Family Webinar Schedule

Middle School (Harlem)
- English: 5 pm on August 5
- Spanish: 6 pm on August 5

Elementary School (Bronx and Harlem)
- English: 5 pm on August 6
- Spanish: 5 pm on August 6

If you miss a session, they will all be posted on our website’s new Family Portal!
Before we start

This session is being recorded for those who can’t attend

Write in questions using the chat function – we will respond on the call at the end or a follow-up

Thank you for joining today!
NCS is going to begin the 20-21 school year with remote instruction through Winter Break (end of 2020)
Why did we come to this decision?

We know that this is difficult and not a decision that we made lightly.

Key Rationale

1. We care most about keeping our community safe
2. Running a hybrid model risks safety and reduces program consistency
3. NCS has a strong remote instruction program
NCS remains committed to academic excellence for all students
Fall 2020 Program Highlights

We are building off the success of our remote program in the Spring. Major upgrades include:

- A **more structured schedule** for teachers and students;
- Increasing **live teaching** sessions;
- Stronger **family support, including a dedicated Family Portal**; and
- Even more time in our schedules for **small groups and 1:1 support**.

We believe that, **with partnership and commitment between families and staff**, students can be successful and accelerate their learning.
For Elementary School, we will continue to provide excellent instruction remotely and center small group learning for younger scholars to provide strong support.

Key program components:

- The day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends no later than 4:00 p.m.
- All English Language Arts, Math, Science, and History classes are all “live taught” meaning that a teacher will be real-time teaching over Zoom to students
- After core classes, students will either have small group time, have independent time to complete assignments, or have time to pursue outside of school activities
Fall 2020 Elementary School Program: Monday to Thursday

Overview of Live Teaching

Students will follow a set schedule every day that includes:

- An opening community circle,
- Small group Guided Reading,
- Small group Phonics,
- Small group Math,
- Science, and
- An additional English Language Arts block

Plus at least one special per week
Fall 2020 Elementary School Program: Monday to Thursday

Sample Schedule
8:00–8:30 Community Circle and Number Stories
8:30–9:30 Small Group Guided Reading and Phonics
9:30–10:30 English Language Arts
10:30–11:30 Small Group Math Workshop
11:30–12:30 Lunch
12:30–1:30 Science
1:30–2:30 Break, Small Group Support, or Math
2:30–3:30 Small Group Support
Fall 2020 Elementary School Program: Friday

Overview
Students will follow a set schedule on Fridays that includes:

- An opening community circle,
- Small group Guided Reading,
- Small group Phonics,
- History/Science, and
- Additional time for small group instruction based on student needs
Fall 2020 Elementary School Program: Friday

Sample Schedule
8:00-8:30 Community Circle and Number Stories
8:30-9:30 Small Group Reading and Phonics
9:30-10:30 History
10:30-11:30 Small Group Support
11:30-12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:30 Science
1:30-2:30 Break or Small Group Support
2:30-3:30 Break or Small Group Support
Fall 2020 Middle School Program

For Middle School, we will continue to provide excellent instruction remotely and give students lots of opportunities to interact with their teachers and classmates.

Key program components:

• Instructional day runs from 8 am to 4 pm
• Mornings: Core, live taught instruction
• Afternoons:
  • Office hours with their teachers for extra support
  • Small group instruction
  • Built in time to complete independent work
Fall 2020 Middle School Program: Monday to Thursday Live Teaching

- English Language Arts and Math every day
- History and Science on alternating days
- Light Squad (a social-emotional support group) three days per week
- Technology class one day per week
- Specials three days per week
Fall 2020 Middle School Program: Monday to Thursday Sample Schedule

8:00–8:50 English Language Arts
8:50–9:00 Break
9:00–9:50 Math
9:50–10:00 Break
10:00–10:50 History
10:50–11:00 Break
11:00–11:50 Dance
11:50–12:30 Light Squad

12:30–1:00 Lunch
1:00–1:50 Study Break
1:50–2:00 Break
2:00–2:50 History Office Hours
2:50–3:00 Break
3:00–3:50 Math Office Hours
Fall 2020 Middle School Program: Friday Overview

Assessments: Students will be assessed in their content area so that teachers are able to group and provide extra support to students as needed.

Independent Work Time: Teacher-led content ends earlier on Fridays to allow students independent work time, time to pursue outside of school activities, and time for families and teachers to connect with one another.
Fall 2020 Middle School Program: Friday Sample Schedule

8:00–9:00 ELA Assessment
9:00–9:10 Break
9:10–10:10 Math Assessment
10:10–10:20 Break
10:20–11:20 Science Assessment
11:20–11:30 Break
11:30–12:00 History Assessment
12:00–1:00 Lunch
1:00–4:00 Independent Work Time
We are committed to providing the best possible support to our ASD scholars and families throughout remote learning.

