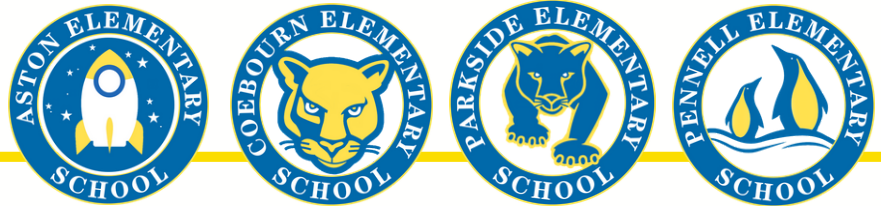


# Welcome back



Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year!

The 2020-2021 school year will begin virtually, but we are committed to building the caring and quality relationships with students that would occur in person. As we embark on a new virtual experience—using a blend of live and recorded instruction—we anticipate that there may be some ups and downs as we navigate new and exciting technology-based tools. We ask for your patience and compassion while we implement new practices for the first time and learn to manage live virtual classrooms.

Our teachers, staff, and administrators are committed to modeling positivity, resilience, and solution driven thinking. Especially now, when children will take their cues from parents, we ask that you partner with us in our positivity campaign. Our goal is for students to feel that we are a united front at school and home, guiding them to successful growth academically, socially, and emotionally. Our elementary staff are strong educators who care for our children and will work tirelessly to ensure that they learn and grow.

In partnership, please contact us if you need support, because **“teamwork makes the dream work!”** The building may not be accessible, but the individuals that you have learned to depend on are here and want to help you and your child improve the at home learning experience. Please consult our [Penn Delco School District Webpage](#) for information that is continuously being updated. Reach out to your teacher or school counselor via email or Schoology message for assistance. Email [helpdesk@pdsd.org](mailto:helpdesk@pdsd.org) for technology issues. Communicate with your building principal in times of frustration or celebration via email or by calling the main office.

Communication is the key to success in ordinary times; in the unprecedented times that we currently find ourselves living in **communication is vital**. This school year will be like none other, but at the foundation it will be the same—teachers teaching students, building strong connections between student and teacher, as well as peer to peer, and collaboration between home and school. We are excited to get started and rise to the challenge that is in front of us. Best wishes as we begin a new and exciting school year!

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## Virtual learning for all

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While the 2020-2021 academic year is beginning virtually, we know that we can make the first month of learning productive and meaningful. Our new strategies for delivering virtual learning will ensure that your student is prepared with the technology and support, academically and emotionally, they need to succeed. We plan to engage our students so that they can master the communication, critical thinking, and collaborative skills they need to thrive virtually-- and in the classroom. Here are some suggestions for helping your student prepare for this new way of virtual learning Penn-Delco curriculum taught by Penn-Delco teachers.

### Prepare for daily learning



It has been some time since your student has been in a classroom. Getting back to school in September is hard enough for some, let alone after an unusual end to last school year! Now is the time to prepare your student for the rigors of learning again. Begin by developing a routine that ensures your student gets the rest they need while preparing for a normal, structured school day learning with their teachers and classmates and on their own.

### Define a work space



Some families may have multiple children learning at home. Prepare to create a regular work space for each of your students so that they have room to access any supplies, books and use their Chromebook. A quiet, clear space where they can Zoom with their teachers and classmates as well as stay organized is key. Revisit supply lists and Chromebook distribution dates to be ready on September 8th.

### Be present



Be prepared to be signed in each day for your first class/period. There are short transition periods between each class and there may be some group or asynchronous learning times as well. Students are responsible to be present at the start of each class and be present for the entirety of the class.

### Participate



Students will be expected to engage during class demonstrating they are attentive and ready to participate. Students must also be accountable for coursework requirements both in and outside the classroom.



## Student Accountability

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### Attendance and participation



- Students will login promptly at the beginning of each daily class period ready to be marked present and to learn.
- Students will actively learn and participate in their virtual classes as they would during in-person instruction, contributing to the class in a respectful and productive manner.
- Students will be attentive to the assigned daily tasks and learning activities confident in the goals and objectives, and ready to complete and submit work according to established due dates and timelines.
- If unsure, students will reach out for assistance according to established teacher directives for support.

### Assignments, feedback, and grading



- Students will experience tasks and assignments that facilitate active engagement with course content in both synchronous and asynchronous settings.
- Teachers will provide individual, timely, and meaningful feedback on learning.
- Students will complete regularly assigned tasks and assessments and leave each class with an understanding of independent work expectations at the close of each period.
- Students will receive numeric grades in all classes similar to in-person instruction.



