



Peekskill City School District

Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

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Dear Peekskill Middle School Students and Families:

Dr. Campolongo, Ms. Simon, and I have been so pleased to see you all. You all look great and ready to get back to learning and exploring. Thank you for your great attendance and being actively engaged in the Google Classroom learning sessions.

Beginning September 21, 2020, those of you who have committed to the Hybrid Model will come to school on the following days: Students will be present in the school building two days a week and learn virtually (at home) three days a week. You will follow your regular schedule for the two days. **Students whose last name begins with a letter A-L is (Cohort A) will come to school on Mondays and Tuesdays.** **Students whose last name begins with a letter M-Z is (Cohort B) will come to school on Thursdays and Fridays.**

Those students who have committed to the Virtual Model, will continue to learn virtually.

While in the school building on your specific days, some safety and security measures have been put in place to follow the Westchester Department of Health guidelines for school reopening:

- Students will wear masks to gain entry and wear while in the building.
- Student temperature checks will be administered by School Nurses & Designated Personnel.
 - If student's temperature reading is 100.0 or greater, student will go to a shaded area and the Nurse will evaluate the student after 10 minutes.
- Students will maintain social distance of six feet and refrain from physical interaction (high fives, hugs, touching, etc.)
- Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the classroom.
- Students will not use lockers. Instead, they will use their backpack
- **Cellphones are to remain off and in your backpack.**

- Chromebooks or laptops will be used exclusively and students will transport the computer back and forth for the two days. You may bring your own laptop or chromebook but will use district sign-on.
- Chromebooks must be charged every night so that you will have full power the next day for school.
- Certain Stairwells will have Down Traffic and Up Traffic:
 - Center Stairwell is for Down Traffic
 - Gym Stairwell is for Down Traffic
 - Library Stairwell (passed the Main Office) is for Up Traffic
 - Library Stairwell (by Room 321) is for Down Traffic
 - Team Corridor Stairwells are for Up Traffic
 - Directional Arrows on Hallway Floors to indicate on which side to walk (to the Right)

School begins at 8:45AM in which you will report to the same Homeroom Class you have each day in virtual learning.

Each grade will have its own entrance and exit supervised by the Peekskill Police Department.

- 8:35AM - We begin to let students in the building
 - Grade 6 will enter and exit through Washington Street. Families can drop students off safely along the street.
 - Grade 7 will enter and exit through the lower area of the field by the steps.
 - Grade 8 will enter and exit through the main entrance on Ringgold Street.
 - Students will line up outside according to Team (North and South) and Practicing Social Distancing
 - Grade 8 students will line up outside according to Team (North and South) and Practicing Social Distancing
 - Security and Administration will supervise
 - Grade 8 will Dismiss through Ringgold Street
 - Students will be called by Team led by teacher
 - Security and Administration will supervise

Again, these measures have to be in place to ensure the safety of all students and adults in the building.

Stay well and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Jamal Lewis
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