

## **Frequently Asked Questions in Special Education regarding Virtual Learning**

COVID-19 presents an unprecedented set of challenges impacting each and every member of our District. This Q&A is intended to provide information for Jefferson Township school parents/guardians, caretakers and students so that we may navigate the 2020-2021 school year together while putting the safety and well-being of both our own families and the entire Jefferson Township school community at the forefront of what we do.

### **Will my child's IEPs be honored?**

Instruction will be based on each student's IEP.

### **Will I need a new IEP to include virtual learning?**

IEPS will not be amended to include virtual learning unless there is a specific individual need for the student in question to have his or her IEP modified.

### **What schedule will my son/daughter follow in September?**

Students with IEPs will be in the Jefferson or Falcon cohorts and they will follow the same schedule of days and times as their general education counterparts.

### **Related Services**

Individualized student schedules for related services are still in process and depend on a multitude of factors. As schedules become finalized, an appropriate member of the special education services team will share the details of your child(ren)'s schedule with you.

Related services can be delivered through a variety of educational models (push-in, 1:1, small group in therapy rooms and virtual).

Therapists will schedule students and select the modality for providing services based on a variety of factors, with the needs of the students as the primary consideration.

If you opt for onsite learning, it is likely that your child(ren) will be provided with their related services on site

If you opt for virtual learning, you can opt for related services virtually or onsite.

### **How will my daughter/son receive services from their special education inclusion teacher?**

Special education teachers and staff members will continue to support students in the general education setting as indicated in the student's IEP. As always, special education teachers routinely collaborate with general education teachers to ensure effective delivery of instruction.

### **Will I hear from my son/daughters case managers on a regular basis?**

Your child(ren)'s case manager will be available to communicate with you.

### **Preschool Lottery**

The Preschool lottery program will follow the Falcons/Jefferson cohort schedule unless the virtual learning option is selected.

If you choose not to participate in either option, you will need to reapply to the lottery in January in order to have a chance to participate in the lottery program for the following school year.