

July 24, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 2020-2021 school year is quickly approaching. We appreciate your patience during these difficult times. Below are some guidelines with regard to the re-opening of the Yough School District for the Fall of 2020:

**Sanitizing:** Hand sanitizer is available at every entrance and in every room within the school buildings. The district has purchased extra sanitizing equipment to assist in ensuring our schools are safe. Water fountains have been changed to water filling stations throughout the district. Students are permitted to bring water bottles. Additional cleaning measures are being implemented on a daily basis by staff.

**Social Distancing:** Throughout the building signage will indicate social distancing of six feet. Hallways are marked with arrows, and when possible, one way hallways are being implemented to assist in the control and flow throughout the building.

**Masks/Face Shields:** Masks/Face Shields will be required to be worn in school by staff and students, in any case where social distancing of six feet is unable to occur. Wearing a mask is a requirement, per a mandate, in the State of Pennsylvania. As a public school, we are required to follow these mandates.

**Technology:** Chromebooks will be provided, as part of the CARES Grant and existing carts, to all students in Grades K-12. Google classroom will continue to be utilized as the platform with live classes, instruction, and parent training for all students.

With regard to instruction, parents/students will have options to choose from for the 2020-2021 school year that best suits their needs and comfort level. These three programs allow parental choice, while providing sound educational instruction for all students with Yough School District teachers. Parents are required to choose from one of the following choices below:

**Face to Face Instruction:** Students come back to school in their regular classrooms and schedule. Social distancing guidelines are in place when possible and feasible. Due to the current mask order mandate, when six feet of social distancing is not possible, all students will be required to wear masks. Every effort will be made by the district to maintain six foot social distancing, but in some cases, it will not be possible. Masks must also be worn on buses and upon entry into the building.

**Virtual Live Instruction:** Students will be issued Chromebooks and will work online from home following a traditional classroom schedule. For example, if your math class is scheduled from 8:00-8:45, you are expected to log in during this time through Google Classroom to view your Yough SD teacher(s) teaching a live lesson. Students will complete and submit all assignments as required. Attendance will be taken and recorded.

**Virtual Recorded Instruction:** Students will be issued Chromebooks and will work from home online. This option provides families/students with the flexibility to complete lessons/assignments during the course of the entire day (morning, afternoon, and/or evening) based on their individual needs. They will log in to Google Classroom and view recorded lessons of their Yough SD teacher(s) teaching within the school environment. Students will complete and submit all assignments as required based on teacher deadlines. Attendance will be taken and recorded.

The Yough School District will be holding three online informational sessions on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. The purpose of these sessions is to outline the educational opportunities for the upcoming school year. A link for the informational sessions can be found on the school district website at [www.youghsd.net](http://www.youghsd.net).

Additionally, each student will need to be enrolled into one of the three options listed above. The link to this enrollment form can also be found on the school district website. **Parents/Guardians must complete the enrollment form stating their intent by August 2, 2020. This will allow time for preparation for the upcoming school year.**

The district calendar is being adjusted. The first day of instruction will begin a week later than originally scheduled, Monday, August 31, 2020.

As a school district, we realize there is stress, anxiety, and uncertainty as we begin the new school year. We strive to do our best, given the circumstances and stipulations we must follow. Thank you for your understanding, and please call or email with any further questions or concerns. I can be reached at 724-446-7272 Extension 1002, or at [sardonj@youghsd.net](mailto:sardonj@youghsd.net).

Yours in education,

Dr. Janet M. Sardon  
Superintendent  
Yough School District