



Denville Community Coronavirus Update

March 16, 2020

Denville Community,

The Denville Township School District faculty and staff have been working diligently in order to provide remote instruction during an extended closure. We are implementing a Flexible Instruction Day Plan, in which Google Classroom will be the main interface for communication between students and teachers.

A Flexible Instruction Day (FID) is a virtual school day when students and staff have an opportunity to explore and engage in meaningful learning experiences that are: (a) aligned to the curriculum, (b) connected to standards, and (c) relevant to the current instructional sequence. These days are intended to continue to afford students meaningful learning experiences while connected with teachers in the event of an emergency.

Starting Tuesday March 17, 2020, teachers will be available to answer questions between 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, however students may complete their assigned work sometime during the day at the family's discretion. When possible, students should access their Google Classroom earlier in the day to allow time for them to (a) access the information, (b) prioritize their day, and (c) reach out to the teacher(s) through email should there be a question/inquiry or submission of work needed. Teachers will be available via email during these hours, except for 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, which will be identified as teacher lunch. Thirty (30) minutes of this FID will be set aside of physical activity of the students' choice.

Student Attendance

Attendance will be taken daily through Google Classroom. Login to your child's Google Classroom account and answer the question "Is your child attending class today". Mark "Yes" or if they are sick mark "No". **Attendance must be entered between 7 AM - 10 AM every day.** [Parent Google Classroom information for attendance](#)

If you have difficulty entering your child's attendance, please send an email your school's nurse

Lakeview	Mrs. Vyksyuk	mvyksyuk@denville.org	(973) 983-6540 ext. 4404
Riverview	Mrs. Beere	bbeere@denville.org	(973) 983-6545 ext. 7404
Valleyview	Mrs. Seidel	jseidel@denville.org	(973) 983-6535 ext. 2404

Please make sure to report attendance by 10 AM. If your child is unaccounted for by 10 AM, child welfare check procedures will be followed.

Student Responsibilities

Student Responsibilities: 6-8

A Flexible Instruction Day is a day of school and students are expected to give the same amount of focus and effort to an FID as they would to any other school day. Students are expected to log into their teacher's Google Classrooms to identify the assigned work for the day. Deadlines will be assigned at the discretion of the classroom teacher and will be returned either graded or with feedback in a timely manner. Students should engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity of their choice each day.

Student Responsibilities K-5

Student assignments will be posted in Google Classroom or the teacher's website. Assignments may include a mix of digital components, practice of spelling, math facts, and snap words, independent reading, projects, and writing assignments. Students will also continue to have access to all digital versions of textbooks and support programs. Students should engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity of their choice each day.

Student Responsibilities Pre-Kindergarten

Students will be given a list of home activities that reinforce social and academic skills learned at school. Students should practice letters, listen to books, and engage in physical activity. Students with digital curricular programs will have access to these devices and applications. Students should engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity of their choice each day.

IMPORTANT: For more detailed information regarding the other aspects of the plan for schools closings and the Flexible Instruction Day plan, [Click Here](#)

Technology: The Denville Schools Technology Department will continue to support Staff and Students during flexible instruction days. Technology will be available through email and will have support hours of 7am to 4pm.

Email parentportal@denville.org

For students who do not have Wi-Fi at home please see this message from Lightpath (our internet provider)

In order to serve the community during this time Altice/Lightpath is allowing access for customers and residents to their wide area Wi-Fi service at no charge. Anyone with a Wifi enabled device while within our coverage footprint can use these hot spots. Students should select SSID “optimumwifi” for open access (no username or password required).

We thank Altice/Lightpath for supporting our community during this time.

List of all staff contacts:

[Click here for Staff Contacts](#)

Although we realize that cancellations or postponements of student activities is disappointing, we greatly appreciate the support as we navigate through this unprecedented environment. In the interim, we are confident that we can provide meaningful learning experiences for your child, and look forward to working face-to-face together again soon.

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