



In-Person Learning For Hybrid Model Students Will Increase Two Days At Newark High School And Newark Middle School April 19th

Students currently receiving instruction at Newark High School and Newark Middle School two days a week under the hybrid learning model will begin attending school four days a week beginning April 19th.

The change was announced yesterday by Newark Central School District Superintendent Susan Hasenauer after weeks of dialogue and planning with administrators, teachers, other staff and Board of Education members on how best to safely allow students increased in-person learning time in both schools.

In an announcement to staff March 15th, Hasenauer said the District promised to make the change *“only if it could be done in a manner that would keep the health and safety of students and staff as the top priority and in a way that would keep as much consistency for student learning as possible.”*

“We are confident that our plan allows us to continue to follow guidelines from the Wayne County Department of Health and will support more opportunities for academic success and socialization for students.”

The change means hybrid learning model students will attend school Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will remain asynchronous (remote only) learning days.

“The start and end times for the Middle School and High School student and teacher days will remain the same and we are working to keep students with their current teachers/support providers and in current courses without major schedule changes as much as possible,” Hasenauer said.

There will be NO changes for students who are currently participating in the full-time remote learning model. Additionally there will be no changes for students at the elementary school level.

Hasenauer said planning and preparation will be key to a successful implementation of the change April 19th, the beginning of the fourth quarter marking period.

That date was chosen to give teachers time to effectively shift instructional plans from remote to in-person learning including the need, closer to April 19th, for some classroom locations and staff planning spaces to shift to accommodate the increase in students receiving in-school instruction.

Additionally, in order to plan and prepare, Hasenauer said:

- Wednesday, April 14th will be a day of no meetings for Middle and High School staff in order to allow more time for continued planning and preparation. Asynchronous instruction will be provided for students and PRIDE time will still occur. **Office hours and small group instruction will be cancelled on this day.**

- Friday, April 16th will be a day of remote learning for all Middle and High School students in order to allow for final preparation. Asynchronous instruction will be provided for students and PRIDE time will still occur.

“Developing a plan to increase in-person learning time, while keeping staff and students safe, is of the utmost importance to us as a district,” Hasenauer said. *“We want to thank staff, parents and community members for the questions, concerns and ideas that were shared with us. These were helpful for us to formulate our plan.”*