



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Emergency Instructional Time Section 520.1 for 2022-23;
JOC Declaration of Health or Public Crisis (COVID-19) Implications; Hybrid-A/B
Schedule

SUBMITTED BY: Joe Tarasovitch

DESCRIPTION:

The Erie County Technical School's Educational Leadership Team recommends that the Joint Operating Committee makes a "declaration" for an emergency plan due to the continued concerns of health and public concerns; COVID-19 implications. By making this declaration, the Joint Operating Committee will utilize the authority granted to the committee from Section 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code to adjust/modify the instructional days/hours during a school year due to a crisis or emergencies.

The Erie County Technical School will begin the 2022-2023 school year fully engaged with "in-person" instruction but reserve the option to utilize a "blended" schedule of in-person and virtual on-line instruction utilizing the A/B Day schedule approved.

The schedule will be initiated, if such a health and public concern (COVID-19) warranted a change, and remain in effect pending the health and public concern status changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to make a "declaration" to adopt an emergency plan due to a health and public concern (COVID-19) during the 2022-23 school year with a "blended" schedule of in-person and virtual on-line instruction utilizing the A/B Day schedule approved.



Emergency Instructional Time Template

Section 520.1 - 2022-23 School Year

As communicated to chief school administrators on July 6, 2020, Section 520.1 of the School Code provides flexibility to meet minimum instructional time requirements in the event of an emergency that prevents a school entity from providing for the attendance of all pupils or usual hours of classes at the school entity. As occurred for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) considers the World Health Organization-declared Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a global pandemic and an emergency as contemplated by Section 520.1 for the 2022-23 school year. Nothing in Section 520.1 of the School Code should be construed to extend beyond the 2022-23 school year.

A local education agency (LEA) that elects to implement temporary provisions in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic may meet the minimum 180 days of instruction and 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level through a combination of face-to-face and remote instruction, consistent with the requirements outlined in PDE's May 23, 2022, guidance. Such LEAs must provide PDE with the following information specific to the 2022-23 school year:

1. LEA's Proposed Calendar and Schedule(s) for SY 2022-23

a. School Year Calendar

School Year Start Date	School Year End Date	Total Number of Instructional Days Must meet minimum 180 days
08/30/2022	06/07/2023	180

- b. Should a school need to use remote learning at either the student or school level, LEAs should submit a sample weekly schedule reflecting remote learning as approved by the LEA's governing body. (Recognizing the need for flexibility and that circumstances may change as the LEA responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, an LEA may provide more than one proposed weekly schedule.)

2. When using remote learning (i.e., learning outside of the school building), describe how the LEA will ensure access for all students.

The Erie County Technical School is planning for full enrollment engagement; half-day about sessions. If a health or public crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic would dictate an alternative to the normal school operations, ECTS would adopt a "Hybrid A/B Day" schedule; the students would attend at least 2 days per week for in-person instruction; the non-in-person days would be online instruction utilizing the Microsoft TEAMS platform. If the crisis escalated to require full "remote" instruction, the Erie County Technical School would adopt a full remote instructional day utilizing the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

3. The Chief School Administrator and Board President affirm the following:

- ☒ The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) will provide all students the planned instruction needed to attain the relevant academic standards set forth in Chapter 4.
- ☒ The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) allow sufficient instructional time necessary for content mastery and provide instructional blocks for each grade level and content area.
- ☒ The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) provide at least 900 hours (elementary) and 990 hours (secondary) of in-person instruction and/or remote learning for all students. (Such time may include synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction.)
- ☒ The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) define instructional time for students as time in the school day devoted to instruction and instructional activities under the direction of certified school employees. (Such time may include synchronous and/or asynchronous instructional activities.)
- ☒ Clearly defined systems for tracking attendance and instructional time will be implemented to ensure student engagement in remote instruction.
- ☒ The LEA acknowledges that it must provide Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) during this pandemic-related emergency.
- ☒ The proposed school calendar and academic schedule(s) ensures ESL services for English Learners.
- ☒ Clearly defined and ongoing systems for evaluating the quality and outcomes of instructional delivery will be implemented, at least quarterly, and necessary adjustments will be made when data highlight concerns about quality, equity, and/or lack of progress in student learning.

Name of Local Education Agency: Erie County Technical School

Signature of Chief School Administrator

06/23/2022

Date

Signature of Governing Body President

06/23/2022

Date

Date Approved at Board Meeting: 06/23/2022

Please scan and submit this entire signed document, the proposed weekly schedule, and a copy of the board meeting minutes at which such schedule was approved to to RA-EDContinuityofED@pa.gov.

Questions can also be submitted to this email address.

Erie County Technical School Weekly Schedule A-B Hybrid/Blended

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Day	B Day	A Day	B Day	A and B Day Rotation
In-Person Instruction	In-Person Instruction	In-Person Instruction	In-Person Instruction	In-Person Instruction
Majors: AUR, AUT-S, CMN, CUA-S, DDE, ECE, EET, FMT, GRA, HEA, TRC	Majors: ADS, AUT-W, CMP, CNT, COS, CUA-W, MTF, PMT, STS, THM	Majors: AUR, AUT-S, CMN, CUA-S, DDE, ECE, EET, FMT, GRA, HEA, TRC	Majors: ADS, AUT-W, CMP, CNT, COS, CUA-W, MTF, PMT, STS, THM	Majors Rotate
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Majors: A-Day In-Person Instruction:

Auto Body Repair AUR
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Computer Networking CMN
Culinary Arts – Schoullis CUA-S
Drafting and Design DDE
Early Childhood Education ECE
Electrical Engineering EET
Facility Maintenance FMT
Graphic Communications GRA
Health Assistant HEA
Transition Center TRC

Majors: B-Day In-Person Instruction:

Art and Design for Business ADS
Automotive Technology – Walter AUT-W
Computer Programming CMP
Construction Trades CNT
Cosmetology COS
Culinary Arts – Warren CUA-W
Metal Technology Fabrication MTF
Precision Machining Technology PMT
Sports Therapy & Exercise Science
Tourism and Hospitality THM

Erie County Technical School Weekly Schedule Total Remote Instruction

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction
8:00 to 10:45	8:00 to 10:45	8:00 to 10:45	8:00 to 10:45	8:00 to 10:45
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