



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Department Of Special Services

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope this email finds you well. As a district, we are actively developing a return to in-person education plan in accordance with the health and safety guidelines provided by the New Jersey Department of Education. I want to assure you that we are taking into consideration your child's individualized health and safety, academic, and social-emotional needs.

On a near-daily basis, we receive information from the state that alters our plan in some way. That being said, the current proposal for students with individualized education programs would be as follows:

- Starting on September 8th, all students in self-contained classes including; LLD and Autism classes will be returning in person, to a five day a week, reduced schedule in their respective buildings. This schedule may alter times a bit due to transportation. All parents have the option to choose fully online instruction.
- All full-day preschool disability classes will run 5 days a week. Tentative times 9:30-1:30.
- Our special education *integrated preschool program* will run 5 days a week. Tentative times 9:30-11:20 or 11:50-1:30.
- All kindergarten classes will run 5 days a week (2 in-person; 3 virtual). Tentative times 9:30-11:20 or 11:50-1:30. Inclusion students will follow their building's Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday schedule with all virtual on Friday. The hybrid Model of Instruction will include live instruction daily both on-site and in-home or families may choose a fully online instructional model.
- Kindergarten students with a *pull-out supplement program* will follow either Monday and Tuesday 9:30-1:30 or Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-1:30 with all students virtual on Friday.
- All resource room and inclusion students will follow their buildings on Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday and virtual on Friday. The Hybrid Model of Instruction which will include live instruction daily both on-site and in-home or families may choose a fully online instructional model.

Our goal is to maintain siblings on the same schedules to the greatest extent possible to assist parents during this difficult time. Related Services will be delivered in person to the best of our ability with some remote services needing to continue due to time constraints. Based upon your child's individualized needs we will determine whether in-person individual sessions, group sessions, or teletherapy sessions would be the best fit.



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IEP Meetings

With the aim to reduce the number of visitors to the buildings, the district will continue to hold IEP meetings (annual reviews, reevaluation, initial planning meetings, etc...) virtually. Please contact your child's case manager if you have any questions.

Evaluations

Child Study Team evaluations will resume in person at the beginning of the school year. Evaluations may need to be completed after student dismissal in which arrangements would be made prior to the evaluation with the parents.

My intent is to provide you with the most up to date information on the district's plan as of today. Please understand that we continue to receive updates from the New Jersey Department of Education that can impact the plans for the fall. We will continue to address your questions and concerns as they come up and as more decisions are made I will promptly share that information with you.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen Taylor".

Kristen Taylor
Director of Special Services
Montgomery Township School District