

Global Education Program

School Re-Opening FAQ

Below you will find the questions we have received regarding how the 2020–2021 school year learning options affect the Global Ed. Program. We are providing answers based on the information we have at this time.

1. If I choose the on-line scholar model, is it confirmed that my Global Ed. spot will be available and I will be given the option to switch between models mid-year?

As per district policy, mid-year changes will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Please note if a large number of Global Ed. students choose the on-line scholars model it could potentially impact the current configuration of the program. As a result, there may NOT be an available spots mid-year. In addition, please consider that a mid-year change would require your child to switch teachers, switch peer groups and learn new routines and schedules (that the rest of the class will already be familiar with). Please keep in mind that your child may miss or repeat certain standards in a mid-year transition (for example the on-line class may have already covered fractions and the on-site model may be starting a fraction unit).

2. If I choose to homeschool my child for the 2020-21 school year, will my Global Ed. spot be reserved?

Any student that chooses to dis-enroll from the Solana Beach School District (to homeschool, attend private school, etc...) will not retain a spot in the Global Ed. Program. You are encouraged to reapply and re-enter the lottery in the spring of 2021.

3. If our family chooses the ONLINE scholar option, do we get dropped from the Global Ed. Program?

As long as the guidelines for the SBSB ONLINE scholar option are followed by your family, your child will have a spot in the Global Ed. Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Will Global Ed. teachers be the instructors for the ONLINE scholar option?

Most likely, your child will be placed in a virtual class with grade-level peers from other Solana Beach schools with a certificated teacher who is not a Global Ed. teacher. The Global Ed. curricular cycle will not be used by the virtual teacher as s/he will have students from across the school district.

5. IF the ONSITE scholar option follows a hybrid (A/B) model, will students be grouped by grade level? Will we lose the multi-age aspect of the program?

As a program, we are committed to maintaining multi-age environments. If the hybrid model is implemented, the final decision as to how students will be divided into A/B cohorts will depend upon (1) the number of Global Ed. families who opt for the ONSITE model (2) keeping siblings together on the same days and (3) the guidelines provided by the district. There is no requirement to group students by specific grade levels in an A/B model.

6. How will a 10-day consecutive absence due to COVID-19 impact a student's Global Ed. enrollment?

The Global Education Program has a strict policy regarding attendance. However, based on COVID notification and quarantine requirements, absences related to COVID-19 will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

7. Will Global Ed. teachers be instructing ONSITE or ONLINE scholars?

At this time, we envision that all Global Ed. teachers will be instructing ONSITE. Final staffing decisions will be based on how many Global Ed. families choose each model (ONSITE or ONLINE).

8. Which aspects of the Global Education program can we expect to continue?

All Global Ed. students enrolled in the ONSITE scholar model will be instructed by Global Ed. teachers and will follow the year's curricular cycle (the focus for the 2020–2021 school year is "Exploration & Migration"). The Global Ed. staff is committed to implementing differentiated instruction, small group instruction, and multi-age groupings. In addition, every effort will be made to maintain Global Ed.

events (for example, GE Sing, buddies, cross-age activities) to the extent that current health guidelines will allow.

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9. How will parent volunteers be utilized?

- During ONLINE learning, student privacy prohibits students to work with non-district employees.
- When we return to ONSITE learning, current health guidelines will not allow for volunteers on campus. However, once the school year begins, each teacher will provide parents with information regarding how they may support their child's classroom.