

Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Schools
E-Learning PreK-12
Frequently Asked Questions

What is e-learning?

There are two models for e-learning: [synchronous](#) and [asynchronous](#). Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Schools will utilize a hybrid approach that integrates both synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning strategies to meet the needs of all of our students, families, and staff during this extended school closure. This hybrid model will provide meaningful, engaging learning opportunities for our students in a flexible, adaptable mode of instruction and learning. This will allow our students and teachers to stay connected and interactive, while also being sensitive to the complexities and challenges of remote, e-learning for each family situation.

Who do I contact if I have questions about e-learning and my child's classes?

Please reach out to your child's teacher to communicate any specific questions about your e-learning.

Does my student need to be online during regular school hours?

Although teachers will be available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., we do not expect students to stay logged in at a computer or Chromebook for that time period. Students are expected to access Google Classroom daily Monday through Friday, but may access lessons and complete assigned work at their own pace. Additionally, we recommend balancing the amount of time spent on screens and the quality of on-screen activities. Below are some recommendations for parents and guardians to help students to maintain a healthy balance of on- and off-screen activities.

American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Children's Media Use:

- For children ages 6 and older, place consistent limits on the time spent using media, and the types of media, and make sure media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health.
- Designate media-free times together as well as media-free locations at home
- Have ongoing communication about online citizenship and safety, including treating others with respect online and offline.

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/American-Academy-of-Pediatrics-Announces-New-Recommendations-for-Childrens-Media-Use.aspx>

[3 Tips for Balanced for Digital Wellness](#) [Personalized Family Media Use Plan from the American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

What is Google Classroom and how does my child access classes through it?

Google Classroom is an online, learning platform and instructional management tool created by Google in collaboration with educators. Our teachers in Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Schools have been utilizing this online learning tool for several years.

In grades PreK-2, teachers will email access codes to parents and guardians. Parents and guardians will have full access to Google Classroom to access classroom resources and lessons.

In grades 3-6, teachers will invite students via a code to join Google Classrooms. Parents and Guardians will have access codes to receive classroom summaries and information. If you or child have any issues accessing Google Classroom, please contact your child's teacher for access codes and links.

In grades 7-12, your child already has access to the Google Classroom for each of their classes. If they are unable to access a class, they are encouraged to reach out directly to their teacher for information regarding course specific.

For more information about Google Classroom, follow this link:

[Introduction to Google Classroom](#)

What technology do we need at home?

All students need access to a computer or Chromebook with internet to access lessons, activities, and assignments via Google Classroom. Additionally, students will submit work to their teachers and receive feedback via Google Classroom. Students are not expected to remain online all day.

Who do I contact if we have technical difficulties with the school-issued Chromebook?

Our Director of Technology, Pam Murphy, and our district network technicians will be available Monday through Friday to assist with technical issues. Please use this form to request technical support: [Chromebook Technical Support](#)

How and when will my child's teacher communicate with me or my child if we have questions?

Teachers will be available to answer questions via email between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher via phone, please email the teacher and they will coordinate a time to call you.