

Remote Instruction Plan 2024-25 School Year



The Bridge Academy is an Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities located in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Our mission is to educate and empower students with educational learning disabilities to reach their fullest potential through a comprehensive program developed around each child's individual needs.

It is our individualized approach to teaching students with learning disabilities, combined with the nurturing, emotionally supportive atmosphere at The Bridge Academy that makes our school a uniquely effective learning environment.

In the event that we must provide virtual learning, our virtual learning will include scheduled synchronous learning, live interactions with teachers, and mandatory participation times for both elementary and secondary students.

The following contains information for procedures to be implemented during a school closure at The Bridge Academy lasting more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the Lawrence Township Health Department or the New Jersey Department of Health to institute a public health-related closure in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:7F-9(c) and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 and 13.2.

Equitable Access and Opportunity to Instruction

The Bridge Academy ensures equitable access and opportunities through school issued devices, using Google Meet or Zoom for synchronous learning. Students are guided to log in and be present for Morning Meetings on Tuesday's and Thursday's, and Live Instruction to ensure they fully receive their lessons. Students will be expected to remain logged in and on camera during the instructional portion of the class or as indicated by the teacher.

Technology Access for all students

- All Bridge Academy students have a designated laptop that will be picked up and/or delivered to the student's home if it is not deployed during school.
- If there is any issue with internet service, The Bridge Academy teachers will report the problem to administration who will contact the local LEA. Assignments will be hand delivered if needed.
- If there is any technical issue our IT staff will contact the parent and make arrangements to solve the issue.

Instruction

All students of The Bridge Academy, Grades 3-12, will be taught and assessed for their ability to use both the software and hardware needed for remote instruction. Included but not limited to log onto Google Classroom, use all elements of Google classroom needed for remote instruction, use of Read and Write, use of their email, and subject specific software.

- Each student will log on during the emergency schedule timeframe of 8 am to 1:15pm and attend their classes via links sent by their respective teachers.
- A copy of the schedule and links are sent to both our students by email and their parents/guardians by email.
- Students will be expected to remain logged in and on camera during the instructional portion of the class or as indicated by the teacher.
- We will provide a variety of learning opportunities, including support for struggling learners as well as enrichment activities.

- The Bridge Academy will provide manipulatives when needed for students. These manipulatives can be picked up by parents, dropped off by Bridge Academy staff, or when possible and time permits, sent through the mail.
- All student IEPs will continue to be followed to the greatest extent possible during emergency remote instruction.
- Teachers will be responsible for attendance records and grading as they would be during live instruction.
- Students that do not submit work to a teacher within the provided timeline will receive an email or call home to their parents from the teacher.

Attendance

The Bridge Academy expects all students to join and participate in classroom instruction. As identified in the guidance from NJDOE, all students are marked present unless otherwise noted by the school.

- All students must log in, on-camera, at the beginning of the scheduled class time.
- Students are expected to remain logged in and on camera during the instructional portion of the class as indicated by the teacher.
- Teachers will be responsible for attendance records and grading as they would be during live instruction.
- Students that do not submit work to a teacher within the provided timeline will receive a call home to parents from the teacher.
- The administration will monitor the attendance of students and will communicate via emails/phone calls with parents/guardians if there are any attendance concerns.

Special Education Needs

All students at The Bridge Academy possess an IEP. Our students will participate in online classes every day as we continue to meet their individual needs.

- All student IEP's will continue to be followed to the greatest extent possible during emergency remote instruction.
- Students will continue to meet with their scheduled Speech and Language sessions, OT sessions, and Counseling sessions as designated by their IEP.
- LEA's and case managers will be notified if The Bridge Academy has to implement the remote learning plan.
- LEA's may continue to schedule meetings in a virtual format as needed with Bridge Academy staff participation.
- Equity in the provision of technology devices and internet access will be ensured.

Safe Delivery of Meals Plan

The Bridge Academy does not provide meals during the school year.

English Language Learners (ELL) Plan Needs

The Bridge Academy does not have any English Language Learners enrolled.

Facilities

Regular maintenance for The Bridge Academy will continue during any period of remote instruction and essential personnel will ensure building security and assess readiness to reopen. Otherwise, existing building maintenance and cleaning procedures would be followed.

Other Considerations

Accelerated learning opportunities

The Bridge Academy does not offer any accelerated learning opportunities.

Social and Emotional Health of staff and students

The teachers of The Bridge Academy will monitor the social and emotional health of students within their classes. The teachers will share any concerns with Administration, The School Nurse and/or The School Social Worker. The School Nurse and The School Social Worker will be in communication with each family of a Bridge Academy student to assess any concerns during remote instruction. The administration will monitor the social and emotional health of staff.

Title 1 Extended Learning Programs

The Bridge Academy does not have a Title 1 Extended Learning program. Students participate through their LEA.

21st Century Community Learning Programs

All core 21st century learning standards are embedded into the district's curriculum and instructional programs

Credit Recovery

Families may participate in these programs through their LEA.

Other Extended Student Learning Opportunities

All students can participate in extended learning opportunities through their LEA.

Transportation

Transportation will not be needed if the school becomes remote. All transportation needs are handled by the students LEA or parent who transports them as per their IEP.

Child Care

The Bridge Academy does not offer childcare.

Community Programming

Community programming including Back to School Nights, Conferences, and other programs will switch to a virtual platform where appropriate.

Essential Employees

The Bridge Academy will provide a list of essential personnel to the county office in the event of an extended remote learning situation.

Board Approval Date

8/14/24

Website Location

<https://bridgeacademynj.org/>