

DATE: Monday, August 24, 2020

Dear East Hartford Public School (EHPS) Families,

Thanks for all of your partnership and support as we work to ReOpen EHPS. This letter serves to inform you of critical start-up information as well as notify you of your selection for your child for the start of school on August 31, 2020. Please note that as repeatedly shared via district communication and Town Halls, EHPS recognizes that parents may desire to change their selection for a variety of reasons. However, as repeatedly shared, at this point in time, it is necessary to solidify the selections below in order to get our year started. Please note that if public transmission data worsens, the district will likely close and all students will participate in In-Person Learning.

Model Selection Notification:

Child Name	Current Selection <i>In-Person Learning (IPL), Remote Learning Experience (RLE)</i>

ReOpening Plan Critical Dates:

Dates	All Students					
August 24 <i>(tentative)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class lists/Student schedules posted to PowerSchool 					
August 24-28 Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual School Tours: School Administration will share a video link introducing you to our new back to school procedures Virtual Parent Orientations: Teachers will reach out to class-lists via a phone call welcoming students and parents to a new school year. 					
August 31- September 11 Phase 2	<p>Remote Learning for <u>ALL Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed to safely and incrementally integrate our faculty and students back into schools, Phase 1 will focus on developing the norms and habits of remote learning and building strong virtual teacher-student relationships. Phase 1 classes will follow a full day schedule. <p>9/10-9/11 IPL Student Orientation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students selecting IPL will be introduced to the school environment through modified enrollment (50%) orientation sessions. These sessions will heavily focus on orienting students to new safety and health procedures. <p><i>*Students selecting RLE will not participate in orientations but will have half-day schedules.</i></p>					
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	faculty with the time to debrief and revise protocols to keep our schools safe.	
September 21- January 25 Phase 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students selecting IPL will resume full day/full week school days following the mitigation protocols described in the EHPS ReOpening Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students selecting RLE will resume virtual full day/full week experiences.

ReOpening Plan Technology Distribution:

For the 2020-2021 School Year, EHPS is committed to providing all students with a new electronic device to assist with their learning (Chromebooks PK-8, Laptop 9-12). While the district has worked over the summer to raise funds and procure devices, shortages in the national supply chain suggest that there may be delays in expected shipments. If this issue is not resolved, *it may be necessary* for the district to distribute devices to students in greatest need similar to our procedures last spring. As such, school administration will be working with previously collected data from families regarding personal access to technology. In advance, we appreciate your cooperation as we work through unavoidable supply issues.

Based on the available supply, you will be notified by your school principal during the week of 8/24-8/28 regarding an appointment to pick up your child’s device. Please make sure that your child knows how to sign into his/her EHPS Gmail account so that he/she can access Google Classroom on the first day of classes.

RLE Description and Expectations:

Students in the RLE program will begin with a focus on developing the norms and habits of remote learning and building strong virtual teacher-student relationships. As a part of this experience, significant efforts will be made to engage families and to work through technology issues to ensure all students have access to online learning. The attached documents detail specific information as they relate to the expectations for students who are enrolled in this program. These documents are broken down by grade level, PreK-5 (Elementary) and 6-12 (Middle and High School) and can be accessed by clicking on the links below. A schedule for both full (8/31-9/9) and half-days (9/10-9/18) is embedded in these documents.

- [EHPS RLE Program Expectations for Elementary School Students](#)
- [EHPS RLE Program Expectations for Middle and High School Students](#)

We look forward to ReOpening EHPS and getting back to the important work of teaching and learning. We are committed to the wellbeing of your children, our faculty and community and are grateful for all the support, feedback and suggestions that we have received all summer to build a plan that is safe, incremental and adaptive. We are in this together and despite the challenge ahead, grateful to serve a community that puts our children first.

Be well,

Nathan Quesnel
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 East Hartford Public Schools