



# IROQUOIS SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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## Full-Time Remote Learning Opt-In Form 2020-2021 School Year

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois is operating under a five-phase plan referred to as *Restore Illinois*. Under Phase 4 of *Restore Illinois*, Illinois schools can return to in-person instruction by adhering to guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Your child's home district is committed to providing in-person instruction for its students during the 2020-2021 school year while following the safety standards recommended by the IDPH. To ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and the school community, students are expected to cooperate with all of their home school district/ISEA safety protocols at school and school-related activities. All district students are expected to return to school for in-person instruction on a full-time OR part-time basis at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, unless directed otherwise by IDPH or your home school district determines that a student cannot attend school safely.

While in-person instruction is the optimal for students' learning, the school district and ISEA understands that parents may prefer remote learning as an alternative due to concerns related to the pandemic. In an effort to accommodate the needs of our school community during this unprecedented time, your child's home district is offering for parents to opt-in their students to participate in full-time remote learning while Illinois remains in Phase 4 of *Restore Illinois* (or if Illinois reverts back to an earlier Phase that permits in-person attendance).

By opting-in your child to full-time remote learning, you understand and agree to the following:

1. My child will receive all learning instruction, activities, and supports from their home district remotely through alternative means (e.g., phone, e-mail, online/virtual platforms such as Skype, Facetime, Google Meet, Zoom, etc.).
  - IF at BAGEC or other ISEA program my child will receive remote instruction from program staff and through means available.
2. Full-time remote learning may not include live streaming of instruction or other opportunities for my child to receive immediate feedback/responses from teachers and other school personnel.
3. Full-time remote learning may not include all of the activities offered within the classroom.
4. If my child participates in group-based special education services, I will be asked to sign a separate consent form agreeing to remote group special education and/or related services.
5. The school district or ISEA may develop a Student Remote Learning Plan for my child that identifies the instruction and educational supports my child will receive during full-time remote learning.
6. My child will remain in full-time remote learning based on the school district timeline or until Phase 5 of *Restore Illinois*, whichever occurs first.

Your signature below acknowledges your understanding and agreement with the above statements and indicates that you have chosen to opt- in your child to full-time remote learning instead of having your child receive in-person instruction from their home school district.

Please note that if school hours/minutes are reduced for all students during remote learning /blended remote learning periods, IEP instructional and related services minutes will be proportionately reduced to reflect the shorter school day.

Please return this form to your child's school office.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_