



## PTHS Frequently Asked Questions School Reopening

**Last school year my child had the flexibility to turn in assignments past the due date assigned by the teacher with no grading penalty. Will this still be the expectation?**

No. Last school year there was limited time to properly plan what instruction would look like during the pandemic, and as a school, we provided flexibility for submission of work. This school year both students and teachers have time to prepare for what instruction will look like. Teachers will assign due dates for all assignments. Students will receive full credit for assignments turned in by the due date, students will have up to the following Monday of the next week to submit an assignment late for credit.

**Example:** A project was assigned to students with a due date of Thursday. On Thursday, the student failed to turn in the assignment based on the previously expected due date. The student will be allowed to turn in the assignment no later than Monday to receive credit for the assignment. Students may receive a penalty of no more than a drop in the grade by one letter grade for the late assignment.

**Last school year attendance was based on students turning in their assignments to their teacher? How will attendance be determined this year?**

Students or parents will be required to login to Genesis Portal each day by 9:15 a.m. and mark themselves present. If the student is not marked present by 9:15 a.m. they will be marked absent and an automated phone call will be sent out to families indicating that they are absent. Students and parents will have an opportunity to update the attendance in Genesis no later than 8:00 p.m. of that school day. Teachers will complete daily class attendance that is different from school attendance. Class attendance will be determined by students logging into Google Classroom and on Google Meet sessions for each course that a student is scheduled for.

**Click this Link:** [Video Tutorial on Student Daily Attendance in Genesis Parent and Student Portal](#)

**We understand that all students will start school remotely until October 13. What will instruction look like when students are able to come back to school in October?**

Students at the high school will be grouped in either a Hybrid (In-Person) Group (Green Group) or a Full Remote (Gold Group) based on the commitment forms. Please note this is a change from the original Gold and Green Groups for In Person Teams, due to the percentage of families choosing the Full Remote option and a need to provide live instruction to students who chose the full remote option. Students will have the same classroom teacher that they had to start the school year but will receive live instruction every other day. We currently do not have the capacity to “Live Stream instruction to students both In Person and Virtually simultaneously. Students will be scheduled for either a Live Instruction day, either In Person or Virtually and the opposite day will be an Independent Learning day with assigned instruction and activities.

**What will a Live Instruction Day look like, starting October 13?**

Students who selected the Hybrid (In-Person) option (Green Group) will receive instruction in school and follow their daily schedule. Teachers will teach students in a traditional classroom model while following social distancing protocols. Students who selected the Full Remote option (Gold Group) will be required to log onto the Chromebook and join Google Classroom and Google Meet sessions to receive live instruction.

**What is an Independent Learning Day?**

In order to practice social distancing and provide live instruction to all students, we will incorporate an Independent Learning Day. Students on an Independent Learning Day will be required to complete their daily attendance in Genesis by 9:15 a.m. Students on an Independent Learning Day will be able to receive support from teachers during morning office hours between 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Teachers will have appointments scheduled and open office hours during that time. Students will NOT receive LIVE instruction from teachers during the Independent Learning Day, but students will have assigned instruction and activities that will be found on their Google Classroom page during their scheduled class period to receive resources and instruction for the day.

Please click the link to learn about the instructional day. [Instructional Day Video Expectations](#)

## **What is Teacher Office Hours?**

All teachers will have office hours scheduled within the day. Office hours will be listed on each teacher's Google Classroom page, and found on each syllabus that will be shared with students and parents. Office hours will provide students the opportunity to work with teachers one on one or in small group sessions based on questions and need. Teachers will create a Google Meet Office Hours link, where the teacher will be available to assist with any questions from students. Teachers will have the opportunity to schedule one on one assistance and small group sessions with students who may need additional support.

**Last school year Thursday was a Remediation day, which provided students an opportunity to receive support from teachers or get caught up with work. Will Remediation day occur this year?**

No. Our students will be following a delayed opening schedule, which will allow students to connect with teachers during office hours between the hours of 8:30 a.m -9:15 a.m to receive individualized assistance. Students should take advantage of the two hours in the morning to reach out to teachers or get caught up with missing work.

**If my group ( Green or Gold group) does not have Live instruction, am I off from school?**

No. All students are expected to follow the lessons according to their schedule in Genesis whether they are in person or virtual. Students that do not have a Live Instruction Day, will be required to follow Google Classroom for the Independent Learning Day expectations, where instructions and activities will be shared.

**Why are we following a delayed opening schedule?**

The delayed opening schedule provides some flexibility for staff to develop asynchronous (not live) videos that will be shared with students to reference during instruction. Teachers will utilize that time for office hours to provide tutoring to students and individualized instruction as needed.

**If my child is learning 100% remote how do I ensure my child is getting all the necessary information, assignments as the other students who are attending school every other day?**

All assignments, tutorials, pre-recorded instructional videos, and resources will be available to access through Google Classroom. Teachers will host live Google Meet sessions during the scheduled class period.

**My child has Physical Education the first semester, will students be changing for class?**

No, they will not. Please have your child wear clothing to school that they can participate in gym class. Comfortable, loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes are recommended.

**Does the school take attendance for students in a group not reporting to in-person school that day?**

A: Yes, student daily attendance will be reported for all students each day school is in session (180 days). Students will check-in remotely through Genesis on a daily basis.

**If my child is on full remote learning, can they still participate in extracurricular activities/athletics?**

Yes, parents should contact the school for more information about extracurricular activities and or sports.

**What if my child doesn't feel well but does not have a fever and their cohort is supposed to be in-person that day?**

Families must keep them home and monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If your child is feeling up to it, they should follow the classwork remotely, and mark themselves present in Genesis. If they are unable to participate in remote learning they should mark themselves absent in Genesis and denote the reason that they are absent. Students should communicate with their classroom teacher in Google Classroom.

**Our family attended a once in a lifetime event and traveled to a state that is currently on the travel advisory 14-day quarantine list. What should my child do?**

Quarantine and monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days. Students may learn remotely while quarantining and communicate this by contacting their school counselor. Students would be placed on the Full Remote cohort during the quarantine time frame.

**Will my child have additional time to complete assignments if their Chromebook malfunctions or we have internet connectivity issues?**

Students are required to communicate this information with their classroom teacher and school counselor. Classroom teachers will work with students to ensure that they are provided time to complete assignments if there are connectivity issues.

**What does my child do if they have Chromebook issues? How will it be repaired? Who do we call or contact?**

Students who are having issues with their Chromebook are required to notify their classroom teachers and submit a technology request by visiting the site <http://tech.pemb.org/home/>. In the upper right-hand corner, students should click submit ticket and follow the instructions.

Click this link: [Submitting a Technology Ticket for Chromebook issues](#)

**How will I meet my child's teacher? Will there be an open house or back to school night?**

A Virtual Back To School Meeting will be held where classroom teachers will send the Google Meet code to families to take part in a virtual session. The Back To School event will be communicated to parents.

**Who should I contact if my child is struggling in a class or I have a concern with a particular class?**

Parents should begin any communication with their child's classroom teacher. We believe that building a positive relationship with families is integral to the success of our school. Teachers will work to support students as it relates to concerns. School counselors should be the next level of support for parents as it relates to concerns with a class, and that information will be shared with the appropriate building administrator.

**What happens if there is a snow day or an emergency closing on a remote day or while my child is in remote learning?**

Depending on the type of emergency closing, there is the possibility that as a school we will be able to continue instruction remotely during school closure. The information would be shared by the school district as it relates to emergency school closings.

**If my child is on a fully remote schedule will they receive textbooks and materials for the course? If so, how will that occur?**

The majority of our courses utilize online textbooks that can be accessed through the use of our school-issued Chromebooks. There are programs and classes that do require the use of textbooks and material. A textbook and supply pick up will be scheduled for the first two weeks of September and the dates and times will be communicated to students and families.

**What is the plan for Senior trips? Senior Proms? Other class trips? How and when will this information be communicated?**

We have scheduled and planned for all class events such as Senior Trip, Senior Prom, Senior Picnic, and other events to take place in late May or early June. We will follow the guidance provided by New Jersey Department of Education, CDC, and Burlington County Health Department at the time of the scheduled events.

**Who do I call if I have additional questions that aren't covered on this FAQ?**

Please contact the school if you have any questions @ 609-893-8141 ext. 1800. The building will be Monday - Friday between the hours of 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.