

Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan
for the Developmental Learning Centers – New Providence and Warren
2021-22 School year

Governor Murphy issued an executive order that became P.L. 2020, c.27. This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public-health related district closure so that LEA's can utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9. This plan is developed to ensure that all students continue to receive high-quality, standards based virtual and /or remote instruction in the event of a district closure lasting more than three-consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.

Length of a virtual or remote instruction day

Students will receive a minimum of four hours of instruction during a virtual/remote learning day. This instruction will be inclusive of synchronous and asynchronous learning activities and programs along with therapy and related services that are consistent within each student's IEP. Instruction will occur between the typical school hours of 8:45 am-2:45 pm.

School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

The MUJC will coordinate with Maschio's Food Services, Inc. and sending school districts to ensure the provisions of meals for students. Parents will be informed about how, what time, and where to access "grab and go" meals on a daily/weekly basis.

Technology and Broadband Connectivity

Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots are available and ready to be deployed in the event of virtual/remote instruction days. Parents have been provided contact information that is also available on the MUJC website for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction to email and arrange for pick-up of needed technology. In the event a parent is unable to pick up the technology, the MUJC transportation department will deliver it to the home address. The MUJC tech department is available to answer questions and troubleshoot any problems with a device. When a device is broken or not working properly, arrangements will be made for a replacement device.

Delivery of Instruction

Google Meet is the platform through which students receive daily instruction during a remote/virtual day. Student emails and passwords have been distributed and tested with the classroom teacher. Training will be provided to parents and students to practice and become familiar with the features of Google Meet. Teacher assistants will deliver

instruction under the guidance of the teacher in breakout rooms to students in Google Meet. Student schedules will include Google Meet links for all related services that are consistent with the times they receive therapy during in-person instruction. 1:1 Teacher Assistants that are part of a student's IEP will be present in Google Meet during class instruction and related services. Behavior specialists will be available to teachers and parents to assist with remediating and collecting data on behavioral concerns. Social workers will be available to provide social/emotional support.

Equitable Access to Instruction

Due to the nature of our students' disabilities, synchronous instruction delivered through Google Meet is often difficult to maintain. Therefore, all DLC students have been provided via backpack lessons/programs that do not require the use of technology. Such assignments may be used in addition to or in place of instruction taking place on the computer. Teachers will continue to work with parents/caregivers to maintain a balance of instruction delivered synchronously and asynchronously throughout the school day. Parents are requested to turn in assignments by the end of each week. Through emails and phone calls, teachers will make adjustments and provide additional assignments consistent with the student's IEP goals as needed. Therefore, all of our students will continue to receive equitable access to instruction during the school day. For those students who receive contracted related services in their home school by the MUJC, services will be available through Google Meet sessions according to the schedule they receive while at school during in person instruction.

Attendance

Students are marked present when Google Meet instruction has been attended. Teachers and nurses maintain contact with families and maintain documentation of student attendance. A phone call is made by the nurse if no service provider has heard from a family informing the school of an absence. The sending district is notified when a student is absent for 5 consecutive days. Additionally, if a student is not in attendance for 5 consecutive days, our nurse requests to visually see the student via Google Meet for a wellness check.