



INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Reopening School – iSync & iCyber

FAQ

Q 1. Will free/reduced lunch be offered to cyber students?

Yes, lunch will be available for students who choose the cyber option. Details will be forthcoming

Q 2. Will physical supplies (besides Chromebooks) be distributed at the beginning of the school year? Will there be a new school supply list for iSync to ensure our children have all of the supplies they may have been provided by the school if they had returned? Is there a possibility specials could be taught synchronously? Teaching music and art was extremely difficult as I am not well versed in either.

We are asking parents to follow the school supply list that was sent out at the end of last year. Any additional materials will be provided to the students. Some specials will be synchronously.

Q 3. What options be available for mainstreamed special ed students (ELA and Math special ed and science/social studies mainstream) synchronously cyber or how would it work AB for 8th grade?

Students will receive special education services will continue to do so to the best of our ability.

Q 4. Materials needed, assigned to one teacher? uniform required? How to set up an at home laptop for school use, report cards received like everyone at the same time as everyone else? Report card grades based on the same standard as everyone else? How will guided reading look?

We are asking parents to follow the school supply list that was sent out at the end of last year. Any additional materials will be provided to the students. Grade and report cards will be issued as normal. HAC will be updated as well.

Q 5. Is the school supply list the same for iSync students?

We are asking parents to follow the school supply list that was sent out at the end of last year. Any additional materials will be provided to the students. Some specials will be synchronously.

Q 6. Is there an option for my child to do 100% cyber/distant learning for the 20/21 school year?

Yes, students will have the opportunity for either iSync or iCyber, both 100% virtual options.



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- Q 7. Where do I find the link to sign up for iCyber? Will there be a limit to how many students are able to enroll iCyber?**

There is no limit to the amount of students who can enroll in iCyber

- Q 8. If this is not working for my child can I put him in school at any time?**

We have three calendar recommendations for parents who would like to switch. Parents of special education students can request a meeting. with their IEP team to discuss a change

- Q 9. Is this for the full school year or will it be re-evaluated?**

When you sign up, you are signing up for the full year, however, there are dates that you will be able to switch

- Q 10. Are the classes all day?**

Yes, the students will follow a similar schedule to their brick and mortar peers in the iSync model

- Q 11. Will materials be administered to students to supplement the online portion? Will these cyber teachers be the same teacher for all subjects or would the children have different teacher for each subject?**

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If you choose iSync, classes and assignments will mirror what would happen if your child attended school. If you choose iCyber, then lessons and assignments are self-motivated and completed.

- Q 13. If I choose hybrid option, my son would attend 2 consecutive days at brick & mortar & then 2 days at home online with an Interboro teacher the whole day? Or is it independent study with check in by the teacher? Also is the time with the teacher while she is teaching a class of his peers that are in the classroom, while he is home for his 2 days.**

Your child's B day will have some synchronous classes with his "A" day peers and some classes will be asynchronous, where they will complete assignments independently.



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Q 14. How many hours per day will be spent attending cyber school?

In the iSync option, students will mirror a similar school day hours

Q 15. Questions regarding Title 1 and how that is going to work for the kids. Will it be more teacher/student communication and not just Lexia and they have to do it on their own?

Interventions will be provided virtually. It will be teachers and students interacting as well as some independent practice

Q 16. Will iSync be structured like a regular school day and taught “live” by teachers not by random websites?

Yes, iSync is taught by teachers throughout the day and will look very similar to a traditional school day

Q 17. What is the difference between these two options? I have a kindergartener this year and I am very overwhelmed on what to do so I would like to listen in on this. I will probably have questions after and is it ok to email once this is done?

There is a brochure posted on the website with information that was shared. Additionally, you can always email us with any questions to reopen.2020@interborosd.org

Q 18. Pre-k meeting or school supplies?

Parents of Pre-K students will be contacted this week with additional information. Please purchase the school supplies that were sent home at the end of the school year.

Q 19. I’m just curious as to whether we have a choice between iSync or iCyber - I wasn't sure if it had to be one or the other for the district or if it was based on student/family decision?

Families have the choice between iSync and iCyber. We are asking that your choice is submitted through the registration by August 5

Q 20. We were never given any info on either of these cyber programs. What are they and where can I get info on these programs in order to make an informed decision. Would like info before meeting since I have less than a week to make a very important decision!

A brochure is on the website with information regarding both of the programs. The recording of the July 29, 2020 meeting will also provide information.



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- Q 21.** What is the difference between iSync and iCyber? Will students have the option to transfer to Asynchronous during the school year? Will students receive equipment (ie. laptop)?

iSync is a virtual school with live classes scheduled throughout the day. iCyber is a self-motivated and students complete when they choose. iCyber has a rolling admission and can be chosen at anytime. All students will receive a Chromebook.

- Q 22.** Will students have the opportunity or choice to switch from iCyber to iSync? How will students fulfill the physical education requirements?

