



Santee School District

SCHOOLS

Cajon Park
Carlton Hills
Carlton Oaks
Chet F. Harritt STEAM
Hill Creek
Pepper Drive
PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
Rio Seco
Sycamore Canyon
Alternative
Success Program

July 23, 2020

As mentioned in our parent communication on Friday, July 17, Governor Newsom released new State level restrictions on students returning to schools. These restrictions include:

- School districts are now required to follow County-level data monitoring before they can open for in-person instruction.
- School districts may reopen for in-person instruction at any time if they are located in a County that has not been on the County monitoring list within the prior 14 days. San Diego is one of 32 Counties currently on the monitoring list.
- Children in grades 3 – 8 will be required to wear a mask all day. It is recommended that children in grades K – 2 wear a mask.
- Physical distancing between adults is still six feet from one another and six feet from children. However, physical distancing between children now states they should maintain six feet distance from one another, as practicable.
- Public health guidance recommends staff in every California school should be periodically tested for COVID-19 based on local disease trends and as testing capacity allows.
- Finally, school districts should provide a rigorous distance learning program, ensuring that all students have access to learning tools and a qualified instructor.

Since San Diego County is on the monitoring list, Santee School District is unable to begin the school year with in-person instruction. However, **we will begin with distance learning for all students on August 19**. When we are allowed to return to in-person instruction, we will use our AM/PM hybrid model to “phase back into school”. It is still our priority to provide all students with full-time, in-person instruction when our County conditions and State restrictions allow.

Some of our community members have asked about the waiver provision in the State’s new guidelines for in-person instruction. We understand our local public health office will be learning more about this process from the California Department of Public Health and they will in turn share this information with us. We will update our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) when we receive this communication.

Our enrollment process for the school year will be as follows:

1. If you want in-person instruction for your child once the County is off the monitoring list, your child(ren) will be automatically assigned to a classroom teacher at their school of attendance. Teachers will begin the year with distance learning and will shift to in-person instruction when we are no longer on the monitoring list and we have adequately prepared all physical spaces on each school campus.
2. If you want a distance learning program this school year, in lieu of in-person instruction, please submit your information using the following form by July 31: [Distance Learning Program](#). This program will be for any parent who does not want his/her child(ren) to return to in-person instruction once the County is off the monitoring list. ***You may disregard this step if you have already submitted your information.***

You will find updated information regarding components of our distance learning program and the Safe Schools Re-Opening Plan on our District website: www.santeesd.net. We will continue to update our FAQs as we receive new questions and information from the County and State.

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Thank you, again, for your trust in us as we implement our “Safe Schools Re-Opening Plan” this school year. You will be receiving communication from your child’s school site regarding AM/PM scheduling within the next couple of weeks along with school-based childcare options through our Project SAFE program.

Sincerely,



Dustin Burns
Board President



Kristin Baranski, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Click here to learn about the:

- [Distance Learning Program](#)
- [Safe at School Reopening Plan](#)