# Elementary Virtual School Schedule: Kindergarten

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Synchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous Asynchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous</b>
8:50 - 9:35 Class Meeting ELA	8:50 - 9:35am Class Meeting ELA	8:50 - 9:15am AM & PM Class Meeting	8:50 - 9:35am Class Meeting ELA	8:50 - 9:35am Class Meeting ELA
9:40 - 10:40 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group	9:40 - 10:40 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group	9:15 - 10:00 AM & PM Small Group ELA Intervention	9:40 - 10:40 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group	9:40 - 10:40 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group
10:45 - 11:00 Math	10:45 - 11:00 Math	10:05 - 10:50 AM & PM Small Group Math Intervention	10:45 - 11:00 Math	10:45 - 11:00 Math
11:05 - 11:25 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	11:05 - 11:25 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	10:50 - 12:45pm Recess/Lunch	11:05 - 11:25 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	11:05 - 11:25 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins
12:40 - 1:25 Class Meeting ELA	12:40 - 1:25 Class Meeting ELA	12:45 - 3:25pm	12:40 - 1:25 Class Meeting ELA	12:40 - 1:25 Class Meeting ELA
1:30 - 2:30 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group	1:30 - 2:30 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group	Raz-Kids/IXL  Related Services	1:30 - 2:30 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group	1:30 - 2:30 Foundations 2 groups @ 30 minutes per group
2:35 - 2:50 Math	2:35 - 2:50 Math	Mindfulness Activities	2:35 - 2:50 Math	2:35 - 2:50 Math
2:55 - 3:15 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	2:55 - 3:15 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	Independent Projects & Teacher Directed Activities	2:55 - 3:15 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	2:55 - 3:15 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins
		Teacher PD/PLC Planning		
		IEP Meetings as needed		



# Elementary Virtual School Schedule: Grades 1 - 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Synchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous Asynchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous</b>	<b>Synchronous</b>
8:50 - 9:35 Class Meeting ELA	8:50 - 9:35am Class Meeting ELA	8:50 - 9:15am Class Meeting	8:50 - 9:35am Class Meeting ELA	8:50 - 9:35am Class Meeting ELA
9:40 - 10:40 Small Group ELA 4 groups @ 15 min per group	9:40 - 10:40 Small Group ELA 4 groups @ 15 min per group	9:15 - 10:00 Small Group ELA Intervention	9:40 - 10:40 Small Group ELA 4 groups @ 15 min per group	9:40 - 10:40 Small Group ELA 4 groups @ 15 min per group
10:45 - 11:25 Special Area Class (Asynchronous)	10:45 - 11:25 Special Area Class (Asynchronous)	10:05 - 10:50 Small Group Math Intervention	10:45 - 11:25 Special Area Class (Asynchronous)	10:45 - 11:25 Special Area Class (Asynchronous)
11:30 - 12:15 Individual or Small Group Writing Workshop	11:30 - 12:15 Science/SS	10:50 - 12:45pm Recess/Lunch	11:30 - 12:15 Science/SS	11:30 - 12:15 Individual or Small Group Writing Workshop
12:15 - 1:00 Lunch/Recess	12:15 - 1:00 Lunch/Recess	12:45 - 3:25pm	12:15 - 1:00 Lunch/Recess	12:15 - 1:00 Lunch/Recess
1:00 - 1:30 Math	1:00 - 1:30 Math	IXL/Reading Counts  Band/Chorus  Related Services	1:00 - 1:30 Math	1:00 - 1:30 Math
1:40 - 2:40 Small Group Math Instruction 3 Groups @ 20 minutes per group	1:40 - 2:40 Small Group Math Instruction 3 Groups @ 20 minutes per group	Mindfulness Activities  Independent Projects & Teacher Directed Activities	1:40 - 2:40 Small Group Math Instruction 3 Groups @ 20 minutes per group	1:40 - 2:40 Small Group Math Instruction 3 Groups @ 20 minutes per group
2:45 - 3:25 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	2:45 - 3:25 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	Special Area Class  (Asynchronous/ Synchronous )  Teacher PD/PLC Planning  IEP Meetings as needed	2:55 - 3:15 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins	2:55 - 3:15 Office Hours: Individual Teacher Check-ins



## Information you can use

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### Back to school night (virtual)

Back To School Night (virtual)

The Elementary Schools will each hold a virtual back to school night for parents and guardians to meet the teachers. We anticipate having our staff host online meetings for their classes so families can meet the staff and acquire important information. The dates for back to school night are:

- September 17th at 6:30pm: Aston and Coebourn:
- September 22nd at 6:30pm: Pennell and Parkside



### Chromebook & Text/Material Distribution

The Penn Delco School District graciously supports virtual learning by providing a Chromebook for all elementary students. Chromebooks and materials for students to experience successful virtual learning will be distributed at each Elementary School on September 8th. Click the links below for individual school pick up times.



[Aston Materials Pick Up](#)

[Parkside Materials Pick Up](#)

[Coebourn Materials Pick Up](#)

[Pennell Materials Pick Up](#)

If your child has technical difficulties or issues with the chromebook during virtual learning, please email the Help Desk at [Helpdesk@pdsd.org](mailto:Helpdesk@pdsd.org). The Chromebooks are the property of Penn Delco School District and will be returned to your child's school at the end of virtual and/or hybrid learning.



We are pleased to offer you a complete guide to Schoology [at our Reopening tab of at pdsd.org](#). Before the first day of school, you can practice accessing Schoology and be ready for the first day. Please note that your child's class content in Schoology will not be ready until the first day of school on September 8.



## Student and parent resources

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### Online resources

[Reopening information](#)

[Virtual learning information](#)

[Schoology \(log-in, use, etc\)](#)

[COVID-19 updates](#)

[Penn-Delco Calming Room](#)

[Pupil Services/Special Education](#)

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