can attend in-person instruction daily, health and safety requirements may mean that there are times when your child may be participating in virtual instruction.

Our reopening plan can be found on our website at [www.boces.com](http://www.boces.com) and includes specific information regarding remote instruction. We are providing these highlights for your convenience.

- If your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), their teacher will be discussing with you as to how best to implement that IEP in a virtual classroom. This discussion will

include other related services that your child may receive, including but not limited to speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling.

- All students participating in remote instruction are required to receive daily meaningful contact from the school team. Your child's learning team will collaborate with you to develop a schedule that includes daily instructional and supportive services throughout the school week.
- We understand that not all families have the resources necessary to connect with schools remotely. We will be reaching out to you to discuss any technology or connectivity concerns or needs that your household may have. We will work with you to develop solutions to those concerns so that your child can regularly participate in their virtual learning activities.
- It is important that your child is regularly attending their scheduled lessons and services throughout the virtual school day/week. Educators will be tracking student attendance, participation and performance carefully, so if there are unexpected scheduling issues that come up, please contact your child's teacher or therapist(s) so that we can review the schedule and make changes if necessary. Virtual learning presence is about student engagement therefore, it is important that your child be in attendance as well as participate in virtual activities planned by the teacher or therapist.
- Even though your child may not be attending in-person instruction, we will include health and safety instruction in our lessons in the hope that all students may be able to return to school in the near future. Other resources will be offered to parents through our website to assist with virtual learning and will include social/emotional/behavioral supports for use at home.
- When virtual learning begins in September, teachers and service providers will be using approved learning management software that will create more opportunities for your child to be actively engaged in the learning process. In reviewing various software products, the PES Department will select the products for their ease of use. Once a product is selected, we will reach out to you to review the program with you so you are aware of how to support your child in their online learning. All virtual learning tools will be reviewed to ensure internet safety and privacy for your child.

If you have any questions after reviewing this plan, we invite you to visit our full plan on the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES website, <https://www.boces.com/o/boces/browse/154791> or contact our office at 315-779-7100.