

Please join us for a follow-up ImmersiveEDU meeting on Tuesday, May 18th at 4:00 PM. Whether this is your first meeting or you are seeking additional information about ImmersiveEDU, we encourage you to attend. If you were unable to attend the initial information meeting, please consider watching the recording using the following link:

[Click here for the evolving 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.

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 on a SBSB school site and be included with all the school's operational functions including PTA/PTO and Solana Beach Schools Foundation. The location of ImmersiveEDU has not been determined yet, pending additional information of enrollment per site.

- **Q. Will families need to make a commitment for the year or will families be able to switch models?**
 - Whether a family selects in-person or ImmersiveEDU, we are asking for a one year commitment. As was implemented this year, if there are extenuating circumstances which require a student to move from ImmersiveEDU to on-site, an approved administrative placement will be required, and placement will be made upon availability at any SBSB site that may have an opening at that grade level. These requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- **Q. Is there a minimum number of students 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.

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

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

- **Q. How often will students be able to participate in OPTIONAL in-person opportunities? What will the in-person opportunities look like and would they be for an entire school day?**

- ImmersiveEDU is anticipating beginning optional opportunities once a week, on a consistent day. Once schedules are finalized, they will be shared with families. As the model evolves, optional in-person opportunities may be able to increase.
- The in-person optional opportunities may include time to collaborate with peers as they design, construct, and/or refine projects. Opportunities may also include extending learning through a study trip, school community organized events, and social connections for students.
- These optional experiences provide choice for families and are not required for students to participate as part of ImmersiveEDU.

- **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
- 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
 - Starting with one day a week, students will have the option to learn in person on an SBSB 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.
 - Finalized schedules will be posted on or before June 11th.
- **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 21_22?**
- There is a possibility of combination or multi-age classes depending on the number of students that choose to participate in ImmersiveEDU.
 - Class sizes will follow the SBSB 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 materials distribution similar to Online Scholars in 20_21?**
- Materials distribution will occur at one site location, where ImmersiveEDU is housed. 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.
- **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, with opportunities for optional in-person interactions. If families desire an onsite program, SBSB 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 primarily conducted in virtual collaborative environments, with opportunities for in-person collaboration and connections. 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 will be a family agreement form. 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 an exhibition of 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. ImmersiveEDU may integrate Discovery Labs into core study.

- **Q. What is an enrichment cluster?**
 - Enrichment clusters are learning opportunities where students have voice and choice in choosing areas of study they are interested in.

- **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 OPTIONAL in-person opportunities? Will ImmersiveEDU students also be able to participate in Covid-19 testing?**
 - ImmersiveEDU will adhere to all of the same health and safety guidelines as the onsite programs. Principals at the school sites provided a more in depth presentation reviewing these protocols. If you missed the school site meeting, recordings are also available on the SBSB District website. All SBSB programs will follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines listed on slides from the April 15th Board meeting.
 - Any ImmersiveEDU student opting into optional on-site activities will be eligible to participate in COVID-19 asymptomatic testing.

- **Q. What if students are able to be vaccinated before school begins? Will the program still be offered?**
 - Yes.