



# Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

- **Will students return in August full time or will it be distance learning?**
  - Students will return in August with distance learning/remote learning, but we plan to expand to a five-day full-time schedule as soon as it is allowed. Distance learning is also called remote learning.
- **Will distance learning be temporary if it is needed?**
  - Yes. This will only be temporary. We hope to get back to a five-day program as soon as it is safe to do so.
- **Will distance learning look the same as last year?**
  - No. It will include daily instruction, daily attendance, assignments, assessments, grades and will have scheduled in-person appointments with classroom teachers to support learning.
- **How can you support parents if using distance learning?**
  - The schedule will allow flexibility for families who may have to work during the day. It also includes daily interactive sessions with teachers, so parents have regular support from the teacher in addition to the weekly in-person appointments. We are here to support our students and families.
- **Will packets be available to students?**
  - Yes. Packets will be distributed to students in hard copy and/or virtual format.
- **Will technology devices be issued?**
  - Yes. We received a grant for 600 devices from the California Advanced Services Fund. The grant funding was received on July 16, 2020 and the devices were ordered the same day. As soon as the devices arrive, they will be checked out to every child.
- **What about families who do not have internet connectivity?**
  - Families can reach out to the District Office or School Site Office for additional support.

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- **How long will students have to be on the computer each day?**
  - The students will not have to be on the computer all day. The expectation for distance learning includes some computer time, along with their assignments and live interaction.
    - TK/Kindergarten – 3 hours (Split between virtual lessons, assignments, and interactive instruction)
    - 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 3 hours and 50 minutes (Split between virtual lessons, assignments, and interactive instruction)
    - 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 hours (Split between virtual lessons, assignments, and interactive instruction)
- **How will students be graded?**
  - Assignments and assessments will be collected and graded. Students will receive report cards and progress reports following the regular school calendar.
- **What will online classes be like?**
  - Online lessons will be a combination of video prerecorded lessons, live lessons, small groups and interactive lessons.
- **What is going to happen for parents that work? Will teachers be flexible with teaching hours?**
  - Yes. The Distance Learning Plan was designed to be flexible. Although it requires every child to take attendance every day, the time of day is flexible. Virtual instruction includes both synchronous and asynchronous lessons so some can be viewed at different times.
- **What if parents are not comfortable sending their children back to school?**
  - Parents can choose to continue distance learning if they feel it is best for their child(ren).
- **Are face masks required?**
  - Face covering are required for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to adult and are strongly encouraged for children age 2 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade unless they are medically exempt.

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- **What if my child cannot wear a face mask because he has asthma?**
  - A note from a physician would medically exempt the child.
- **What if my child needs extra support?**
  - Contact your teacher and we will assign extra support based upon the child's needs. The support may include; tutoring, reading support and/or social and emotional support.
- **If you reopen, will the number of students in each class be reduced?**
  - When we can reopen in full capacity desks will be reconfigured to all be facing forward and separated to the extent possible. Class sizes may be smaller because some families may choose to continue distance learning.
- **If we return to school full time and there is a case will we have to go back to distance learning?**
  - Yes. Any classes or cohorts of staff or students with any confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be subject to a 14-day quarantine following the guidance and regulations of the County Health Agency.
- **Can I still get lunch for all my children or just the one going to Chatom?**
  - Lunches will be provided to all children enrolled at Chatom Elementary, Mountain View Middle School or the Chatom State Preschool
- **Where can I find more Information on the Reopening Plan?**
  - The full Reopening Plan for distance learning is posted on Parent Square and the Chatom Union Website. It is called the Remote Learning Model. The plan includes details on instruction, schedules and safety routines.

**If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact  
the school site or the District Office.**

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