Parent and Student Guide
Classroom Instruction 2020-21

East Windsor Regional School District
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Message to our Parents

As a school community, working together to meet the educational needs of our students is paramount. All classes will be given via **live instruction** from your child’s teachers.

This guide is a resource to facilitate success during this unprecedented time in education, supporting a smooth reopening of schools and precursor for remote learning and virtual classroom expectations.

Please reach out to your child’s teachers, counselors, or administrators for additional assistance or clarification.
Creating a Learning Space

- Create a designated student workspace at home.
- Organize this area to minimize distractions.
- Add items to the area like pencils, calculator & paper.
- Students should feel comfortable and have a sense of ownership of their learning space.
What resources does the school provide for each student?

- **Chromebooks** (Grade 3-12) device to complete work digitally
- **Chromebooks/iPads** (PK - 2).
- **Google Classroom** (3-12) / SeeSaw (Pk - 2) platform via internet for teacher communication and to access class resources and assignments.
- **Zoom /Google Meet** via internet for video instruction.
- **Student Email** and **Grade Portal** Accounts *(Grades 6-12)*
- **Portable wi-fi “if needed” for home** - contact the grade level/main office.
- **Interactive online instructional software/resources** to maximize learning.
Teacher/student interaction will be enhanced during remote learning. Click the links below to learn how to use the following resources.

- [Google Classroom](#) (3-12)
- [SeeSaw](#) (Pk -2)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Google Meet](#)
- [Student Email (grades 6-12)](#)
- [Grade Portal Accounts (also includes teacher email links)](#)
Your Child’s Schedule

Links:

Elementary PK-2
PreK Parent Presentation
PreK Spanish Parent Presentation
Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Schedules

Elementary 3-5
3 - 5 Parent Presentation
3 - 5 Spanish Parent Presentation

Middle School 6-8
Middle School Remote Schedule
High School 9-12
Your Child’s Instructional Schedule

- Students need to attend all sessions during “live” instruction unless sick
- Teacher absence - how you will be notified
- Breakfast and lunch options
- Consistency of students’ schedules will instill a sense of predictability and comfort.
- Remind your child(ren) that their teachers care and that working hard is recognized and will support student growth.
Student Attendance

- Students are required to attend all class sessions.

- We will be taking attendance during this school year, as we would in a typical year. Failure to be present in the remote setting and being visible on the screen via Google Meet/Zoom will count toward a student’s absence. If a student needs to be absent, a parent should use the grade portal absence system.

- According to school district policy, students who miss 10 days in semester classes or 19 days in full year classes may lose credit and need to repeat the course or grade next school year - see district policy.
Grading/Assessment

- All schools will return to traditional grading during the 2020-2021 school year.

- Classwork, participation, homework, tests, quizzes, and other assessments will be graded and added to the grade portal.
  
  To promote engagement, participation points may include:
  
  *Written:* Discussion threads, chats, documents, electronic responses
  *Verbal:* teacher/peer discussions, collaboration, posing questions and sharing responses
  *Small group breakout rooms and independent practice*

- Parents and students are encouraged to view the grade portal regularly to check student progress.

- Families should familiarize themselves with the make-up policy in the handbook and extensions based on teacher discretion.
Teacher/Student Learning Agreement

- Be present and ensure your face is visible on camera everyday.
- Students must use assigned district device during class time which allows teachers’ view of screen.
- On time for all classes
- Actively participate online.
- Be respectful and utilize technology responsibly.
- Contact teacher if there are concerns.
- No judgements.
- Minimize distractions.
- Remember self-care and have fun!
Teacher/Student Learning Agreement

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- Students should conduct themselves in the same way they would in-person: attentive; respectful; & active during learning activities.
- Microphones should be muted to minimize distractions. When the teacher requires participation, he/she will ask to unmute.
- All assignments must be completed and submitted on time.
- If a student needs to step away from his / her computer (bathroom, drink, etc.) during a “live” session with the teacher, he/she will notify teacher via private chat or agreed upon signal.
- Participation points are essential for grading (see slide 10).
- Remember self-care and have fun!
Checking-in often with your child and monitoring progress

**In the morning, you might ask:**

- What classes/subject do you have today?
- Do you have any assessments?
- Let’s review your grade portal together.

**At the end of the day you might ask:**

- How far did you get in your learning assignments today?
- What did you discover? What was hard?
- What could we do to make tomorrow better? Ask for help?
Checking-in often with your child and monitoring progress

- Monitor assignments/due dates on your child’s Google Classroom/Calendar or other learning platform with the invite provided by the teacher.

- If your child is falling behind or struggling, make sure to keep open lines of communication with teachers, counselors, and your assistant principal. Empower your child and let them know they are supported.

- Request a virtual meeting with your child’s teacher/counselor/AP
Reaching out to your child’s school for support
We are here to answer your questions and provide resources.

- For general information, contact the main office or grade level office of your child’s school.
- Teacher contact emails are listed in the grade portal for easy access.
- Counselor and administrator emails and other contact numbers are located on each school’s website.
- Expect that emails and phone calls will be returned within 24 hours.
- See EWRSD Resource Guide and Wellness Newsletters
School Contacts

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EMK link

WCB School Contact Link

GNR School Contact Link

PLD Link

Middle School Contact Link

High School Contact Link
Heroes at Home

Your encouragement and support help us meet the educational needs of your children.

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WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER
WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER