



Allamuchy Township School District

Promoting The Allamuchy Learner

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Dear Allamuchy Families and Community,

We are very excited for the start of the 2021-2022 school year with the return of in-person full days! The teachers and staff members have been working diligently to prepare for this year. The purpose of this letter is to share with you where and how you can access the information needed to have your child(ren) ready for the first day of school, September 2, 2021. Thursday, September 2 and Friday, September 3 will be abbreviated day sessions due to staff professional development. The first full day instruction will be on Tuesday, September 7. Information regarding Covid-19 can be accessed on our website by [clicking here](#).

We will continue to use the Parent Portal to allow families to monitor and submit appropriate information electronically. To access the links within the Parent Portal, you **MUST** complete the beginning of the year paperwork electronically for each student attending the Allamuchy Township School District. Should you have questions regarding access to the Parent Portal, please contact the office at 908-852-1894 ext. 100/300 or email at dbahl@aes.k12.nj.us or pgardiner@aes.k12.nj.us.

The following information is now available on Parent Portal.

- Beginning of the Year Paperwork – NOTE this must be completed first to access additional information.

Additional Information that can be accessed after completing the Beginning of the Year Paperwork:

- Homeroom/Schedule Information
- Transportation Information indicating bus stop, to include pickup time and drop off time at that stop, please allow a 10-minute window on either side of the bus stop time.

Below are some frequently asked questions and their answers to assist in the transition back to school for the 21-22 school year.

FAQ

Q - Will students and staff need to wear masks? When will they be permitted to be removed?

A - Students and staff are required to wear masks while in the school building and while on school transportation. During planned breaks directed by the teacher, during rigorous activity where students can maintain social distance, during times of excessive heat where the teacher has made sure that students are seated and socially distanced, while eating/drinking, and while outside, students/staff may remove masks.

Q - Is there a travel quarantine?

A - The Warren County Health Department has advised the schools to enact a travel quarantine. Unvaccinated persons traveling outside of states contiguous to NJ is still in effect. Current protocols mandate a 10 day quarantine upon arrival home. This quarantine period may be shortened to 7 days if a negative Covid test result is obtained between days 3 and 5. If this will affect your student(s), please contact your building administrator and nurse.

Q - Are parents or guardians able to opt their children out of full-day, in-person instruction as allowed in the 2020-2021 school year?

A - New Jersey schools are required to provide full-day, in-person instruction, as districts did prior to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that began in March 2020. Parents or guardians will **not** be allowed to opt their children out of full-day, in-person instruction.

Q - Are there some situations where virtual learning will be provided?

A - Yes. If an individual student, group of students, or an entire class is placed on quarantine based on the NJDOH's Covid-19 exclusion criteria, the district will provide virtual instruction to those students in a manner commensurate with in-person instruction. If a student is absent for any other reason (ie: illness, vacation, appointments, etc.), the student will be recorded as absent and will be responsible for making up any work missed as in the past. Students absent for these reasons do not meet the criteria for access to virtual learning and the attendance record will reflect an absence. Communication to the school nurse regarding absences is essential in order to confirm quarantine status and gain access to virtual instruction. Students eligible to receive virtual instruction will have access to the classroom livestream within one school day or as soon as possible thereafter. Once the quarantine period is over, the student will be required to resume in-person instruction.

Q - Will students be permitted to buy lunch?

A - Yes. Maschio's food service will be providing lunch to our students. Like last year, lunch will be provided free of charge. However, ala cart items and snacks can be purchased in addition to lunch.

Q - How will lunch time look different than in the past?

A - In our cafeterias, students will be socially distanced to the maximum extent possible but will not be closer than three feet apart. If students are situated at three feet of separation, shields will be utilized.

One grade level will be in the cafeteria at a time. Lunch periods will be split so that one grade level enjoys recess while the other eats with a switch that occurs half way through the period. Tables will be disinfected between uses.

Q - Will parents be required to screen their children before they leave the house for full-day, in-person instruction (temperature and symptom checking)?

A - We will not be requiring an online daily health screening as we had in the past. However, you are expected to monitor your student(s) every morning for symptoms of illness. Please do not send your student to school and contact your building nurse if they are experiencing: ● any one of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste/smell or ● at least two of the following: fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, runny nose Additionally, do not send your student(s) to school if anyone in your household is exhibiting the symptoms as listed above and/or if anyone in your household is currently being tested for Covid-19.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school's main office. On behalf of the Allamuchy Staff and the Allamuchy Township Board of Education. We wish you a great start to the school year and we cannot wait to be back. Soak up the last few days of summer.

Yours in Education,

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