

Boonton Public School District
Policy 2425 Remote Learning Plan

In the event that a school, schools or the entire district needs to switch to 100% Remote Learning, the following plan will be enacted. The resulting closure must adhere to the following prerequisite conditions:

“In the event the school district is required to close a school or the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure, the Commissioner of Education shall allow the district to apply to the 180-day requirement established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, one or more days of virtual or remote instruction provided to students on the day or days the schools of the district were closed if the program of virtual or remote instruction meets such criteria as may be established by the Commissioner Education.”

- Boonton BOE Policy 2425

Devices: Chromebooks

The district has achieved a 1:1 ratio of devices (almost exclusively Chromebooks) to students. Students in grades 6 - 12 have been issued a device (and charger) that they are expected to be bringing home with them every night. Students in grades PreK - 5 will have to follow one of the following scenarios for receiving a device to use while we are under remote instruction.

- If we receive notice of the need to switch to remote instruction with enough time to hand out devices, in-person, we will disseminate a pick-up schedule for families. Parents/guardians will be asked to sign a release form and will then be given a device and a charger for their child to use at home for instructional purposes.
- If we are given at least 2 school day notices, we will send out the form electronically for parents to print, sign and return with their child, and the device can be sent home with the child at the end of the day.
- If we are not given any notice of a closing, then an alternate pick-up schedule will be disseminated to parents as to when, where and how they can pick up a device.

Your child's building Principal is the first point of contact in the event you have a question or concern with virtual teaching and learning accessibility/connectivity. S/he will see that your individual needs are met in the shortest amount of time possible in conjunction with the IT department.

Please note that despite being home with your child, the Chromebooks are property of the school district. The existing [Acceptable Use Policy & Regulations](#) and adherence to the same are expected of all students of the BPSD, and appropriate content monitoring is in effect regardless of the device's location. District-issued devices are not to be used for personal use (please).

Devices: MiFi /Connectivity

In the event that a student has limited/no internet access at home, we will provide those households with cellular-enable devices (also referred to as “hot spots”). These hot spots will ONLY work with the district-supplied Chromebooks, and one hot spot can be used with multiple Chromebooks for families with more than one student in the school district.

The IT Department will keep track and periodically check on those households provided a hot spot to ensure everything continues to be in working order. Via our Chrome Management Console and accompanying licensure, the student-issued Chromebooks can have updates and other modality changes made (e.g.: placed in kiosk mode utilized for NJSLA testing) remotely. Chromebooks can also be remotely disabled, rendering them useless should such a need arise. Thus please notify us IMMEDIATELY if your device is missing or has been stolen.

Our IT support email remains <techsupport@boontonschools.org> for specific technical questions.

Virtual Schedule

The 100% virtual schedule will essentially be the same as the “normal” school schedule for all three buildings with slightly longer “passing times” in order to allow for screen breaks between periods. It is a full-day of instruction unless we have a single-session day denoted on the school calendar.

Grade level information can be found on the following Learning Portals:

[Preschool Learning Portal](#)

[School Street School Learning Portal](#)

[JHS Elementary Learning Portal](#)

[JHS Middle School Learning Portal](#)

[Boonton High School Learning Portal](#)

Each learning portal has a link to the Weekly Learning Plans for each teacher. The plans will include links for Google Meets for each class as needed.

Athletics

BPSD will conduct high (and middle) school athletics in accordance with protocols issued by the NJSIAA. Any questions regarding your child's participation in athletics should be directed to our Athletic Director, David Hughen <david.hughen@boontonschools.org>, 973.335.9700 x4020.

Counseling

We will continue to offer counseling to our students virtually (and when allowed to, in-person) throughout the school year. Any questions about the availability / access to these services can be addressed to your building principal as well as our Director of Special Services, Danica Davidman <danica.davidman@boontonschools.org>, 973.335.9700 x2026.

The district will modify/adjust this plan accordingly if an actual closure based on the denoted criteria occurs.