



Voorhees Township Public Schools

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year

Please review the information below for Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS? The first (full day) of instruction for students is Thursday September 9, 2021.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO WEAR A MASK AND WILL THERE BE MASK BREAKS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY? As per Executive Order 251, masks are required for all students and staff. Medical exemptions will require proper documentation that will be verified by the school physician. Mask breaks will be provided throughout the school day for students. Students will have breaks incorporated throughout the day with snacks, lunch, recess, physical education classes and any other time when teachers provide breaks outside. Students will be seated greater than 3 feet in cafeterias. Students will not be required to wear masks while outside of the buildings. Masks will be required on buses.

CAN MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL REMOTELY? Currently under the “Path Forward” guidelines set forth by the governor and the NJ Department of Education remote learning for students to start the 2021-2022 school year is not an option. The guidelines clearly indicate that remote /virtual learning can only be utilized if a student or group of students need to quarantine due to Covid exposure. It is only under these circumstances that the days would count towards the 180-day mandate.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY CHILD DEVELOPS COVID-19 OR IS IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT? Any student or staff member that exhibits COVID-like symptoms should remain at home. If a person tests positive, they will be required to quarantine for 10 days from the on-set of symptoms OR 10 days following a positive COVID test provided they are fever-free for 24 hours. Individuals identified as close contacts will be required to quarantine for 10 days without testing or 7 days with a negative test result collected at 5-7 days after exposure. Information related to vaccinated individuals will be updated when received by the Department of Health.

HOW WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED IF THERE IS A COVID 19 CASE WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING? Any child or staff member identified as a close contact of a COVID positive individual will receive a personal call from the school nurse, principal, or

office staff. COVID data will be maintained on the district website and updated with current cases. Written notification of positive Covid-19 cases will be sent to the community.

HOW WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IF THEY MUST

QUARANTINE? Any student that is required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19, will be provided with synchronous and asynchronous instruction and will follow the regular school schedule. Students will be provided with login information to live-stream their classes to receive instruction. Assignments will be completed following the instructional portion of the lesson. This will enable students to keep pace with their classes and not be penalized for their absence from school. This option is only available to students that are excluded due to COVID-19 as directed by the school nurse.

WILL I NEED TO PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS? We are pleased to inform you that the Voorhees Township Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost to all students during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Even though the district is providing meals at no cost to all students throughout the 2021-2022 academic school year, the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals is still available and is used to determine eligibility for numerous benefits to families.

Applications for Free and Reduced-Price School meals are available on the district website under the Food Service Tab or can be found at the following link: [Free/Reduced Application](#).

Limited snacks will be available during lunch periods for purchase; however, no cash payments will be accepted. Please use the LunchTime portal for depositing funds into your child's account at this link: [LunchTime Payment Portal](#)

If you have any questions, please call Tina Artusa, Food Service Director at: 856-795-2025 ext. 5223

CAN I CHANGE MY CHILD'S BUS ROUTES AND OR STOP? Planning and organizing bus routes during Covid have been time consuming. Every effort has been made to spread students out among various routes. Bus stops are assigned using the students address of record. Children are bussed from their address of record to their school location and from their school location to their address of record. The Voorhees Township Public Schools cannot schedule multiple stops per child, add a stop or a bus to locations other than the address on record. [District Policy 8600](#)

HOW WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE AN IPAD? Any student that does not have a district issued device will receive one during the first week of school. Any family that needs internet access should contact their child's school.

HOW CAN I ACCESS MY CHILD'S ASSIGNMENTS? Assignments can be accessed through Google Classroom. The Genesis Parent Portal will provide report card grades. All parents should have access to the Genesis Parent Portal. The login for Parent Portal is located at the center of the district website.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD FEELS ANXIOUS OR DEMONSTRATES SIGNS OF DEPRESSION? If your child is experiencing any issues related to anxiety, depression, or mental health, please contact their guidance counselor, teacher, or case manager. We have many resources available both in the district as well as within the community. If your child is in crisis after school hours, **please call 911** as our emails are not monitored when school is not in session.

If you have questions or concerns, please communicate with your child's teacher, counselor or building principal. We are all working together to ensure our students have a great year!

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