



## **WATCHUNG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for 2021-22 School Year**

## Overview

Watchung Borough School District's Chapter 27 emergency virtual or remote instruction programs are designed to respond to a health emergency that would require the closing of the school buildings. The district is prepared to provide virtual or remote instructional programs to all students enrolled at Bayberry Elementary and Valley View Middle Schools.

The plan consists of two state-required components. The first component is the general structure and design of the virtual learning program. The second component includes district information on technology and meal access.

Each school has designed a virtual plan that is focused on advancing learning through a balance between academic instruction and social and emotional support. Our objective is to continue instruction while ensuring student well-being during a school closure. The plans share a framework and are substantially similar in design, but nuances exist based on grade-level appropriate strategies.

It is anticipated that additional or revised considerations may need to be included in this plan during a school closure.

Pursuant to PL 2020, c.27, this plan was approved by the Board of Education on October 14, 2021, and submitted to the Commissioner of Education through the Executive County Superintendent. The plan has been posted on the [district website's COVID-19 dashboard](#).

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## Component One: Instructional Schedule and Resources

The emergency virtual instructional plan includes full-day programs that follow the current in-person schedule. The district will continue to follow the current board-approved calendar, which has early dismissal days scheduled during the year. On those days, the instructional day will exceed the minimum four-hour requirement, excluding lunch and recess.

### Current Full-Day Schedules

Bayberry Elementary School  
8:45 am - 3:25 pm

Valley View Middle School  
8:15 am - 2:55 pm

The online program will be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Teachers will use large- and small-group instructional strategies and individual support throughout the day. Attendance will be taken in accordance with DOE regulations.

The central platforms for instruction and assessment will continue to be Google Classroom, Google Meet, and GoGuardian. Teachers will continue to use i-Ready for assessment and differentiation of instruction.

In addition to the Google Suite (Google docs, slides, classroom, forms, sheets), the following online tools will continue to be available as resources:

- [Quizlet](#)
- [Kahoot](#)
- [Achieve3000](#)
- [SmartyAnts](#)
- [GoMath - Think Central](#)
- [Mathseeds: Home](#)
- [RazKids](#)
- [Reading AtoZ](#)
- [Newsela](#)
- [Mystery Science](#)

- [GoNoodle](#)
- [Class DOJO](#)
- [Story Board](#)
- [BrainPop](#)
- [Edmodo](#)
- [Symbaloo](#)
- [SchoolTube](#)
- [Edpuzzle](#)
- [TED-ed](#)
- [Socrative](#)

All special education, related services, and ESL programs will continue virtually, to the greatest extent practicable, through Google Meets, Zoom, or other online platforms.

Grading and assessments will continue and be recorded in Genesis.

## **Component Two: State-Required Information**

### **Access to Broadband, WiFi, and Technology Devices**

The school district will make arrangements to provide Internet access for any families who indicate that they do not have sufficient broadband and Wifi service, which will allow participation in emergency virtual instruction. Our district employs a 1:1 program with chromebooks for grades 2-8. K-1 students are provided district iPads. Our technology department will work with the administration to ensure that families' needs, including the repair of chromebooks and iPads, are addressed.

### **Meal Service**

The school district does not participate in the federal school lunch program. Nonetheless, our nurse will communicate with our families who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program to determine whether any assistance is needed. Should the need for access to meals arise for any families, the district will facilitate the delivery of meals through either our PTO or our regional high school.

### **Website Address where Plan is Posted**

<http://www.watchungschools.com/watchung/News%20%26%20Events/COVID-19%20Dashboard/>

### **Date of Approval by Board of Education**

October 14, 2021