

IUSD Community Questions

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Guidelines for Schools

Q: What are the guidelines for the safe return of students and staff to District campuses and facilities?

Q: Is IUSD following state or local guidelines?

Q: How will IUSD implement health and safety guidelines at each school site or District facility?

Q: Why do state and local guidelines allow for flexibility?

Q: What is the Orange County Health Care Agency Attestation?

Q: What guidelines are mandatory for schools?

Face Coverings

Q: Who determines guidelines for face coverings?

Q: Does the state, county or city require students to wear face coverings?

Q: Will students, teachers and staff be required to wear masks while on campus?

Q: Who is exempt from wearing masks according to the California Department of Public Health?

Q: Will IUSD mandate all students and staff wear masks, while on campus?

Q: What type of face coverings are acceptable?

Q: If face coverings are required, will the District provide free face coverings to students and staff?

Response to Possible or Positive COVID-19 Cases

Q: What are the protocols if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Q: If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, will the school be shut down for two weeks?

Q: Will students or staff need to self-quarantine if they are exposed to or living with someone who is positive for COVID-19?

Q: If a student is showing signs of COVID-19 while at school, how will that be handled?

Q: If a student is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, will the school notify families?

Q: If there is a positive case of COVID-19, what will be the disinfection and other health procedures to ensure it is safe for students and staff?

General Questions About Academic Models

Q: What are the proposed academic models that are available for review by families?

Q: Why is IUSD looking at offering a traditional school option when there is no vaccine?

Q: What is the difference between the Virtual Academy versus the Emergency Distance Learning that was offered at the end of the 2019-20 school year?

Q: Will there be parity between the academic models?

Q: Will students in the hybrid and traditional models have teachers from their neighborhood schools?

- Q: Who will be teaching the Virtual Academy students?
- Q: For 8th graders who receive Honors recommendations for high school course work, will it be best for them to be in the traditional model or the Virtual Academy?
- Q: Will IUSD return to letter grades for the 2020-21 school year?
- Q: If my child is participating in Distance Learning, can I choose credit/no credit grading?
- Q: Will families be able to change between academic models?
- Q: How will students, who are in the hybrid and traditional models, continue learning if there is a COVID-19 outbreak or they cannot attend school for related reasons?
- Q: Will all academic models be available for APPAS students?

Virtual Academy (K-12)

- Q: What is the Irvine Virtual Academy program?
- Q: Is the IUSD Virtual Academy program a homeschooling program?
- Q: What are the synchronous (real time) requirements for the program?
- Q: What classes will be offered at IUSD Virtual Elementary?
- Q: What classes will be offered at IUSD Virtual Middle School?
- Q: What classes will be offered at IUSD Virtual High School?
- Q: What is the role of the parents in the virtual learning program?
- Q: How do I enroll my child in IUSD Virtual Academy at San Joaquin?
- Q: What are the residency requirements to enroll?
- Q: My child has special needs (IEP or 504 plan). Is my child eligible to enroll?
- Q: May my child transition back to my neighborhood school at some point?
- Q: Where can I get additional information about the Irvine Virtual Academy?

Traditional (TK-K)

- Q: What is the expected class size for the traditional model classroom?
- Q: How will instructional and other spaces be cleaned for students in the traditional model?
- Q: Will recess be allowed at elementary level?
- Q: Will there be screening protocols for students and staff before entering school?
- Q: Will there be childcare after school?

Traditional Model (1-12)

- Q: What is the expected class size for the traditional model classroom?
- Q: How will instructional and other spaces be cleaned for students in the traditional model?
- Q: Will recess be allowed at the elementary level?
- Q: Will there be childcare after school?
- Q: Will there be screening protocols for students and staff before entering school?

Hybrid Model (Elementary)

Q: What instruction can we expect for both the online and in-person portions of the hybrid model?

Q: Will there be mandatory live lessons with online instruction?

Q: Will there be parity between this academic model and the other models?

Q: Who will teach and provide support during the online days?

Q: Will there be screening protocols for students and staff before entering school?

Q: Will childcare be available for families in the elementary hybrid model?

Q: What type of cleaning will be done on the days hybrid students are on campus?

Q: Will there be dedicated classrooms for hybrid students?

Q: How will schools track attendance?

Hybrid Model (Middle and High School)

Q: What instruction can we expect for both the online and in-person portions of the hybrid model?

Q: Will there be mandatory live lessons with online instruction?

Q: Will there be parity between this academic model and the other models?

Q: Who will teach and provide support during the online days?