Yes, there will be 3 calendar dates students will have the opportunity to switch from iCyber to iSync. Students will receive their physical education as one of their specials

- Q 23.** My questions surrounds what the day would look like, the quality of classes & work load and it's similarities to students within the classroom, the availability of teachers during the day- immediate or delayed, what staff - home school teachers or just district teachers who would provide instruction, why would the SS & Sci be flip flopped rather than the 1st two MP being one subject and the last 2 marking periods would be the other- it would cut class sizes and make much more sense from a student's standpoint especially when it comes time for end of the year testing- one could be done at the 1/2 way point (please consider this option), what was the decisions made around the accelerated math class for 8th graders? If my son was to come into the building what type of protection would there be so that he is not coming into contact with individuals?

Interboro teachers will be providing the instruction in the iSync option. Algebra will be instructed at the community schools. There are many procedures and protocols in place to help limit contact with other students.

- Q 24.** How this will all work(iSnyc/iCyber) as far as receiving the curriculum and will there be support from teachers?

Yes, students will receive similar supports to a traditional school setting.

- Q 25.** School hours for student's in different grade level. What's the plan?

School hours will mimic a traditional school day in the iSync model. In the iCyber model, students will work at their own pace

- Q 26.** My son is in 5th grade so he has no hybrid option correct? It's either in school or cyber learning for his age group. No hybrid combo?

Correct, 5th grade students attend school 5 days a week or have the option for cyber school.



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Q 27. Will the classes be live classes for children in 2nd grade?

Yes, we will have iSync options for students K-12.

Q 28. Are the classes all day?

The schedule will mirror a traditional school day.

Q 29. Will materials be administered to students to supplement the online portion? Will these cyber teachers be the same teacher for all subjects, or would the children have different teacher for each subject?

We are asking parents to purchase the materials on the school supply list. We will supplement any additional materials needed for cyber students. In certain grades they will have the same teacher, other than specials.

Q 30. Will there be adequate online actual instruction with the teacher or will a bulk with it be independent still?

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Q 31. Will iSync be structured like a regular school day and taught “live” by teachers not by random websites?

Yes, your child will have a live teacher for each of their subject.

Q 32. What is the difference between these two options?

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Q 33. School hours for student’s different grade level. What’s the plan?

School hours will mimic a traditional school day in the iSync model. In the iCyber model, students will work at their own pace.

Q 34. Will the children be able to communicate with the teacher other than through email?

Yes, in iSync students will communicate with their teachers throughout the day. In iCyber, students can schedule a time to Zoom with their teacher.

Q 35. Can the children start cyber in September?

Yes, students can start in September. Please register them by August 6th.



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- Q 36.** How would this work with an autistic nonverbal child ...his IEP of occupational therapy/speech therapy ...and physical therapy and he barely can sit in front of computer no more than 5 mins calmly if I'm lucky? Over the spring sessions we regressed hugely and cyber has not helped much for his case. If school goes all cyber how is he being help through his IEP? He regressed hugely just with the spring sessions where he was doing great prior to COVID. How is cyber helping these kids?

Currently all special education students can attend 5 days a week in school. Cyber is just an option right now. If at some point, we have to go virtual, we have made many changes over the summer to help with the transition and instruction.

- Q 37.** Will the students have the option to do both iCyber and iSync? Or will they be locked in to just one?

Students will only be able to pick one option. However, some high school students will have iSync and iCyber options.

- Q 38.** Can we go Cyber after being Hybrid of COVID outbreaks rises further?

Parents will have the option to go cyber at the three calendar days proposed.

- Q 39.** Are laptops going to be issued? Will my child be able to see the classroom from home?

Laptops will be issued. No, there will be no live classroom that your son is in. He will in a virtual classroom is you choose iSync.

- Q 40.** Is there any transition in place for children to ease their way back into the classrooms from distant learning over time? Will they know who their teachers will be visual at least through Zoom?

Students will meet their teachers as they do normally. We will have activities planned for everyone to get to know each other.

- Q 41.** Will there be an opportunity for worksheets, cutting and pasting projects, handwriting off screen etc...as this is an important learning development for kindergarten ages?

Students will have the opportunity to work on their fine motor skills.

- Q 42.** Is there an option for 6th graders to attend remote or only in-person?

Students in K-12 will have the option for iSync or iCyber.



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- Q 43.** My child is going to 8th grade. I really do want him to attend the hybrid learning. My question is will it be alternating days for in person and cyber? For ex. in person Mon, cyber Tues, in person Wed, cyber Thurs, Fri alternating. If that is the case and it doesn't work with our schedule, can we pick which in person days/cyber days? For ex week 1. Mon-Tues in person, Wed-Fri cyber. Week 2 Mon-Tues cyber, Wed-Fri in person?

No, at this time your child will have a co-hort. So if the general schedule is built for AB, then they will have to follow that schedule.

- Q 44.** How would cyber schoolwork with children with an IEP?

Supports and services will be provided to students with an IEP. As all students are unique, we recommend that you call the office of Pupil Services if you have any questions.

- Q 45.** Can the children take their mask off when they sit at their desks in the classroom? When can parents transfer their children from either enrollment: for example, from I Cyber to in-Person Learning and etc.? Can they transfer and change their minds several times per year?

Students can take their masks off during mask break times, lunch and during outside time. There are three proposed dates that students will be able to make the change to either option. They could potentially change their mind more than one time a year.