

**2020 – 2021 Return to Learn Frequently Asked Questions**

**Is Palo Verde USD preparing to begin the 2020-21 school year on Monday, August 10, 2020?**

**Answer:** Yes! Our district's plan is for all students to return to learn on August 10, 2020. PVUSD will be providing options for families to decide how their child will return to learning for the incoming school year. Head Start Preschool's first day for students to return to school is September 8, 2020.

**What enhanced safety measures will be implemented for the 2020-2021 school year?**

**Answer:** PVUSD is following the Federal, State, and County Public Health guidelines, as well as the California Department of Education and Riverside County Office of Education Guidelines. Enhancing the health and safety of our schools is paramount. All facilities, especially classrooms, will be cleaned and sanitized frequently. We have increased our scheduled cleaning and disinfecting. Also, classrooms will be provided with disinfecting and hand sanitizing stations allowing for frequent disinfecting of high contact areas and hand washing. We have increased the sanitation schedules of high traffic areas and will be teaching our students and staff health and safety practices. We will be using social distancing, frequent hand washing, increased sanitation measures, wearing face shields and/or face covering by staff, and face shields/face covering by students (with structured, social distancing, safe periods of time to have face shields/covering breaks for students). We have a district administration and management safety team taking every precaution in safely opening schools for 2020-2021. We want to reassure our community that enhanced safety measures and practices will be followed.

**What model of learning is the school district planning for the beginning of the school year which begins on Monday, August 10, 2020?**

**Answer:** Our district's plan is for all students to return to school on August 10, 2020. PVUSD is providing families a choice for their children to return to learn. All our decisions for student learning are made with 'safety first' in mind for students and staff. The three choices for families are: the **Traditional** Model, the **Hybrid** Model, and the **Teacher-Led Distance Learning** Model. All three options are taught by our teachers and choices are available as space permits.

The Traditional Model – 100% attending school all day, keeping student groups consistent as much as possible throughout the school day.

The Hybrid Model – 50% of the time attending school in-person and 50% of the time off-campus learning with teacher-led distance learning.

Teacher-Led Distance Learning – 100% instruction off school campus with teacher instructing and supporting student learning.

**How will the hybrid and teacher-led distance learning models be offered?**

**Answer:** What works best for the student and their family. Families will decide when their child is working from home if this will be all off-line (paper-based), or entirely on-line, or a combination of both. Teachers will be instructing and supporting the student learning.

**How do families select their learning model preference before the school year begins?**

**Answer:** We will be sending a survey for you to select your learning choice. This will help us plan better for the incoming year and adjust schedules and classrooms accordingly. We will be asking for your choice in mid-July when you register your child for the 2020-2021 school year. We are providing online registration this year. We will make printed regulation packets available to parents upon request.

**Will my student be able to switch between the traditional, hybrid, and teacher-led distance learning model options during the school year?**

**Answer:** Yes, based on an individual student's unique needs, there will be designated dates during the school year when students may transition from one model to the next.

**Will Special Education services be provided for all three learning models (traditional, hybrid, and teacher-led distance learning)?**

**Answer:** Yes, the district is prepared to ensure high quality instruction, services, and supports to students with IEP's and 504 plans to the extent possible. Our Special Education Department is working diligently to put plans in place to ensure students with special needs are met in all three models.

**Can my student, regardless of the instructional model selected (traditional, hybrid, or distance) participate in their school's activities?**

**Answer:** Yes, students will have the opportunity to participate in their school's activities such as athletics, activities, arts, band, student leadership, etc... regardless of the instructional program. For example, a student enrolled in the teacher-led distance learning has the ability to select an elective course on campus such as band, choir, drama, or P.E. when it is deemed safe to provide these options for students.

**When will CIF Sports return for high school?**

**Answer:** According to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) they will be, "Determining by July 20 if Fall Sports will continue as currently scheduled. The CIF is prepared to offer alternative calendars if it is determined by July 20 that Fall sports may not start as scheduled due to ongoing public health and safety concerns."