The special education team plans to partner with teachers to support each family and scholar to ensure that scholar social and academic needs are being met throughout virtual learning.
Special Education: ASD Program

ASD supports for virtual learning:

- Visual Schedules
- Organization tools such as checklists, planners, and schedules
- Built-in sensory supports
- Social Stories to support scholar anxiety around at-home learning and the virus, hidden rules of zoom, and other needs.
- Learning supports to assist with task initiation, information recall, task completion, and other academic needs.
- Use of social thinking concepts within lesson structure (i.e. presenting scholars with the group plan at the beginning of each lesson)
- Built-in socialization time
- Virtual case conference weekly with teachers
- Parent webinars around supporting ASD scholars throughout virtual learning.
Special Education: Related Services

Related Services will be provided via teletherapy

We are committed to meeting the mandates on scholar IEPs and provide scholars with the services that meet their needs

Social Club will still be run by our in-house SLP team and structure will be adjusted as needed within virtual sessions
Interventions

**Major Fall Upgrade:** Increased time for small group and individual interventions

The RTI team will be with teachers once a month to set scholars’ goals that address scholar needs and create a plan for tracking scholar progress toward that goal.
Social-Emotional Support

One of the hallmarks of Neighborhood Charter Schools is the support we provide to students socially and emotionally.

We are thinking of this in three main paths:

1. Start of School Relationship Building
2. Integration of social-emotional learning throughout the day
3. Set aside time to focus on social-emotional learning growth

85% of families were satisfied with our spring remote social-emotional learning!
Technology

All students will receive NCS-issued technology for SY20–21

- K–2: iPads
- 3–8: Chromebooks

Look for more information from your school teams on parent and student trainings, as well as the plans for distribution.

As a reminder, please use the familytechhelp@ncschools.org for all your troubleshooting needs- we’re hiring a new team member to help make sure everyone is up and running!
NCS remains committed to supporting families
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<td>NCS will not require uniforms for remote learning—there is no need to purchase them. We will share guidance on 12/1 on the plan for our Jan 2021 program and uniform policy</td>
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<td>What supports will be provided for working families?</td>
<td>We are exploring multiple solutions, including family message boards and listservs and support groups, so that families can coordinate amongst themselves</td>
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<td>What technology support will be provided?</td>
<td>Every scholar will be given an NCS device (iPad or chromebook) We are hiring a tech associate to support with family issues We will be offering trainings for families and scholars on technology use and issues</td>
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| What support will there be for social emotional learning? Building community? | Family events and trainings will be held via webinar  
We’ve strengthened our social emotional remote program (both frequency and 1:1 support)- in particular, we’re thinking about how to build this for our ES students  
We’re planning to use our intervention time for social-emotional learning as well as academic interventions                                                                                                                                 |
| Will my scholar have Specials?                                       | Specials are embedded consistently in our remote program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| What about mental health resources for families?                    | We are excited to bring the community together more regularly through family webinars  
We will continue to connect families to resources in the community that can provide more robust counselling support  
As needed, we’ll also problem solve with families 1:1 for particular challenges                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
Family Connection and Resources

• Webinars for parent training
  • Platform – how to use zoom, tech training
  • Math
  • Reading
• Community events – zumba, movies, dance parties
• Resources for materials, tech at home
• Electronic/online beginning of year paperwork collection
Resources for Families - New Family Portal

For Parents

- Remote Instruction and Technology
- SpEd Information
- Parent Association and Training
- News and Updates

- Calendar, Contacts, Handbook
- Student Health, Transportation and After School Sports
- DEI Action Plan
- Send us Feedback, Ask Questions
Focus on Families: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

• Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan

• On Family Portal

• More info to come – we will include a family representative
Guidance for the Fall: Uniforms

- Uniforms – not needed for remote learning
- We will give guidance by 12/1 on our program (remote or in-person) for January 2021 which will include uniform guidance
Reminders of Fall Calendar

We are not planning to change our calendar for the year – if it says it’s a half day or vacation day, it is!

First Day of School

- Kindergarten starts 8/28 at 8 am, with half days to 9/4
- Grades 1–8 start 8/31 at 8 am

Look for more information from your campus about logistics for the fall!
Questions and Answers

1) Chat your questions
2) We will answer live or follow-up via email

We will need to end at 5:55 for our Spanish presentation