



The Eden School
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The Eden School is an approved private school for the disabled, providing 12-month educational services for children and adolescents with a primary diagnosis of autism, ages 3-21. Every student at Eden has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), developed in conjunction with the sending school district, that is unique to his or her specific needs. Currently, the Eden School serves 75 students from 35 different sending districts. Out of the 75 students, 8 students are eligible for free and reduced lunch and will be accommodated as outlined below.

The Eden School students ability to access technology independently is very minimal and all students will require support from family members and/or Eden staff to successfully access technology. All remote learning is based on each student's IEP and is individualized based on their needs and specific skill levels.

Related services will continue to be provided through remote learning, including speech, adapted PE and Occupational and Physical therapies.

Virtual Learning Implementation

Virtual learning will be implemented anytime a student(s) is required to miss (3) three or more consecutive days based on state of emergency, declared public health emergency or directive by the department of health. This would include time when a student is required to be absent from in-person learning due to a Covid exposure.

In the event that The Eden School's Chief School Administrator is given a written directive by the NJDOE or the Health officer of the jurisdiction to institute a public health-related closure, The Eden School may utilize remote instruction services to enrolled students. Under N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, any day in which students impacted by a public health-related closure have access to remote instruction services will count as a day in which the Eden School provided instruction toward its compliance with the minimum 180-day requirement.

- When the Eden School is closed for students or a student is required to quarantine:
 - For any closure that is (3) three days or less, we will build those days back into the calendar to be made up
 - For any closure that is more than three (3) days, we will be working with families to support in-home learning, these days will be counted as part of the 180-day requirement
- Inform Parents/Guardians, transportation and sending school districts through email and the School Messenger system
- When applicable, update parents/guardians of any additional information regarding the health-related closure
- Protect the privacy of individuals under HIPAA laws
- Teachers provide check in with families for in-home learning
- Send home individualized work packets for all students based on each child's IEP
- Chromebooks are "checked out" to families/school staff in need of a device.

Due to the nature of the disability of the students served by the Eden School, students do not have the cognitive ability to complete traditional online learning independently. As such, Eden staff will be working with families to help support and coach them through working with their child on IEP goals that were sent home.

School Day Lesson Planning and Instruction:

- Teachers will prepare IEP goals that can be completed by families working with their child with support from Eden staff
 - Check-ins will include phone calls, emails and/or video conferencing
 - Data will be collected on goals completed, with Eden staff documenting information regarding student progress during check-ins
- Related service goals (speech, OT and PT) will be provided and services carried out by related services staff through video conferencing.
- Troubleshooting and informal assessments will be completed during staff check-in with parents
- Eden staff will be expected to be available during the specific scheduled times provided to the families
 - Instruction will be provided remotely at a minimum of four (4) hours each day
- Students will be assessed and progress monitoring on IEP goals will be completed

Digital accommodations:

- If a student/family does not have access to sufficient internet or broadband, the family will be provided an internet hot spot to allow them to fully participate
- As indicated, chromebooks are provided to all families by Eden.

Provision of nutrition for students on virtual instruction

- As students that attend the Eden School are based from multiple regions throughout NJ, families coming to Eden to pick up their meals is not always feasible; as an alternative, families will be provided gift cards for a grocery store chain, for \$5 per day, for each day the student is out of school. This will ensure they have access to appropriate meals and nutrition during the closure period.
- This will be provided to all eligible students.
- Families will be offered the option to pick-up meals from Eden, if that is their preference