



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - AUGUST 13, 2021

Communication:

Q: Where is the best source of information to keep parents updated on school and District updates as it pertains to school operations during the 2021-22 school year?

A; Please use the District and school site websites as your primary source of information. All communications from the District office, Board of Education Presentations, and other resources are accessible and archived on the following link. Each school site will also maintain information specific to their school.

Health and Safety Precautions (Face Coverings, Physical Distancing, Hygiene, etc.)

Q: What are the protocols surrounding children wearing masks? Will they be required upon entering/exiting school? Throughout the school day?

A. Per the California Department of Public Health requirements, K-12 schools (private, public and charter) , are required to have students and staff wear face coverings (masks) at all times except when outside, eating, or drinking. Exemptions may include persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

Q: Will hand sanitizer be available? Will masks be provided?

A: Yes, hand sanitizer and face coverings will be provided for staff and students. Students and staff may provide their own face coverings as long as they meet health standards. (No gators or bandanas)

Q. If mask wearing is not enforced once the school year is underway, will we have the option to move our children to ImmersiveEdu?

A: Students and staff must wear masks per the California Department of Public Health K-12 Schools Guidance. Staff or students will not be admitted into the building without wearing a face covering. Students not wearing face coverings indoors will be escorted outside to a supervised isolation area.

During indoor times, all staff will be diligent in reminding and redirecting students to wear face coverings. Families of students who refuse to wear masks for in-person learning have the option

to enroll their child in ImmersiveEDU through the Independent Study Option and would need to agree to the written master agreement.

Q. Is physical distancing required this year?

A: While physical distancing is no longer required per the CDPH K-12 Schools Guidance, Solana Beach School District will maintain a minimum of 3' of physical distancing whenever possible.

Health Screenings

Q. Given the fact that most children are asymptomatic or have only mild illness, will this be sufficient to ensure that it is safe for students to enter the school premises?

SBSD is following the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and San Diego Health and Human Services Agency guidelines for maintaining the health and safety of staff and students while on school campuses. This year guidance has changed from an active screening to a passive one. Families are expected to perform passive health screenings for all students prior to attending school each day. Please access the passive screener questions [here](#).

Q. Once a vaccine is made available for children under 12, will it be mandatory for students prior to attending school?

A. Once a vaccine is available, it will most likely be under an emergency use authorization. Specific mandatory vaccinations for children under 12 are unknown at this time.

Q. Will students and teachers be tested for COVID-19 to attend school?

A: At this time, COVID-19 testing is voluntary for students and vaccinated staff. Unvaccinated staff are required to test weekly.

Continuity of Learning During Quarantine or Illness

Q: What happens to classes if a teacher contracts COVID-19?

A: In the event a teacher is ill or contracts COVID-19, SBSD will utilize a pool of available substitute teachers to temporarily fill in during the absence. Substitute teachers are being trained in our online platforms to help ensure a seamless transition if the regular teacher falls ill.

Q. If the school or class is forced to close because of an outbreak/ cluster of cases, will those students be able to seamlessly transition to remote learning?

A. At the start of the year, students will learn how to navigate digital platforms and utilize strategies to interact in an online environment. The goal is to minimize instructional disruption, and maximize continuous learning in the event students are required to pivot to online learning.

Logistics

Q. Will there be staggered arrival and dismissal times?

No, except for Solana Santa Fe who is continuing staggered schedules due to school construction in progress.

Q. Health guidance will change over the coming months, how will the district adapt?

A. District teams are meeting with local health officials weekly to receive updated information. Each school site, as well as the District, will monitor weekly changes in health orders impacting schools.

Q. Is there going to be recess?

A. Yes. Students will have recess.

Q. Is there going to be lunchtime? Food Service? Will kids be able to sit together?

A. Yes. Students will have lunch and sit with their class only during lunchtime.. Child Nutrition Services will provide meal service each day as an option for students.

Q. Will the playground be open?

A. Yes, during school hours.

Q. Will students have a choice to be with friends at lunch and in the classroom?

A. Students will eat snacks and lunch with their classmates only; however, during playtime, students will have expanded stable groupings allowing students from multiple classes to play together.

Q. Will be parent volunteers be allowed this year?

A: At this time parents are not permitted on campus. We will be working through the District Safety Committee on a Parent Volunteer Policy which we hope to implement in mid-October 2021.