Q: What type of cleaning will be done on the days hybrid students are on campus?

Q: Will there be dedicated classrooms for hybrid students?

Q: How will schools track attendance?

Blended Learning (High School)

Q: Could you elaborate on the in-person weekly instruction mentioned in reference to Blended Learning?

Q: Will students see all of their teachers in-person one day of the week?

Q: Why wasn't the Blended Learning option offered to Middle School students?

Q: If my student selects Blended Learning can they still participate in classes such as orchestra, athletics or other electives not offered in Blended Learning?

Q: If we choose Blended Learning will the teachers be from our same assigned school?

Q: How will schools track attendance?

Enrollment

Q: How do I enroll my child in the academic model of our choice?

Q: Can I change the academic model my child is enrolled in at any time?

Enhanced Cleaning and Hygiene Practices

Q: Will IUSD custodial staff have enhanced cleaning procedures at IUSD schools and facilities?

Q: Will classrooms, labs and other shared spaces be cleaned between periods/classes?

Q: Will IUSD provide additional hand sanitizer in common areas that are not near sinks, such as front offices and lunch areas?

- Q: Will IUSD provide students and staff with healthy habits education and training for how they can keep their areas clean?
- Q: Will students be reminded of sneeze and cough etiquette?
- Q: Will students help clean their own workspaces?
- Q: How will the schools keep frequently touched surfaces clean?
- Q: Will visitors be limited on campus?
- Q: Will there be scheduled handwashing before and after eating?
- Q: Will lunch tables be cleaned before and after eating?
- Q: Will the schools have enhanced ventilation?

School Lunches

- Q: Will IUSD offer grab and go lunches for students participating in the Virtual Academy and hybrid program?
- Q: Will students enrolled in in-person classes have staggered lunch times?
- Q: Will limited groups of students be able to walk through lunch lines?
- Q: Will students be physically distanced during lunch?
- Q: If students have to eat in the classroom, will there be rules for what types of food are allowed in the classroom? For example, no peanuts (in case a child has a severe allergy)?

Physical Distancing

- Q: Will students be physically distanced 6 feet apart?
- Q: How will transitions between class periods and activities be handled?
- Q: Will schools utilize outdoor and other spaces to spread students out?
- Q: Will there be smaller class sizes to reduce the number of students in one space together?
- Q: What measures will IUSD schools implement to support distancing for K-12 students?
- Q: Will there be staggered drop-off and pick-up times?
- Q: Will students participate in PE?
- Q: How will PE be physically distanced?
- Q: Will high school students participate in athletics and what will be the rules?
- Q: How will elementary students participate in music, science and art classes, while maintaining physical distancing?
- Q: How will middle and high school students safely transition between periods/classes?
- Q: For students who ride buses, how will they be cleaned and how will students be physically distanced?
- Q: What will be the protocols when entering school front offices?
- Q: Will there be protocols for shared items in classroom?
- Q: Will students be allowed to go to camps, field trips, athletic competitions and other school related activities?
- Q: How will schools handle back to school night?

Mental Health and Wellness

- Q: Will students have access to school counselors, psychologists and other mental health and wellness staff?

- Q: What mental health supports and services will be available for students?
- Q: How will IUSD support students who have been suffering from social isolation?
- Q: How will hybrid and virtual academy students access mental health and wellness and counseling supports?

IUSD Planning Process

- Q: Has IUSD consulted with expert health and other agencies on 2020-21 school year planning and the return of students?
- Q: What is the role of the 2020-21 Task Force?
- Q: How have IUSD families been included in the process?
- Q: How will IUSD respond if state or local guidelines change?
- Q: Has IUSD planned for large groups of students to transition between models if health conditions change?

Special Education

- Q: How will IUSD perform Triennial assessments for our special education population?
- Q: If we keep kids in cohorts, how will teachers and Special Education service providers, who work with more than one school, provide services to students?
- Q: How would mainstreaming of SAI students be handled in each educational format that will be offered? Other SAI support services?
- Q: What will IUSD do to support students with IEPs in all academic models?

IT (Support, Chromebooks)

- Q: Will students have access to devices, internet and Wi-Fi for instruction?
- Q: How will families check out devices?
- Q: How can families access IT support?
- Q: Can we as a district agree on one online platform? Google Classroom (Elem.) Canvas (MS/HS).
- Q: Is the District looking at any other platforms for online meetings besides Zoom?
- Q: Will students share Chromebooks in class?

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Please note that staff may combine or summarize similar questions and topic areas. Questions that are specific to schools will be forwarded to school staff.