

August 17, 2020



Laurel Springs School: (856) 783-1086
Summer Hours: 8:30am – 2:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday

LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Message: Thomas F. Attanasi

Dear Laurel Springs Families,

We are looking forward to the opening of school on September 8 and greeting our students in both the Hybrid and Full Remote Platforms of Learning. Administration, teachers, and staff alike have worked extremely hard making sure our learning platforms are substantive, accessible, challenging, and meaningful while focused on the social emotional wellbeing of our students.

With this pandemic, reliable plans are difficult to develop as each day brings us a host of new statistics, revised guidance and conflicting medical opinions. Needless to say, this summer has been extremely challenging, exhausting, and frustrating at times. However, here is what we know:

Here is what we know about our Learning Platforms

1. A school day, ***whether in-person or remote must consist of at least four (4) hours of active instruction*** to students by an appropriately certified teacher, except that one continuous session of two and one-half hours may be considered a full day in kindergarten, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3.
2. Currently, we have approximately 140 students aligned to the Hybrid Learning Platform that will provide in-person instruction and 48 students opting for Full Remote Learning.
3. Our pre-school disabled program will run 5 days per week from 8:45 – 12:15 pm. General Education Pre-K will run on our hybrid model utilizing A and B cohorts from 8:45-11:15 on your assigned in-person instruction day. Students who have selected Full Remote will be contacted by their teacher, who will provide more details.
4. Our Hybrid Learning Platform is broken into two Groups A/B. Each group will receive 2-3 days of in-person instruction. **(4 hours)** The teacher/student ratio will be about 7:1. This will afford more personalized learning and individual attention. Whichever group is not scheduled for in-

person instruction will receive 2.5 hours of instruction of pre-recorded lessons and assignments posted in the morning, followed by 90 minutes of Google Meets in the afternoon. (4 hours)

5. Our Full Remote Learning Platform will have a designated remote teacher at every grade level for those students who selected full remote. Students will receive 2.5 hours of instruction posted daily in the morning of pre-recorded lessons, assignments, etc. from their normal classroom teacher, and 2 sessions of support instruction (1 hour) from their designated remote teacher on the days they are scheduled to be in-person. They will then receive 90 minutes of instruction through google meets in the afternoon 5 days a week. (4 hours)
6. Grade level teachers will be in communication with their students for more in-depth information about the schedule, assignments, assessments, homework, grading, etc. Building principals will be sending out more in-depth information including the time **All Full Remote Students** are to log on.

Opting in and out of Learning Platforms

Full Remote Learning Platform:

- ✓ As per our **Full Remote Policy 1648.02**, students who have submitted their request and have been approved for Full Remote Instruction, **Must Stay** in that learning platform for one marking period. Students who would like to transfer from Full Remote Instruction to the Hybrid Model will need to submit a letter to their building principal two weeks prior to the end of the marking period.
- ✓ Students are only permitted to transfer into the Hybrid Learning Platform at the conclusion of any of the three marking periods. Please submit your letter in a timely manner.

Hybrid Learning Platform

- ✓ Students starting out in the Hybrid Learning Platform have the flexibility to transfer into the Full Remote Learning Platform at any time. If possible, we ask students to transfer at the end of the week. Please make sure you inform the building principal.

Reopening Plan is a fluid Document

Please Note: The Laurel Springs Reopening Plan is a fluid document that can change at any time. Currently, the Laurel Springs School has met the health and safety standards, delineated in the Department of Education's "Checklist for Re-Opening of School 2020-2021" and detailed in "The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education"

Please Note: All of our teachers and staff have the right to paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Pending on how many teachers and staff are out for specified reasons related to COVID-19, our reopening plan may need to be altered.

Mr. Mahlman, Principal, will be in touch shortly with more information on the start of the school year.