



MANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Fully Virtual Learning Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Students

Why is the Manville School District Offering Fully Virtual learning?

- *On July 21, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy announced that all students/families in the State of New Jersey could participate in full virtual learning regardless of the reason. On August 12, 2020, Governor Murphy stated districts could begin the academic year remotely if they are unable to meet some of the Coronavirus health and safety standards. These changes created a need for the district to implement a Fully Virtual Learning schedule for all students who requested this option for the start of the school year.*
- *For the Manville School District, a Fully Virtual Learning Day will maintain many of the traditional elements of a student's school experience in a virtual classroom. These strategies include a consistent schedule for student class periods, streamlining and leveraging technology, and providing feedback to improve student materials and work.*

What does a fully virtual schedule look like?

- *Students participating in fully virtual classrooms will follow a daily schedule between 9 AM and 3 PM. Students will be expected to log into virtual Zoom meetings at assigned times and will participate in a synchronous lesson with their classroom teacher. Teachers will be available for office hours before/after/during the school day to assist any students who may have any questions or concerns.*
- *On Fridays, all students will be participating in full virtual, asynchronous activities. Classroom teachers will host "office hours" to assist any students that may need help with schedules to be determined by building.*



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Sample Student Fully Virtual Student Schedule for Alexander Batcho Intermediate School; specific schedules can be found on the school websites:

Monday – Thursday	
Office Hours	8:00 - 9:00
1	9:00 – 9:40
2	9:40 – 10:20
3	10:20 – 11:00
4	11:00 – 11:40
5/5L	11:40 – 12:20
6A/6B/6L	12:20 – 1:00
7/7L	1:00 – 1:40
8	1:40 – 2:20
9	2:20- 3:00

Friday	
Office Hours <i>(Individual/Small Group Meetings with Teacher)</i>	8:00 – 9:30
Independent Work / Small Group <i>(& Lunch)</i>	9:30 – 2:00
Office Hours <i>(Individual/Small Group Meetings with Teacher)</i>	2:00 – 3:00

Are students expected to be logged on between 9 AM and 3 PM?

- *Yes, Fully Virtual students are expected to be logged in and available daily between 9 AM and 3 PM every day. Since students will be following their daily schedules, they will participate in their various courses at their scheduled times. Student schedules will include core courses, elective/rotation courses, lunches, and study halls built into their daily schedule.*

What is the difference between Synchronous and Asynchronous/ Remote Learning?

- *In the blended learning model that we will be utilizing, our students will be participating in various learning activities that switch between synchronous and remote learning. Simply put, synchronous learning occurs at a scheduled time with a teacher leading the instruction, and asynchronous learning occurs as students work independently to complete a variety of tasks.*



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Asynchronous/ Remote Learning	Synchronous/ In-person
Occurring at different times and in different places (e.g., students are working at home).	Occurring at the same time and in the same place (e.g., students are working in the classroom or meeting online for a video conference session).
Students can access content, resources, activities at any time, and from anywhere.	Students can access content, resources, and activities at a specific time and location.
Students can control the time, place, and pace of their learning.	Students may have some control over the pace of their learning, but they do not control the time or the place.
Students work independently to complete assignments and tasks.	Students have access to teacher and peer support while completing assignments and tasks.

How will I know what my student has to do for the day when they are home in Fully Virtual Learning?

- The Manville School District has adopted Google Classroom in grades K-4 and Canvas in grades 5-12. These digital platforms will house your students in person and remote activities that they will be required to complete. Fully Virtual Teachers will hold office hours between 8:00 am, and 9:00 am and meet with their students daily during the scheduled time (i.e., 9:00 AM- 9:40 AM for period 1).*
- Students will log on daily (Monday through Thursday), and attendance will be monitored during the scheduled daily Virtual Zoom Classroom Session. Teachers will have the discretion to conduct the classes in asynchronous or synchronous, depending on the learning goals. During the synchronous or direct instruction portion of the lesson, students are to remain in the virtual Zoom Classroom until the teacher releases them to complete asynchronous or independent practice. Generally speaking, the classroom teacher will maintain the Zoom session for the duration of the scheduled time (40 minutes) and be available to assist students during the asynchronous or independent practice.*



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Will there be someone to assist my student virtually if they need help?

- *Each building will have designated staff members available throughout the day to assist students with questions, concerns, or challenges. Building Principals will share with parents information regarding staff member availability.*

What apps and programs will my student use?

- *The Manville School District has invested heavily to ensure that our students can access the various digital tools and resources needed to be successful. The district has also recognized the concern from many families, students, and staff members that there are “too many” tools that vary significantly between buildings, grade levels, content areas, and classrooms. The district has developed [Manville Public Schools District Approved Digital Resources](#), which identified the digital tools that have been approved for digital use.*
- *All district students have been assigned an email address and account in the Google Apps for Education Suite. These accounts will allow students to access programs like Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Google Classroom (for our students in grades K-4). Students will be provided accounts for Classlink, a Single Sign-On platform that will allow students to access the majority of the approved applications through the site. Between Google Sign In and Classlink, students will be able to access most of their programs and tools that teachers will assign for use.*
- *For more information on the District Approved Applications, please click [here](#).*
- *For more information on how to utilize Google Apps for Education, please click [here](#).*

Will my student be provided with training on the various digital tools?

- *Generally speaking, the students’ digital tools are intuitive and should be quickly picked up by the students. Classroom teachers will review the various tools’ significant features with their students and assist any student who continues to struggle with it.*

Will my student be required to pick up a Chromebook?

- *All students in the district (K-12) will be assigned a Chromebook for use. We believe it is essential that each student have their own device, and it will lead to an enhanced educational experience for all students. The devices have been pre-programmed with tools utilized by the students, their teachers, and the district. Parents/students who have not picked up their Chromebooks should make arrangements with their building Principal to arrange a pickup.*



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Will attendance be required for students during their scheduled periods?

- Yes, students will be required to attend their scheduled Zoom Class Sessions at the assigned times. Building Principals/classroom teachers will share the procedures for daily attendance.

When will my student be able to pick up classroom materials they may need for their classes?

- Building principals will communicate to parents the instructions regarding classroom material pick up via Blackboard Direct and Remind. These pickups will be generally held on Fridays and will be as needed. Parents who cannot pick up the materials at the scheduled times should make arrangements with the main office.

What supplies will my student need?

- Supply lists are available on your school building's website. Any family struggling to procure student supplies (folders, pencils, book bags, etc...) should reach out to their student's building principal.

Who do I contact if I am experiencing technical difficulties with remote learning?

- The first point of contact should be the building principal. Building contacts are as follows:
 - **Weston:** Mr. Aldo Russo, arusso@manvillesd.org, 908-231-8500, ext. 8548
 - **Roosevelt:** Mr. Barry Saide, bsaide@manvillesd.org, 908-231-8500, ext. 8613
 - **ABIS:** Mr. Michael Magliacano, mmagliacano@manvillesd.org, 908-231-8500, ext. 8521
 - **High School:** Mr. Daniel Hemberger, dhemberger@manvillesd.org, 908-231-8500, ext. 6806

Where can I locate additional information about the reopening district plan?

- All essential information can be accessed on the Manville District's website:
 - Manville School District: <https://www.manvilleschools.org/>

Where can I locate specific information about my child's school?

- All essential information can be accessed on the following websites:
 - Weston: <https://www.manvilleschools.org/weston>
 - Roosevelt: <https://www.manvilleschools.org/roosevelt>
 - ABIS: <https://www.manvilleschools.org/abis>
 - Manville HS: <https://www.manvilleschools.org/mhs>