



2020-2021 REMOTE LEARNING PLAN



**Marcellus Central School District
2 Reed Parkway
Marcellus, New York 13108**

School Reopening COVID-19 Remote Learning Plan

(As of August 10, 2020)

Plan for Remote Learning

(expanded from page 38-46 of the Marcellus Reopening Plan document)

The Marcellus Central School District recognizes the importance of parent and student choice for different modes of learning during this time of a global pandemic. With that in mind, we are equally committed to equity in instruction and are determined to provide high quality learning opportunities to all of our students, including those who have chosen virtual/remote as well as those in the hybrid model. All of our students, including those in remote learning, will be provided with a digital device and will be afforded both synchronous and asynchronous opportunities to advance their learning. The specifics of how Marcellus will accomplish this are as follows:

1. Any parent and/or student who wishes to choose solely Remote Learning will be afforded that opportunity. On August 7th, a survey was released by Marcellus Central School District and parents were asked to complete the survey for each one of their children. Among other topics, parents were given the opportunity to choose solely Remote Learning for all or any one of their children depending upon individual needs. Those survey results are currently being compiled and our building Principals are creating Remote Learning class lists (along with Hybrid learning class lists). Whenever possible, we will have teachers dedicated to a class or classes of Remote Learning students, depending upon the number of students selecting the Remote Learning model.
2. The Marcellus Central School District transformed to a 1 to 1 district several years ago. Every student already has a digital device assigned to them for use for educational purposes prior to COVID 19. For the 2020-2021 school year, we have set two dates (September 8th and 9th) to distribute devices to Remote Learners. The following details student devices for learning:
 - a. All instructional staff and students will be provided with a device to use for remote learning in accordance with district policy.
 - b. All students in grades K and 1 provided an iPad.
 - c. All students in grades 2nd through 12th provided a chromebook.
3. Following a period of remote learning in the spring, the Marcellus School District successfully achieved internet connectivity for 100% of its students. To ensure that this same condition exists going forward we will do the following:
 - a. Survey students and staff to identify access to high-speed internet for all students and teachers in their places of residence.
 - b. Any student/family unit or teacher who does not have internet access will be loaned a mobile hotspot for use during remote learning in the event that an alternate means of remote instruction cannot be achieved. All instructional staff and students will be provided with a device to use for remote learning in accordance with district policy.

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4. Continuity of Instruction

- a. The Marcellus School District will provide teachers with clear expectations and standards for both hybrid and remote learning. Teachers will be expected to conduct synchronous learning sessions with their students when they are remote to ensure attendance, engagement, and learning. In addition, we are offering our teachers professional development in best practices for distance learning. This professional development is focused on how to design lessons for distance learning. It will include methods for making sound decisions about learning content and how to design synchronous learning opportunities. As well, teachers will explore how to optimally frame asynchronous learning to meet students' needs and ensure success. Please see pages 38-46 of the plan document for details regarding remote learning models.