

PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is our highest priority. In order to provide instruction in accordance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control, we have established cohorts to provide instruction while maintaining social distancing.

Students in grades K-12 who attend Paterson Public Schools will receive instruction in one of the three following cohorts:

Cohort A

In-person learning on Mondays and Wednesdays

District Virtual Learning via Google Classroom on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Cohort B

In-person learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays

District Virtual Learning via Google Classroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Cohort C

All District Virtual Learning, Monday-Friday

Students will remain at home, receiving instruction from Paterson Public Schools teachers.

Preschool students will attend classes in person Monday -Thursday and have District Virtual Learning on Fridays.

Students in self-contained Special Education programs will attend classes in person Monday -Thursday and have District Virtual Learning on Fridays.

All cohorts will follow their school schedule, lessons, Code of Conduct, and attendance requirements as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Families who decide to homeschool their child/children must notify the District's Department of Central Registration. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 38-25. Parents who decide to homeschool their child/children accept responsibility for their educational outcomes. Parents are the sole providers for instructing their child utilizing personal resources.

If you prefer that your child participate in Cohort C, please click on the link below to complete the request form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuXhWyj77p83uCO3hKddwzNgq7W1bMrHNEHLFvF2AmSKlsHQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

You must complete a separate form for each of your children.

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*Please note, there will be three opportunities for you to move your child from Cohort C to Cohort A/B.

If you decide to change your child's placement, you must make your request by completing an online form at the end of Marking Period 1 (November 10), Marking Period 2 (January 26) or Marking Period 3 (April 15).