



# Fargo Public Schools | Instructional Plan Levels

## FPS SMART RESTART PLAN

Fargo Public Schools (FPS) is 100% committed to our mission of educating and empowering all students to succeed – no matter our current world circumstances. We are committed to providing the safest education environment possible for our students and staff. FPS has developed a “Smart Restart” re-entry and operational plan for our schools for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

The FPS Smart Restart Plan was developed based upon four guiding principles:

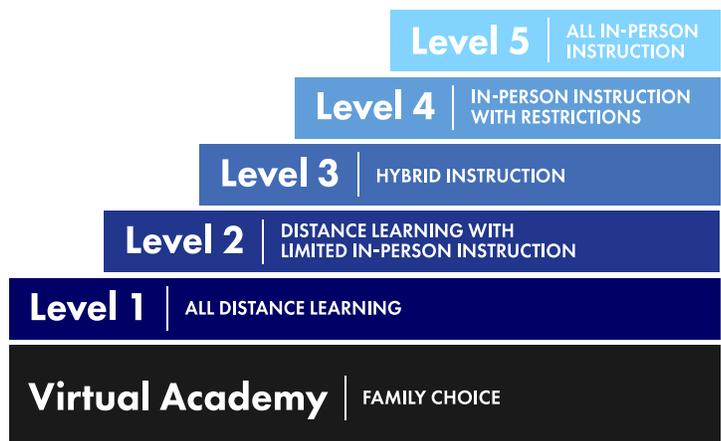
1. Ensure the safety and well-being of all students and employees.
2. Promote equity and accessibility to learning for all students.
3. Provide instructional delivery systems to meet the needs of all students.
4. Foster positive relationships and interactions.



A copy of the plan in its entirety can be found online at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/SmartRestart](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/SmartRestart)

## FPS SMART RESTART INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN LEVELS

Fargo Public Schools has established a 16-member **FPS COVID-19 Instructional Plan Committee**, whose purpose is to meet every two weeks, review data regarding COVID-19 cases in our community, and make determinations for which Instructional Plan Level will be used to deliver instruction in our schools. It is important to note, this means the instructional plan level assigned to FPS will likely change multiple times throughout the school year in response to current local conditions, and that each school in our district may be at a different level should their COVID-19 conditions merit such.



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All FPS students (K–12) will be given a personal digital learning device (iPad for K–2, Chromebook for grades 3–5, laptop for grades 6–12) to utilize at school and at home for distance learning. Arrangements will be made for students to have access to the internet for distance learning, if needed.

The FPS Smart Restart Plan categorizes learning delivery into five instructional models and an alternate Virtual Academy option. **All are described in further detail the reverse side of this document.**



**Level 5** | ALL IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

**Level 4** | IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION WITH RESTRICTIONS

**Level 3** | HYBRID INSTRUCTION

**Level 2** | DISTANCE LEARNING WITH LIMITED IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

**Level 1** | ALL DISTANCE LEARNING



## VIRTUAL ACADEMY

For the 2020-21 school year, families may choose to enroll their student in an online Virtual Academy, available for grades K–12, for an entire semester or the full school year, which would not be affected by an assigned and/or fluctuating Instructional Plan Level. Students in Kindergarten through grade 8 will be taught by FPS teachers; high school students will enroll in the North Dakota Center for Distance Education program.

### LEVEL 1: ALL DISTANCE LEARNING

ALL students (K–12 and Early Childhood Special Education) participate in synchronous (scheduled) video conference sessions and asynchronous (unscheduled) online activities five days per week. A student meal distribution/pick up program will be available.

### LEVEL 2: DISTANCE LEARNING WITH LIMITED IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

*Elementary students (K–5)* will engage in online learning five days per week, in both whole group and small group sessions, including time with specialist teachers each week.

*Secondary students (grades 6–12)* will participate and attend scheduled synchronous video conference classes following an A/B schedule, with five synchronous sessions per course/subject each two weeks, along with asynchronous online activities. Student attendance will be taken during the synchronous classes. Students will be marked present when they complete their online assignments.

A student meal distribution/pick up program will be available.

### LEVEL 3: HYBRID INSTRUCTION

*Elementary students (K–5)* will attend school in-person two days per week, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will be a distance learning day for all students with synchronous and asynchronous lessons.

*Secondary students (grades 6–12)* will begin each semester with a limited number of in-person contact/instructional days at their school to establish teacher-student relationships and learning expectations. From then on, secondary students will participate in distance learning, and attend scheduled synchronous video conference classes following an A/B schedule, with five synchronous sessions per course/subject each two weeks, along with asynchronous online activities. Student attendance will be taken during the synchronous classes. Students will be marked present when they complete their online assignments.

A student meal distribution/pick up program will be available.

### LEVEL 4: IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION WITH RESTRICTIONS

School campuses will be open for traditional, in-person learning for ALL students (K–12). Schools will implement preventative measures to mitigate transmission risk of COVID-19 among students and staff (face coverings, social distancing, etc.). Limited use of large group spaces, school-wide events, non-essential visitors, field trips, etc.

At the Elementary level, students will attend school Monday through Thursday and Friday will be a distance learning day with synchronous and asynchronous lessons.

### LEVEL 5: ALL IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Our “new normal.” School campuses will be open for traditional, in-person learning for ALL students (K–12). Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting measures will still be taken. Regular use of large group spaces, school-wide events, non-essential visitors, field trips, etc. will resume.

Further explanations of each level is detailed in full in the FPS Smart Restart Plan, which may be accessed online at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/SmartRestart](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/SmartRestart)