



EHPS Summer School Credit Recovery Program 2021
Interim Policies for Virtual Learning and Absenteeism

East Hartford Public School (EHPS) will only offer in-person classes for its Summer School Credit Recovery Program this year. However, due to COVID-19, the following policies for virtual learning and student attendance will be implemented for the summer of 2021 only.

Student Attendance Expectations for Summer School:

EHPS will be offering Summer School for all students as In-Person Learners. As research and experience indicate, there is no substitute for the merits and value of in-person learning. Per established District Expectations, all students must attend classes every day of the summer school session. This year as our community emerges from the COVID-19 Pandemic, specific accommodations must be made aligned to state and federal guidance. For this reason, the EHPS Summer School Credit Recovery Program will follow the CDC guidelines and adopt sick leave policies that offer access to Virtual and Remote Learning pending qualified reasons.

Categories of Student Absence:

- **Unexcused Absence:** Any absence from daily attendance that is not a result of illness or mandatory quarantine. All such absences will be recorded as unexcused absences
- **Absence as a result of Symptoms/Illness:** EHPS will continue to follow CDC guidance which recommends that students stay home if they feel sick or are showing any [COVID-like symptoms](#). Students who are experiencing these absences must notify the Director of Summer School of the reason for absence as well as the plan for return to school. In turn, these absences will be recorded as excused absences and pending participation in mandatory virtual learning (see below) will not preclude the student from successfully earning the summer school credit. The following bulleted details outline the required process for a return to school:
 - Students may return to school after 10 calendar days from when symptoms began, and their symptoms have improved, if they are free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
 - Students may return to school sooner than 10 calendar days if they have been to their health care provider and have documentation of an alternate diagnosis.
 - Students may return to school sooner than 10 calendar days if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result.
 - If a student tests positive for COVID-19**, he/she must remain out of school for 10 calendar days, be free of fever for 24 hours without the use of medication, and show improved symptoms.
- **Absences as a result of Mandatory Quarantine:** EHPS recognizes that there may be times when a student is identified as a close contact, either because of their relationship with an individual who has contracted COVID-19 outside of the EHPS Summer School Credit Recovery Program or because he/she has come in contact with one who has contracted COVID-19 inside of it. These absences will be recorded as excused absences, and pending participation in mandatory virtual learning (see below), do not preclude the student from successfully earning the summer school credit. If your child is required to quarantine due to contact outside of the EHPS Summer School Credit Recovery Program, please contact the program director, Dr. Anthony Mangiafico, by phone at 860-622-5358 or by email at mangiafico.a@easthartford.org. If your student is identified as 'close contact' because of his/her

connection to a student in the EHPS Summer School Credit Recovery Program, you will receive a personal phone call from the school nurse and your child will transition to virtual learning.

Virtual Learning:

All instructors who work in the EHPS Summer School Credit Recovery Program will be expected to maintain an active Google Classroom page in which they post the daily assignments, homework, assessments, and related tasks. Teachers will also display a Google Meets link in the 'Banner' for each class section. This will allow students to easily find the link to the Meet.

While students will have access to the class at home by using this link, they should not be expected to be fully engaged by the teacher in live or "concurrent" instruction. Instead, students who access the class from home should simply expect to listen in on what is happening in the classroom without interaction with the teacher or their classmates. They will also have full access to the classwork and homework. Students who are learning from home on a given day should wait until a class break or the end of the day to ask a question of the teacher.

Attendance in Virtual Learning is awarded pending the student logging into the class Meet throughout the duration of the learning session and successfully completing the daily assignment(s). Students who login late, leave early, or do not complete and submit the assignment prior to the close of the instructional day will be given an unexcused absence for the class.

Remote Learning:

There may be a situation which requires the entire summer school class to quarantine. This situation would require the teacher to transition to a full remote learning model in which all students are learning from home. Similar to what has been explained above, the teacher will display a Google Meets link in the 'Banner' of his/her Google Classroom page which will allow students to access the class. Students will continue to access the daily assignments through Google Classroom.

Attendance in Remote Learning is awarded pending the student logging into the class Meet throughout the duration of the learning session and successfully completing the daily assignment(s). Students who login late, leave early, or do not complete and submit the assignment prior to the close of the instructional day will be given an unexcused absence for the class.