

COVID-19 QUESTIONS

REMOTE LEARNING VS HOMESCHOOL

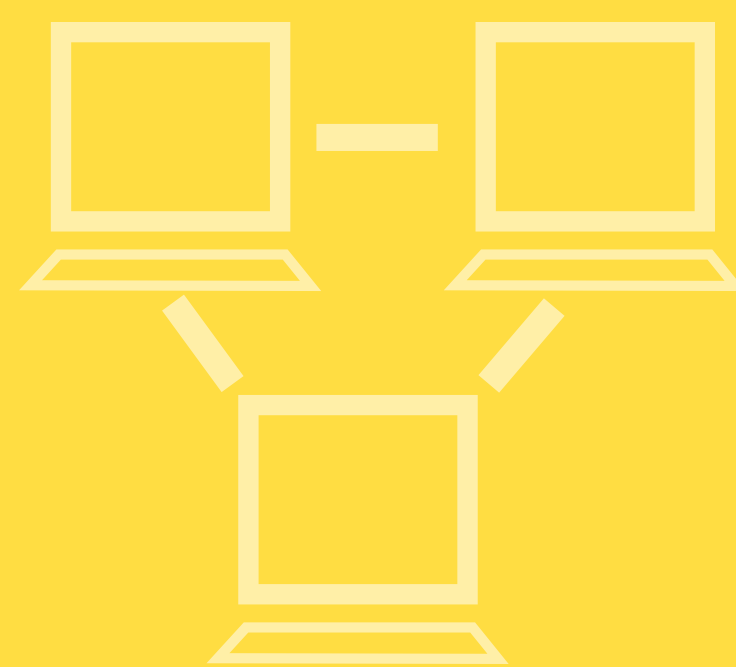


Mohawk Trail Regional School System

Our priority is the health and safety of students and staff, while educating ALL students.

AT-HOME & REMOTE LEARNING

The district will support families in their choice to continue their child's education while they are not able to be physically present in a classroom. This "**at-home**" or "**remote learning**" option is available to families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and keeps their child enrolled in the district. Districts will deliver the instruction based on Massachusetts standards for education until school resumes fully in-person operations.



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Students who participate in **at-home** or **remote learning** continue on their educational path with the district.

- Students learn at home; curriculum, instruction, and assessments are provided *by our district*.
- Students receive technology to access curriculum.
- Eligible students receive district support (ex. 504, IEP).
- Students are part of Mohawk Trail Regional School System.
- Parents/guardians are not responsible for teaching and assessments.
- Students receive diploma from our district.
- The district receives funding for at-home and remote learners.



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM FOR THESE OPTIONS?

Students who participate in district **at-home** & **remote learning** options are accounted for by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). State education funding to districts is based on student enrollment.

VS HOMESCHOOL

Families do not need to choose homeschooling in response to COVID-19.

If you choose to **homeschool** your child, you are withdrawing your child from the Mohawk Trail Regional School System.



Deciding to **homeschool** your child means you're responsible for ensuring your child's academic progress and designing their educational journey.

- Per DESE & Massachusetts Homeschool Laws and requirements, parents/guardians who choose to homeschool must provide the district with their homeschool plan (curriculum, instruction, assessment).
- Students do not receive technology to access curriculum or other district supports.
- School and the Superintendent review & approve plans; families must provide year-end reports to the district.
- Students *do not* receive a diploma from our district.
- Our district does not receive funding for children who live in our district, but choose to homeschool.

IS THERE A DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP?

No! You can declare a homeschool option at any time. Additionally, a homeschool option can also be flexible and temporary (for example, extended travel).

WHAT ARE THE LAWS? WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

<https://www.time4learning.com/homeschooling/massachusetts/laws-requirements.html>

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www.mtrsd.org/covid-19-information.