



# Evesham Township School District

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Subject line: ETSD Cohort assignments in Genesis available 4 pm today, 8.20.20

Dear ETSD families,

Cohort assignments for all students will be available in Genesis Parent Portal starting at 4 pm today. Every hour today is needed to complete the preparations for sharing this information. To view your child's cohort, please complete the mandatory Back to School forms, after logging into the Portal here <https://parents.evesham.k12.nj.us/genesis/>. Thank you in advance for your help in completing these forms.

Our administrative team of principals and supervisors, across all schools and departments including Special Services and Curriculum, has been working diligently to create these cohorts. That work will continue every day, as variables such as staffing and new student registrations are constantly changing.

Essential understandings about the cohorts:

- The first step used in creating them was family connections, to keep siblings and students at the same address together.
- All students in the following programs whose parents requested hybrid/in-person are slotted for 4 days a week in-person: all self-contained programs (Autism, LD, MD, SBS), TR, ESL, Kindergarten, and Pre-School.
- Students in Grades K-5 who receive In Class Support (ICS) or Pull-out Resource (POR) via Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) have been prioritized for in-person days and slotted for more than 2 days, if possible, for families requesting hybrid/in-person.
- The cohorts vary by school due to unavoidable factors including but not limited to: varying physical size of classrooms, # of students enrolled per grade per school, # of students whose families requested the full remote option, staff available due to changing circumstances (medical, etc.), and student registrations and withdrawals.
- Cohort A = Monday and Tuesday in person, and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday remote.
  - Displayed in Parent Portal as "Cohort A - Hybrid (M,T)"
- Cohort B = Thursday and Friday in person, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday remote.
  - Displayed in Parent Portal as "Cohort B - Hybrid (TH, F)"
- Cohort R = Full Time Remote
  - Displayed in Parent Portal as "Cohort R - Full Time Remote"

We have made every effort to meet every family request, including families who have asked for as many in-person days as possible. In rare cases that was achievable, if the original class sizes were

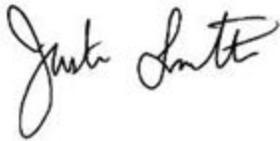
smaller, and more families requested full remote for students in those classes, among other factors. In the vast majority of cases it was not possible to provide more than 2 days of in-person instruction per student.

Our families are under tremendous strain to balance responsibilities within a constantly shifting landscape. We are trying to help to the fullest extent that we can, within that same shifting landscape. Just please know, we understand how vital the opportunity of choice for in-person school is, and are doing everything in our power to make that option possible. This pandemic means every aspect of this process is unprecedented.

In case of questions regarding your child's cohort, please contact your school principal. From this point forward, making adjustments may be more challenging. At the same time, our commitment to working to meet each family's needs remains steadfast.

Bus routes are in the process of being created, based on these cohorts and your responses to our Reopening Parent Confirmation form. More information regarding our Return to School will be shared with you in the time ahead.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent