

PUBLIC SCHOOL 23

THE RICHMONDTOWN SCHOOL



"WE ARE LEARNERS, WE ARE LEADERS, WE ARE THE RICHMONDTOWN EAGLES"

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Dear PS 23 Eagle Families,

We hope that you are having a wonderful, safe and happy summer. We miss you all and cannot wait to see you again!

Below you will find PS 23's tentative plan for the 2020- 2021 school year. The plan is **tentative** and can change at any time, as the NYCDOE's plan has not yet been approved by New York State.

At this time PS 23 is able to go with Model 1A from the Chancellor's plans.

Model 1

EVERY OTHER DAY WITH ROTATING MONDAYS
TWO IN-PERSON COHORTS

Summary:

- Two in-person cohorts, one remote.
- Groups A and B will rotate attendance on Mondays.
- Option to program for each group to be in-person every other day (Model 1A), or in-person two days and remote for three days (Model 1B).
- Model 1A is "Chancellor Recommended"
- **Group A, Group B:** in-person learning on two consistent days per week; remote learning for non-in person days.
- **Group D:** remote every day; consists of students who opt out of in-person instruction.

Model 1A

Week	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	Group D (Remote)				
1	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B
2	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B

BLENDED LEARNING- a mix of "in the school building" and "at home" learning. Children will come into the school building on a modified schedule. When they are not in the school building, they will be at home, but still learning. [NYC DOE Program Models](#)

REMOTE LEARNING only- "at home" learning. Children will be home learning 100% of the time.

PS 23 students will be placed in two BLENDED LEARNING cohorts; Group A & Group B. Group D are students whose parents choose REMOTE LEARNING only using the link from the NYCDOE. [Link to opt into 100% Remote Learning.](#) (complete by August 7, 2020). Please understand that if you choose REMOTE LEARNING only, you are able to opt back into BLENDED LEARNING quarterly. These dates will be provided as soon as they are determined and sent to us. If you choose BLENDED LEARNING, you may opt into REMOTE LEARNING only whenever you would like.

While making our plans we are;

- Keeping siblings together, unless otherwise requested.
- Using the NYCDOE's social distancing room capacity reports to limit the amount of people in each classroom to ensure everyone's safety.
- Giving students in 12:1:1 and 12:1 classes the option to opt into both cohorts, allowing for mandated services to be provided as per the Chancellor's guidelines.

Please know that as per the NYCDOE guidance;

- Students and staff must wear face coverings for the entire length of the school day.
- Children will eat lunch in the classroom while they work. Lunch will be an instructional period.
- All of our students, whether blended or remote, will continue to learn 5 days a week.
- Temperatures of students and staff will be monitored as they enter the building. Any person with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed to enter the classroom until fever free and cleared by a medical professional.
- Children will stay with their cohort and movement around the school building will be limited, to reduce the amount of contact.
- The NYCDOE has created a detailed health and safety plan for our school communities as outlined by the NYCDOE here. [COVID- 19 School Health Policy](#)
- Procedures for entry, dismissal and circulation around the school building will be put in place, as outlined by the NYCDOE here. [Guidance for Entry, Dismissal, Circulation and Use of Public Assembly Spaces in School Buildings](#)

Please continue to check the NYCDOE's website for daily updates to the reopening plan.

- [NYC DOE Return to School 2020-2021](#)
- [NYC DOE Reopening School Schedules](#)
- [New York State's INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AT PRE-K TO GRADE 12 SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY](#)

Thank you all for your continued support & cooperation.

Stay healthy & safe always!

Sincerely,

Mr. Proscia & Mrs. Mazza

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