



Alternate Virtual Learning Model 2020-2021

1. What is the deadline to choose the Alternate Virtual Learning Model?

Parents/guardians may request the Alternate Virtual Learning Model by completing the Final Intent Form via the link below prior to the end of the day on **Sunday, August 16**. The form will be locked at 11:59 pm on Sunday, August 16 in order for class rostering and the requisite planning to begin.

[Click Here](#) to access the Final Intent Form

(Complete a separate form for each child you wish to enroll in the Alternate Virtual Learning Model.)

2. Who will be teaching the virtual classes?

The virtual classes will be taught by a certified member of the North Bellmore faculty.

3. What will the class size be for the Alternate Virtual Learning Model?

Virtual class sizes will vary, and are contingent upon the number of students on each grade level across the district who request virtual learning.

4. Will children be in a virtual class with students from their home school?

The virtual classes will be grade specific, and may include students from across the district. The class composition will be dependent upon the total number of students across the district who choose this option.

5. If I select the Alternate Virtual Learning Model for my child but conditions change, will I be able to change my decision?

Changes may only be requested before the start of each trimester. To request a return to in-person instruction for their child, parents/guardians must submit a letter of request to the school building principal. Requests for students to return to in-person instruction will be honored at the beginning of the second and third trimester. Letters of request will need to be submitted **no later than November 30, 2020, or March 8, 2021**. To aid the District in planning, we ask that parents send requests as soon as their decision is made.



6. Why do I have to wait until the end of a trimester to request a switch to in-person instruction?

In order for the District to plan and staff appropriately, changes in the learning model can only be accommodated at these specified times.

7. If my child returns to school in-person but conditions change and/or they are uncomfortable in the new environment, can I request virtual instruction prior to the next trimester?

Parents may contact the building principal to discuss individual circumstances.

8. If a child switches to in-person instruction at the start of a trimester, will they be placed into a class in their home school?

The District will make every effort to place the student into a classroom in their home school, contingent upon space availability. Should space not be available in the child's home school, an in-person placement will be arranged for your child within the District.

9. Do I have to make the same decision regarding the Alternate Virtual Learning Model vs. in-person instruction for all of my children? Or, can I make an individual decision for each child?

The decision to select virtual instruction is made on an individual student level. Families are not required to make the same decision for all children.

10. If a child switches from virtual instruction to in-person instruction (or vice versa), will they have a different teacher?

It is very likely that students may have different teachers over the course of the year. This is a fluid process and teacher-student placement decisions will be evaluated each trimester.

11. Will the Alternate Virtual Learning Model utilize the same curriculum as the in-person model?

Yes, the students in the Alternate Virtual Learning Model and the in-person model will be taught using the same curricular materials and units of study.

12. How will students be assessed in the Alternate Virtual Learning Model?

Students will be assessed based on the learning standards for each grade level. Progress will be communicated through the usual means: open parent-teacher communication; formal parent-teacher conferences; progress reports (where applicable); and report cards.

13. Will children have special area classes in the Alternate Virtual Learning Model?

Yes, special area learning experiences will be delivered asynchronously through the *Seesaw* learning management system. Periodically, special area teachers will also provide live, synchronous learning experiences.

14. What will be done to address the needs of students with IEPs in the Alternate Virtual Learning Model?

Those students who participate in the Alternate Virtual Learning Model will be provided the special education programs, related services, and supplemental aides/services as listed in the student's IEP to the greatest extent possible. Services will be delivered virtually through videoconferencing.

15. When will I find out my child's virtual teacher?

Our goal is to share all class placements the last week of August, but no later than Friday, September 4.

16. What is the daily schedule for the Alternate Virtual Learning Model?

The Alternate Virtual Learning Model will follow the grades K-2 and 3-6 full remote schedule as outlined in the [North Bellmore Reopening Plan](#). (See the plan for full details.) There will be daily instruction in reading (including Foundations in grades K-2), writing, and mathematics. Instruction in science and social studies will occur every other day. A typical daily schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten - Grade 2

8:15-9am Teacher Preparatory Period

9am Whole Class Live Videoconference

9:30am-12pm Small Group Instruction and Asynchronous Learning

12-1pm Lunch and Recess

1pm Whole Class Live Videoconference

1:30-2:45pm Small Group Instruction and Asynchronous Learning

2:45pm Whole Class Live Videoconference

3pm Virtual Dismissal

3-3:45pm Teacher Office Hours

Grade 3 - Grade 6

8:15-9am Teacher Preparatory Period

9am Whole Class Live Videoconference

9:30am-11am Small Group Instruction and Asynchronous Learning

11am-12pm Lunch and Recess

12pm Whole Class Live Videoconference

12:30-2:45pm Small Group Instruction and Asynchronous Learning

2:45pm Whole Class Live Videoconference

3pm Virtual Dismissal

3-3:45pm Teacher Office Hours