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Please check back for a recording of the Family Info. Meeting from May 16th on the ImmersiveEDU website.

ImmersiveEDU is a K-6 Solana Beach School District alternative education model staffed by Solana Beach School District (SBSD) employees, including fully credentialed SBSB teachers. ImmersiveEDU has been specifically designed to provide a non-traditional educational model for families. While the traditional in-person model is highly effective for most students, some children may benefit from a model that approaches teaching and learning differently.

Please review the FAQs. (Updated 5/13/22)

ImmersiveEDU Logistics

- **Q. Will ImmersiveEDU be a school within a school? What does this mean and where will it be located?**
 - ImmersiveEDU will be housed at Carmel Creek and included with all the school's operational functions including PTA/PTO and Solana Beach Schools Foundation. There will be onsite opportunities for all students and upper grade students will participate in some of the opportunities at Solana Pacific.

- **Q. Will families need to make a commitment for the year or will families be able to switch models?**
 - We are asking families to make a one-year commitment, however, there are options to return to an SBSB physical campus. It may or may not be at your child's boundaried school site depending on space availability.

- **Q. Is there a minimum number of children that will be required to have the program occur?**
 - Our intention is to offer this model; nonetheless, there is a high probability of multi-age classrooms pending final enrollment numbers.

- **Q. Is ImmersiveEDU open to children outside of the district?**

- No, this option is only open to Solana Beach School District students.

- **Q. How often will children participate in onsite learning? What will the onsite opportunities look like and would they be for an entire school day?**

- ImmersiveEDU will have onsite learning twice a week, on consistent days. Once schedules are finalized, they will be shared with families.
- Discovery Labs will occur onsite and final schedules will be communicated at the start of the school year.

- **Q. What will a weekly schedule look like? What will the balance of different types of learning look like?**

Daily, students will receive:

- Synchronous SEL Opening
 - Asynchronous Learning
 - Direct Instruction
 - Independent Project Time
 - Recess/Snack in AM
 - Frequent breaks
 - Lunch
 - Teacher check ins
 - Small groups collaboration
 - Continuous Feedback
 - Unstructured Opportunities
 - Synchronous SEL Closing
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- Direct instruction - explicit teaching of a skill-set using a lecture or demonstration approach (may be a live zoom or pre-recorded)
 - Small group collaboration - students engaging with other students in learning with a teacher as facilitator
 - Student work time (individual, small group) - students working independently on or off technology on tasks created by teacher
 - Students will have the option to learn onsite on an SBSD campus, or at a local learning environment such as the zoo, park, library, or museum. These opportunities will be on a consistent day each week to allow families to plan ahead.

- **Q. What is an example of project-based/inquiry-based learning?**

Click below:

- [Click here to view a Primary Example](#)
- [Click here to view an Upper Grade Example](#)
- [Click here to view EL Education website \(samples of high quality interdisciplinary projects\)](#)

- **Q. What will classes look like and what will the sizes of the classes be for 22_23?**

- There is a high possibility of combination or multi-age classes depending on the number of students that choose to participate in ImmersiveEDU.
- Class sizes will follow the SBSD collective bargaining agreement, which are ratios of 24:1 for Grades K-3 and 28:1 for Grades 4-6.

- **Q. Will ImmersiveEDU have a regular materials distribution during the 22_23 school year?**

- Depending on the need for materials, the frequency of distributions will be clearly communicated in a timely manner so all families are aware of the dates/times. We anticipate not needing a separate materials distribution day with students coming onsite for two days a week.

- **Q. Can you please clarify whether there will be an entirely onsite option offered as part of this program?**

- This learning model, by design, is not primarily an onsite model. Much of the learning will occur in virtual environments. If families desire an onsite program, SBSD offers the in-person learning option.

- **Q. Is ImmersiveEDU similar to the Global Program at Skyline Elementary School?**

- ImmersiveEDU is a different, alternative learning model than the Global Education Program. While both programs support students towards mastery and application of learning, ImmersiveEDU's learning platform will be conducted in virtual collaborative environments, in addition to opportunities for onsite collaboration and connection. In addition, in ImmersiveEDU, specific connections to relevant community and real world applications will be emphasized through the learning students engage in. ImmersiveEDU utilizes current technology in

purposeful ways, engages in culturally responsive teaching and learning, and facilitates students as the drivers of their learning.

ImmersiveEDU Supports

- **Q. What will parent/adult support look like?**
 - ImmersiveEDU welcomes all families/students to participate. In order for there to be strong partnership with families as well as clarity on roles and responsibilities of students, teachers and families, there is an ImmersiveEDU Master Agreement. Your child's teacher will be the facilitator of your child's learning: guiding, supporting and providing feedback. Parents/guardians will take an active role in partnering with the classroom teacher to support participation, engagement, and work completion.

- **Q. What type of feedback will students receive from teachers and support staff?**
 - Feedback may occur through written communication, through verbal conversation while meeting with students individually or in small groups, and progress reports provided three times a year. Students also take part in sharing their learning, engaging with an interactive audience to reflect and share their learning processes.

- **Q. Will ImmersiveEDU meet all students' needs? What about students with an IEP?**
 - Students who receive special education program services and supports are welcome to participate in ImmersiveEDU and will require program placement to be recommended through the IEP process.

- **Q. Will students in ImmersiveEDU still participate in Discovery Labs?**
 - Yes, students will experience the same learning standards offered in Discovery Labs. The anticipation is Discovery Labs will be onsite.

- **Q. Will there be child care offered to support this program?**
 - The District Child Development Center will offer the same before and after school child care, including Early Release Wednesday options for families in ImmersiveEDU as it does for students at school sites. Please [click here](#) to review the website for more information.

ImmersiveEDU Health and Safety Topics

- **Q. What will be health and safety guidelines for in-person opportunities?**
 - ImmersiveEDU will adhere to all of the same health and safety guidelines as the onsite programs. All SBSD programs follow the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines.