



# Pleasantville Public Schools

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The safety and well-being of our staff and students is our highest priority. However, the administration is beginning to tentatively plan to bring students back in school using a hybrid model after **April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

In accordance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and Centers for Disease Control, we are considering implementing the following Cohort model.

Students who attend Pleasantville Public Schools will receive instruction in one of the three following Cohorts:

- Cohort A will attend school in person on Monday and Tuesday and will attend school virtually on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Cohort B will attend school in person for face to face instruction on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will attend school virtually on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Cohort C will participate remotely full time for five consecutive days.

All cohorts will follow their district schedule, New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) Student Code of Conduct, and attendance requirements as outlined in the Student Handbook.

As indicated above, this blended model is a combination of face-to-face and remote instruction. During the students' remote learning days, they will participate in the live classroom lessons remotely in real-time which will allow for interaction with other classmates and the teacher. All students will be participating in instruction Monday through Thursday, attending either online or in class.

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Cohort C option allows for complete remote learning for families that request this option.

If your family chooses to return to school for in-person instruction 2 days a week, your school's building principal will assign your child(ren) to either Cohort A or Cohort B. We will do our best to have family members/students from the same households be assigned to the same Cohort.

**We are asking each family to inform their school's building principal whether or not their child(ren) will participate in Cohort A or B (and attend in person instruction 2 days/week) or whether you would prefer that your child(ren) continue learning remotely full time in Cohort C.**

Please select and complete the attached form and provide this form to your school's building principal as soon as possible. If you do not have the ability to provide this information in written form, it is very important that you call your building principal and let him/her know whether your child(ren) will participate in Cohort A or B, or whether Cohort C is best for your child(ren).

**If you do not return the attached form or contact your school's building principal by March 19, 2021, your child(ren) will be assigned by their school's building principal to either Cohort A or B.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school's building principal.

Sincerely,

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# COHORT SELECTION FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_ RETURN TO SCHOOL IN EITHER COHORT A OR  
COHORT B (TO BE ASSIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL)  
FOR 2 DAYS OF IN PERSON INSTRUCTION AND 3  
DAYS OF VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

\_\_\_\_\_ CONTINUE TO ATTEND SCHOOL VIRTUALLY  
FULL TIME FOR 5 DAYS A WEEK

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL'S BUILDING  
PRINCIPAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN  
**March 19, 2020**

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