

Passaic Valley Regional High School District #1

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Dear Passaic Valley High School Community Members,

The unprecedented Covid Pandemic that caused us to close schools in March has now brought us to the point of determining how we will best begin to reopen our schools in September. We have set our goals and our planning around the guidance and restrictions set forth to us by national, state, and local health officials, and following the guidelines set forth by the state document, *"The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education,"* which was released to districts as a framework for planning.

Our method to complete this task was to take a common sense and logical approach to the work ahead. We studied the state guidance, researched instructional models, and became familiar with this challenge. Through our three committee taskforces, we involved many of our regional stakeholders in conversations that focused only on what is best for our students and for our community.

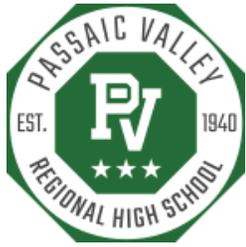
Our goal begins with keeping as many students socially distanced on the school campus as we can manage. We intend to the best of our ability to shelter students from becoming possible victims of the virus or asymptomatic carriers of the virus that will then be inadvertently shared with family members, teachers, school staff, and each other.

All of the criteria's for health and safety drove us to develop a hybrid schedule to meet the needs of the approximately 1250 people that make up our school community. Currently we can only allow up to 100 people at capacity. We are waiting for further guidance on these numbers though the Governor's Executive Orders, so we can implement the attached schedule which brings in approximately 550 people to campus daily.

The attached operational schedule provides the best scenario to allow for social distancing practices to occur in our facility while maximizing the amount of time that teachers actively engage with students instructing them both on campus and in the virtual world. We have also planned for those students and parents who have identified in the survey as preferring an all virtual model of instruction.

This summer we surveyed both staff and parents, we also gathered information from students before they left us in June. We have read all of the information and have chosen to take all of what were considered needs for improvement of our online experience in the spring to revamp our approach to teaching and learning in our traditional, hybrid, or virtual settings. Specifically increasing teachers and students to have contact in the virtual world through Google Meets or Microsoft Teams as they will be the approved venues for this practice with regard to virtual instruction. We have your feedback and we took the time to research and explore what will be needed to open our schools for the 2020-2021 school year. We will be prepared to open school in September and serve our students at a high level of excellence that PV has provided to the community for the last 80 years.

Sincerely,
Dr. JoAnn Cardillo
Superintendent



INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

	<u>Monday</u> Full Day Modified Bell Schedule	<u>Tuesday</u> Half Day Modified Bell Schedule	<u>Wednesday</u> Half Day Modified Bell Schedule	<u>Thursday</u> Half Day Modified Bell Schedule	<u>Friday</u> Full Day Modified Bell Schedule
	Students: 8:00-2:30 Faculty: 8:00-3:05	Students 8:00-12:46** Faculty: 8:00-3:05	Students: 8:00-12:46** Faculty: 8:00-3:05	Students: 8:00-12:46** Faculty: 8:00-3:05	Students: 8:00-2:30 Faculty: 8:00-2:30
	Approximately 6hrs. of instruction	Approximately 4hrs. of instruction	Approximately 4hrs. of instruction	Approximately 4hrs. of instruction	Approximately 6hrs. of instruction
Teams*					
Red	Virtual	In-School	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual
White	Virtual	Virtual	In-School	Virtual	Virtual
Blue	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	In-School	Virtual
Teachers	Virtual***	In-School	In-School	In-School	Virtual***

Mondays and Fridays:

Students will virtually meet with all teachers on Google Meet/Microsoft Teams (the approved video conferencing programs) following their regular academic schedule. Provisions for lunches on Mondays and Fridays are being made.

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday:

Teams will attend school in-person on their assigned day. Teams that are not in-school on a particular day complete their daily lesson and activities on Google Classroom within the timeframe assigned by the teacher. From 1:30-3:05, teachers will provide feedback to students, attend Professional Development, Department Meetings, and Faculty Meetings as scheduled.

Students who choose to be virtual:

Students will be assigned a Red, White, or Blue Team, but remain home on the in-school day. An additional daily lesson/activity will be assigned in-lieu of the in-school instruction.

- Attendance will be taken, and District Attendance Policy will be enforced.
- Bergen/PV ABA Program will attend school Monday through Friday.

Notes:

*Student Teams can be found on RealTime. Siblings are on the same team.

**There is a grab-and-go lunch option in the cafeteria for students from 12:46pm-1:30pm.

***There will be a rotating schedule for teachers to report to campus on Monday and Friday to hold their videoconferences. Upon completion of our technology infrastructure upgrade, all faculty will report 5 days a week.