

**Merrimack School District
Re-Opening Statement:**

July 2021

The Merrimack School District defines ‘opening school as normal as possible’ for the 2021-2022 school year as operating with students in-person, 5 days per week. Most, if not all, children will be in attendance in their classrooms and local schools. The District will follow a traditional 5-day school week schedule. A remote learning option is limited to students with IEPs who require home based education as the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) through the special education IEP team process, or students with documented health-related illness/conditions that, 1) requires them to remain at home and, 2) a 504 team has determined this accommodation is reasonable and must be provided.

Remote education will only be offered as an exception and only on an as needed basis due to a student’s IEP that requires this restrictive setting or a 504-plan due to a medical condition. The educational plan developed may take the form of a combination of remote learning, asynchronous learning, synchronous learning, online learning, analog learning, and other options such as VLACS and FVL. Concurrent Learning (e.g., Zoom in the Room) will not be offered. Exceptions for concurrent learning will be the same as those for remote learning as stated above.

Processes for eligibility of remote learning will be handled at the school level under the guidance of the Director of Student Services and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

Note: This position statement is subject to change based on local data trends relative to the Coronavirus.