

Sutter Middle School



Learning For All, Whatever It Takes

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Dear FCUSD Middle School Families,

Per the Board decision on Thursday, November 5th, we will be returning to school after Winter Break. There will be a survey coming out **tomorrow** that will be asking you to decide if you will be sending your child back to school (1) in person or (2) keeping your child at home for distance learning. This information is critical in our ability to create a model that allows students to return in person in the safest manner possible; accuracy is important!

Provided in the attachment is the bell schedule for the Hybrid Model. I ask that you take a look at the schedule and would like to take this opportunity to explain further what those two options mean for your child.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE: Before coming to campus each day, staff and students must self-screen for symptoms of illness by answering the following [COVID-19 Screening Tool Questions](#) and Referring to the [Symptom Decision Tree](#). While every measure will be taken to ensure students maintain social distancing, wear their masks, etc. the fact remains we are working with adolescents. There will be times where one or more students break the social distancing norms, etc. Faculty and staff will work to correct that when it happens, but parents need to be aware that it is impossible for the school to guarantee 100% that students will always follow the safety parameters set out by the department of health.

WE WILL RETURN ON A HYBRID MODEL:

- The Hybrid Model is an AA/BB block schedule
 - Currently your child is on an A/B/A/B block schedule
 - Asynchronous time at the end of the day will vary by teacher
 - **All students** will participate in learning daily - how they attend will be dependent on their "Group"
- There are TWO choices in the Hybrid Model: (1) In Person OR (2) Distance Learning

(1) IN PERSON:

- Students will be assigned to either **Group A** or **Group B** for attendance
- Group A students will attend on Tuesday and Wednesday in person
 - Group B students will attend synchronously *or as determined by the teacher*
- Group B students will attend on Thursday and Friday in person
 - Group A students will attend synchronously *or as determined by the teacher*

- Siblings in the same school will be kept on the same schedule
- Group assignments will be assigned randomly; parents can make a request on the upcoming survey, but the site may not be able to accommodate all requests
- **All 7th graders must have completed immunization records to return in person**

(2) DISTANCE LEARNING - (also referred to as the Virtual Academy):

- Distance Learning students will still be assigned to **Group D** for “Distance Learning”
- Distance Learning will look similar to the model that is currently practiced (August - December)
- Students will be expected to attend their classes daily on-line
- Teachers will utilize tools that will allow fullest participation of both in person and DL students; however, there may be challenges

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- *How will my student know which group they will be assigned (A/B/D)?*
 - There will be a letter that appears on their schedule (In PowerSchool) that will list **A, B, or D**.
 - Parents will be notified when groups are assigned and instructions of where to find what will be sent to families as soon as those are assigned.
- *Will my child's schedule change? Will they have the same teachers?*
 - Every attempt will be made to keep students in their current schedules.
- *Can I request my student(s) to be in a certain group?*
 - There will be a place on the upcoming survey to make a request prior to assignments being made. We will do our best to accommodate requests and siblings will be placed in the same group.
- *If I choose to stay home in the distance learning model, can I change my mind at any time to return in person?*
 - Once you have selected a model, the expectation will be that you are in that model until the end of the next grading period (quarter/trimester).
 - If there is room in an in person group considerations will be made on a case by case basis and only if there is space.
- *Will there be transportation for my student?*
 - Transportation is working on routes. When that information is available it will be shared with families.
- *Will my child be eating lunch at school?*
 - Students participating in the general education sessions will have a grab-n-go lunch (breakfast where available) and will not be eating on campus.
- *Will masks be required for all students?*
 - Yes, unless a student has a medical exemption from a doctor, masks will be required on campus.
- *If my student has a symptom, will they be sent home?*
 - Staff will be following the County Guidelines, which could result in a student being sent home.
- *How will we receive new information?*
 - We will be communicating through email, voicemails and text messages. Please check our website regularly.

More information can be found in the document titled "Reopening Roadmap"

<https://www.fcusd.org/cms/lib/CA01001934/Centricity/Domain/613/FCUSD%20Roadmap%20to%20Reopening%20Final.pdf>

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