MULLICA TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Home of the Coyotes **Mrs. Maris Lynn, Principal** ***#WeAreMullica***

2020-21 Learning Expectations and Guidelines

Our Mission: In an effort to prepare students to be college and career ready, the mission of the Mullica Township School District is to celebrate diversity by creating an emotionally and behaviorally safe learning environment where academics and the arts are esteemed.

The 2020-21 school year is different than any before it and requires a different set of expectations. It is imperative that families support us in providing the best possible education to our students in the current, challenging learning environment caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency. We all acknowledge that the current learning model is not what we want for our children. We all want our children to be able to attend school, in-person, for the full day, every day, without having concerns for their health and the health of our community. Unfortunately, that is not possible right now, and until it is, we all have to adapt and persevere for the benefit of our children.

As we prepare to enter the second trimester, it is a good time to recognize our common goals and prioritize our partnership. The expectations and guidelines outlined in this document are essential to the success of our students.

Attendance: It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that their child is attending school. If there are barriers to attendance, please reach out to the school office for assistance.

1. **All students are expected to attend school on all scheduled school days**, during all school hours, or in accordance with the schedule established for that grade level. The New Jersey Department of Education has **NOT** made any attendance concessions for the 2020-21 school year and the Mullica Township School District is obligated to enforce mandatory attendance as set forth in state and district policy.
    a. Students enrolled in In-Person and Flexible Placement will have the option to learn from home or attend school on their scheduled days.
    b. Students enrolled in All-Virtual Instruction must attend school virtually each school day and during all class periods.
    c. To report students who will be absent from instruction call 609-561-3868 X150
2. Attendance will be taken during Homeroom and reported for state attendance records.
3. In Grades 5-8 attendance will be taken during each class period and will be recorded for class participation and grading purposes.

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Virtual Learning: Students and their families are required to adhere to the following guidelines when learning from home.

1. Students will use their school issued device for school work. This allows teachers to access the student's screens, check work and provide guidance.
2. Students will have their cameras on during class.
    a. Students who cannot be seen will be assumed to be absent from class
    b. Students may use a school appropriate virtual background
    c. Parents may arrange to excuse students from turning on their camera by contacting each teacher. (Being able to see and interact with students is essential for quality instruction)
3. Students must be properly dressed during class meetings.
4. Students should not eat during class meetings
5. Parents should ensure students have a quiet, distraction free learning environment at home.
6. Students and parents must respect the privacy of all learners
    a. No screenshots, pictures, or videos may be taken during live instruction

Expectations of Families: Family support plays an integral part in the success of each child. To support their children, parents should follow these expectations.

1. Create a quiet learning space for their child
2. Be mindful that other children and teachers will see and hear what is happening in your home. Appropriate language, dress, and actions are expected from all members of the household.
3. Require all televisions, cell phones, and recreational electronic devices to be turned off.
4. Check to see assignments have been completed and submitted.
5. Check PowerSchool parent portal for grades on a weekly basis.
6. Monitor their email for school related messages
7. Communicate with teachers about your child's needs

Resources: The Mullica Township School District recognizes that families may need additional assistance in supporting their children. Please reference the following for support.

1. To information on reporting Chromebook issues Click Here
2. For "How-To" videos about technology and school programs Click Here
3. To access the PowerSchool Parent Portal Click Here
4. For information about school meals Click Here
5. To view the District Calendar Click Here
6. To view the Trimester Two Cohort Calendar Click Here
7. To view the district Return to Learning-Next Steps Click Here