

Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 - 2021-22 School Year

As communicated to chief school administrators on July 6, 2020, Section 520.1 of the School Code provides flexibility to meet minimum instructional time requirements in the event of an emergency that prevents a school entity from providing for the attendance of all pupils or usual hours of classes at the school entity. As occurred for the 2020-21 school year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) considers the World Health Organization-declared Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a global pandemic and an emergency as contemplated by Section 520.1 for the 2021-22 school year. Nothing in Section 520.1 of the School Code should be construed to extend beyond the 2021-22 school year.

A local education agency (LEA) that elects to implement temporary provisions in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic may meet the minimum 180 days of instruction and 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level through a combination of face-to-face and remote instruction, consistent with the requirements outlined in PDE's July 6, 2020, guidance. Such LEAs must provide PDE with the following information specific to the 2021-22 school year:

1. LEA's Proposed Calendar and Schedule(s) for SY

2021-22 a. School Year Calendar

School Year Start Date	School Year End Date	Total Number of Instructional Days Must meet minimum 180 days
August 30, 2021	June 2, 2022	180 Days

- b. Should a school need to use remote learning at either the student or school level, LEAs should submit a sample weekly schedule reflecting remote learning as approved by the LEA's governing body. (Recognizing the need for flexibility and

that circumstances may change as the LEA responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, an LEA may provide more than one proposed weekly schedule.)

See Attached Schedules

2. When using remote learning (i.e., learning outside of the school building), describe how the LEA will ensure access for all students.

Fort Cherry School District has a one-to-one device initiative to provide equitable access to learning opportunities to all students. All grade levels and courses utilize a cloud-based platform to allow access to all instruction and materials in remote learning setting.

For the 2021-2022 SY, Fort Cherry will provide in-person learning 5 days a week beginning the first day of school. In addition, any family choosing to remain in a remote learning environment may acquire instruction through enrollment in FC Cyber Academy.

FC Cyber Academy will run as follows:

- *K-6 Synchronous for Core Content/Asynchronous for Unified Arts*
- *7-9 Synchronous for Core Content/Asynchronous for Electives*
- *10-12 Asynchronous for Core Content & Electives*

For any student without internet access in their home learning environment, jet packs, elabs, and/or individualized arrangement will be provided to allow equitable access to instruction.

3. The Chief School Administrator and Board President affirm the following:

- X The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) will provide all students the planned instruction needed to attain the relevant academic standards set forth in Chapter 4.
- X The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) allow sufficient instructional time necessary for content mastery and provide instructional blocks for each grade level and content area.
- X The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) provide at least 900 hours (elementary) and 990 hours (secondary) of in-person instruction and/or remote learning for all students. (Such time may include synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction.)
- X The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) define instructional time for students as time in the school day devoted to instruction and instructional activities under the direction of certified school employees. (Such time may include synchronous and/or asynchronous instructional activities.)

- X Clearly defined systems for tracking attendance and instructional time will be implemented to ensure student engagement in remote instruction.
- X The LEA acknowledges that it must provide Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) during this pandemic-related emergency.
- X The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) ensures ESL services for English Learners.
- X Clearly defined and ongoing systems for evaluating the quality and outcomes of instructional delivery will be implemented, at least quarterly, and necessary adjustments will be made when data highlight concerns about quality, equity, and/or lack of progress in student learning.

Name of Local Education Agency: **Fort Cherry School District**


Signature of Chief School Administrator

6/28/21

Date


Signature of Governing Body President

6/28/21

Date

Date Approved at Board Meeting:

6/28/21

Please scan and submit this entire signed document, the proposed weekly schedule, and a copy of the board meeting minutes at which such schedule was approved to to RA-EDContinuityofED@pa.gov.

Questions can also be submitted to this email address.

Fort Cherry Weekly Schedules

Traditional, In-Person Learning Schedule (Distance Learning Option if Health and Safety Concerns Arise)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Students In-School/ In-Person	All Students In-School/ In-Person	All Students In-School/ In-Person	All Students In-School/ In-Person	All Students In-School/ In-Person

FC Cyber Academy (Student remaining in cyber learning environment)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Students Remote Learning	All Students Remote Learning	All Students Remote Learning	All Students Remote Learning	All Students Remote Learning