ALLEGRO SCHOOL

Remote and Virtual Instruction Program 2026-2027

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Special Note:

Allegro School is a New Jersey Department of Education Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities, commonly known as APSSD. All students have individual Education Programs (IEPs).

Scheduling Instruction

Classroom Schedule: the school day will run from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Therapy Sessions: Therapists will follow their typical schedule and sometimes make allowances to accommodate families.

Lunch times: Lunch is a teaching session for most of our students. Allegro School can assist in ADL programming during lunch.

A minimum day is four hours of instruction excluding lunch and recess. However, since ADL instruction occurs during lunch, the time of instruction will be included.

Accessing Technology for Instruction.

The ability of our students to access technology independently for learning is varied, and can be minimal. Most students require support from family members and/or ALLEGRO staff to successfully access technology for instruction. All remote learning is based on each student's IEP and is individualized based on their needs and specific skill levels. Related services will continue to be provided through remote learning, including speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapies. Allegro School uses Google Meets where each classroom and special area including CBI has access. Families also have access to all areas of instruction for their child.

Virtual Learning

Virtual Learning Implementation Virtual learning will be implemented anytime a student(s) is required to miss (3) three or more consecutive days based on state of emergency, declared public health emergency or directive by the department of health. In the event that Allegro's Executive Director is given a written directive by the NJDOE or the Health officer of the jurisdiction to institute a public health-related closure, Allegro School will utilize remote instruction services to enrolled students. Under N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, any day in which students impacted by a public health-related closure have access to remote instruction services will count as a day in which Allegro School provided instruction toward its compliance with the minimum 180-day requirement.

Measurement/Assessment of student growth

- Data collection is essential for the accurate measurement of student growth. All instructors, teachers, teaching assistants, and related services staff will collect data based on IEP goals and objectives.

IEP Meetings:

- Any IEP meetings scheduled during the time of remote instruction will occur virtually, through the platform most convenient to the parents and school district.

Implementation

- Virtual instruction will occur when Allegro School is closed for students, or a student is required to quarantine:

- For any closure that is more than three (3) days, we will be working with families to support in-home learning, these days will be counted as part of the 180-day requirement

- Allegro School will Inform Parents/Guardians, transportation and sending school districts through email and/or the On-Call System.
- When applicable, update parents/guardians of any additional information regarding the health-related closure

- Protect the privacy of individuals under HIPPAA laws.

- Teachers provide check-in with families for in-home learning

- Send home individualized work packets for all students based on each child's IEP.

- Chromebooks are "checked out" to families/school staff in need of a device. For any families that do not have internet access, a 'hot spot' will be provided from Allegro School to ensure students can log onto teaching sessions. Due to the nature of the disability of the students served by the Allegro School students do not have the cognitive ability to complete traditional online learning independently. As such, Allegro staff will be working with families to help support and coach them through working with their child on IEP goals that were sent home.

Special Education Needs

- Teachers will prepare IEP goals that can be completed by families working with their child with support from Allegro School staff.

- Check-ins will include phone calls, emails and/or video conferencing.

- Data will be collected on goals completed, with Allegro School staff documenting information regarding student progress during check-ins.

- Related service goals (speech, OT and PT) will be provided, and services carried out by related services staff through video conferencing.

- Each individual student's learning needs, their ability to sustain focus, health status, and other relevant factors, will drive instructional and therapeutic support activities designed for each student.

- Administration will monitor the implementation of remote learning and therapeutic supports.

- Troubleshooting and informal assessments will be completed during staff check-in with parents.

- Allegro School staff will be expected to be available during the specific scheduled times provided to the families.

- Instruction will be provided remotely at a minimum of four (4) hours each day
- Students will be assessed and progress monitoring on IEP goals will be continuous.

- Allegro School administrators will work with each sending school district case manager to inform of student status and participation, along with progress within IEP goals.

- Student IEP meetings will be held as per their annual dates and a virtual option for attendance will be provided by Allegro School or the sending school district.

- Student evaluations or other meetings as needed will be scheduled between Allegro School, sending school districts and the parents. A virtual meeting option will be provided by either Allegro School or the sending school district.

- All Allegro School students have already been identified as requiring special education services prior to their placement at Allegro School

- Allegro School does not currently have any students enrolled that require ELL or ELS at this time. If we did enroll a student that required that level of instruction, individualized programming would be developed

- For any families where English is not a primary language, all communication coming from Allegro School is translated into the respective language. The sending school district provides a translator for IEP meetings.

- All programming for students is driven by their IEP, resulting in specialized, individualized programming to ensure each student's needs are met.

- In conjunction with the Human Resources department, training is provided to school staff on cultural responsiveness, socio-economic learning and trauma informed teaching.

- Teaching staff will share this information with students as appropriate.

Digital accommodations:

- If a student/family does not have access to sufficient internet or broadband, the family will be provided an internet hot spot to allow them to fully participate.

- As indicated, Chromebooks are provided to all families by Allegro School.

Attendance:

- Each classroom's teacher and related services therapist is responsible for tracking attendance.

- The classroom teacher will conduct check-ins with the classroom teaching assistants for student attendance.

- A student is considered present if they are physically present during the virtual session, or if a parent is present for the session.

- A non-response is treated as an absence. Absences are also reported if the child is sick, if the parent/caregiver is sick, or for any other reason that the child cannot engage with the day's instructional and therapy activities.

- Family needs are considered. If a family requests a different frequency of contact (other than daily), we honor that request as long as each attendance day is included in the parent response. • Contact is made with the sending school district for any excessive absences for additional follow-up with the family

- The classroom teacher enters daily attendance into the Google Drive database for their respective classroom.

- If a student is reported absent for five consecutive days, a Five-Day Absence letter is sent to the sending district's case manager.

- Attendance reports are sent to all our sending districts monthly.

Allegro School does not have a meal plan.

- Sending districts are responsible for special needs in this area.

Facilities Plan

- Some essential and maintenance staff will continue to work out of the school location, so daily checks on the maintenance of the building will be completed.

- Cleaning crew schedules will change accordingly during closure.

- School vehicles used for students will be suspended from use.

Other Considerations

- Student learning is driven by each child's individual needs; we accommodate each student's learning needs and rate of acquisition.

- In conjunction with the school principal and human resources, training and resources on Trauma Informed Social and Emotional Learning, along with School Culture and Climate will be provided to Allegro School staff members.

- Appropriate elements of this training may be shared with students by teaching staff.

- Parent support and training is available through our home programming; families can reach out to our principal, director of behavioral services, or their respective assigned classroom BCBA.

- Allegro School is not a Title 1 School.

- 21st Century Community Center Learning Programs is not applicable to Allegro School.

- In conjunction with school district's, any discussion around a student requiring credit recovery or additional learning opportunities is discussed and opportunities are identified.

- Transportation to and from school is provided by the sending school districts. We will work with each respective school district regarding changes. The ALLEGRO One-Call-Now system is used for emergency transportation changes.

- Community programming will be driven by any restrictions put in place by the Department of Education or Department of Health.

- Childcare is not offered as a part of Allegro School programming.