

SEARCH Day Program Fulltime Remote Learning Option for Families in 2020-21

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Dear Parents(s),

As you may know, the New Jersey Department of Education has recently issued school reopening guidance that establishes that schools shall accommodate requests for fulltime remote learning beginning in September. Accordingly, all SEARCH Day Program students are eligible for fulltime remote learning and eligibility is not conditioned on a family/guardian demonstrating a risk of illness or other selective criteria.

Procedure for submitting fulltime learning requests: If you are interested in your child participating in full-time remote learning beginning **September 1st**, please either email or telephone (see contact information below) the school principal or supervisor of education before **Wednesday, August 12th** to make a request.

Scope and expectations of fulltime learning: For parents who choose a full remote learning option, the school will maintain access to standards-based instruction and continue to make the best effort to ensure that every student participating in remote learning has access to the requisite educational technology, and the provision of related services to the greatest extent possible. Full-time remote learning must adhere to the length of school day requirements, local attendance policies, and any other local policies governing delivery of services to, and district expectations of, students participating in remote programs and their families.

In order to fulfill responsibilities needed to address fulltime remote learning and abide by NJDOE guidance (Clarifying Expectations Regarding Fulltime Remote Learning Options for Families in 2020-2021, July 24, 2020); SEARCH Day Program will implement the following:

The transition from fulltime remote learning to in-person services: Parents must notify the school principal or supervisor of education, via email at mcarpino@searchdayprogram.com or levans@searchdayprogram.com, or other written communication, when requesting to transition to in-person services. **30 days is the minimum amount of time a student must spend in fulltime remote learning before being eligible to transition to in-person services.** This will allow families/guardians to make the arrangements needed to effectively serve student's learning needs, inform sending school districts, prepare for transportation, and will support educators in ensuring continuity of instruction. In the event you choose to transition from fulltime remote learning to in-person services, the **30-day notice** may be necessary to make the arrangements needed to effectively serve students' in-person learning needs, coordinate student, teacher, and therapist schedules, prepare materials, inform sending school districts, transportation, etc., in preparation for fulltime remote learning.

Contact Information: For additional information regarding this policy, making arrangements, or for any other questions, please feel free to contact either Mike Carpino or Lori Evans.

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Sincerely,

Mike Carpino, Principal