



## Brooklyn City School District

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Dear Brooklyn Families,

The Brooklyn City Schools continue to plan and prepare for the return of students this fall. We have developed several options for students to return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. This includes a full day return to school option, should conditions in the county allow. We have also developed a hybrid option that we will utilize when the county health advisory levels are in red and we have developed a remote option if the county level moves to purple. Families who choose to send their children back to school for face-to-face instruction will need to understand that the district will move between full day, a hybrid day and remote learning based on guidance from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. We recognize this is challenging for families and will do what we can to give as much advance notice as possible if/when we must move levels. A detailed summary of the above options is [available for viewing on our district website](#).

We recognize that some families are looking for an educational option that allows children to learn from home regardless of the county designations. We are working to provide families with that option. This letter serves to provide some information about a full remote option.

In conjunction with guidance from The Ohio Department of Education, the Brooklyn City School District is creating a remote option for students to enroll in. We are working very closely with our teachers to plan for this option. Please understand that we are working diligently to provide a robust option that keeps Brooklyn teachers working with Brooklyn students in this remote learning academy. Exact details, including student expectations, are being established and we need to determine how many students will be enrolling in this opportunity. This opportunity will feature Brooklyn City Schools curriculum with instruction from a Brooklyn City Schools teacher. Students will be required to participate in both synchronous (simultaneous with in-person classes) and asynchronous (on student's own time) virtual learning. When possible, there may be opportunities for students to meet in small groups with their teacher in-person, however, students will be required to meet with their teachers individually and in small groups online as part of the virtual experience.

Remote learning is a new opportunity for Brooklyn teachers and students. We are taking feedback from families and staff members from the spring as well as guidance from online providers to guide and create this new learning option.

Families who choose this option must understand that this option requires a semester commitment. This will allow for us to carefully plan for the number of students in each section and consistency for staffing. For families that have more than one child, please consider that what may work for one child, may not work for the other. Families may choose a remote option for one child and in-person instruction for another. We ask that you carefully consider the options available and consider how your children learn best, as well as what you as a family are most comfortable with given the challenges with COVID. We have designed the enrollment form to be student specific, therefore if you have more than one child, you will need to complete a form for each child you wish to enroll in the remote learning option.



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Equally important as planning for a remote option, Brooklyn City Schools has been working on a safe plan for the reopening of the school buildings for in-person instruction. The district has been using the following resources to guide the planning process:

- The Ohio Department of Education and The Ohio Department of Health
- Brooklyn City Schools Fall 2020 Opening School Survey
- Brooklyn City Schools Reopening Task Force
- Brooklyn City Schools Teacher Survey

**We ask families that are interested in the remote learning option to complete the [Brooklyn City Schools Remote Learning Enrollment Form](#)**

You will need to **submit one application for each child** you wish to enroll.

**Applications are due by August 7, 2020.**

For parents with students on an IEP or 504 plan, specific services and accommodations will be reviewed with the team prior to the start of virtual classes.

Once all applications have been received and scheduling is complete, families will receive notification of enrollment into the remote learning academy. Students and their parents/guardians will be required to attend a virtual open house where information about student expectations, schedules and grading will be discussed. This will also provide a forum for Q&A.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [michelle.kalish@bcshurricanes.org](mailto:michelle.kalish@bcshurricanes.org)

Thank you,

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