

# Forest Hills School District



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Dear Rangers,

I would like to take this opportunity to release the proposed instructional schedule Forest Hills students will most likely follow after Christmas break starting Monday, January 4, 2021. Please keep in mind that the regional impacts of COVID may necessitate school closures or modifications to this proposed schedule. In an effort to assist you with scheduling, the following represents the latest information regarding the Continuity of Education for the Forest Hills School District.

Please note students will remain in the remote, virtual instructional mode through Friday, January 15, 2021. Teachers will participate in an in-service day on Monday, January 18, 2021. Therefore, students will not attend school on this date. Students will return utilizing the hybrid model on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. **The hybrid model will be implemented utilizing students' last name. Details for the hybrid schedule, including the days that your child(ren) will attend, will be provided in the coming days.** When in-person instruction resumes, staff and students will be required to adhere to the protective face-covering mandate. Additionally, protective face covering is required while on district-provided transportation. These precautions and actions are being taken to protect the health and safety of the students, staff, and the entire Ranger community. Even though these decisions are difficult and unpopular, they are necessary to preserve the health and well-being of all Rangers and to allow us to educate your child during a very unpredictable time.

Because there are several hardships associated with remote learning, the District will continue to offer and expand on specially designed arrangements for students during the remote instruction period. The following accommodations may be offered to your child by appointment:

- Staff office hours (virtual and in person).
- Cyber cafe hours may be offered at the Junior-Senior High School for internet availability. To encourage appropriate social distancing and mitigate risks, these sessions may be scheduled for specific dates and times. Students must bring their school-issued Chromebook to access Canvas and other educational activities. Chromebooks will not be provided at the school.
- Internet Access is available in the parking areas on campus 24/7.
- The Meal Distribution Program will continue to occur throughout the remote learning cycle utilizing the established distribution sites and will follow the Tuesday - Wednesday delivery cycle.
- The Junior-Senior High School Field House may be offered as an additional remote site to assist students with help and internet access.
- The established remote sites will continue to operate during the remote learning phase.
- In cooperation with the Beaverdale and South Fork Public Libraries, students will have access to the tutor.com online tutoring program.

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Instructional Model</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>All Students</b>	Remote learning from January 4, 2021 until Friday, January 15, 2021.	
<b>Anticipated Return to In-School Learning</b>	Hybrid learning model starting Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Students will attend utilizing the last name protocol. Schedules will be communicated shortly.	
<b>Wednesday Schedule</b>	Wednesday, January 20, 2021 will be a full day of school. The following Wednesdays while on the hybrid model will be designated as early dismissal dates.	
<b>Teacher In-Service No School for students</b>	Monday, January 18, 2021	
<b>End of Marking Period/Semester Early Dismissal</b>	January 22, 2021	
<b>IU08 Operated Classrooms</b>	Anticipated return to in-person classes Monday, January 11, 2021. This will be determined between the IU and sending schools.	Respective Buildings
<b>Vocational Students</b>	The District will work in conjunction with the GJCTC and sending schools to accommodate these students.	
<b>Athletics and Extra-curricular Programs</b>	The District will work in partnership with state and local officials to begin these activities. Anticipated return to activity, Tuesday, January 5, 2021	

The remote instructional model will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021. Decisions to adapt or modify the instructional model will be based on information such as local and state COVID transmission rates as well as guidance from Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. I would like to thank the students, parents, and staff for their resilience and hard work during these challenging times. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. David L. Lehman  
Superintendent of Schools