



PUSD 2021-22 LEARNING OPTIONS

Poway Unified School District

COVID SAFETY

Is there going to be a limit on the number of kids in a classroom, so as to enable social distancing?

What happens if your child has a cold and cannot come to school to be cautious? We anticipate illnesses just based on the fact that this is what happens when kids are in school. I am worried about how much school my child would have to miss for a runny nose and will there be options to go to virtual for the time in quarantine?

What are the covid safety protocols that will be in place? Will masks be enforced for both students and faculty? What about social distancing?

How can you be confident that you will be able to offer full day in person instruction?

Will covid vaccination be a requirement before the next school year for the kids? With students moving into different classes throughout the day, will the classrooms be disinfected every change?

Why can't we have full days every day RIGHT NOW!?

Will there be fewer students in high school classes, or will the class sizes be the same as normal before COVID?

What happens if a child is covid positive in my kid's class?

Is PUSD going to limit the number of students in each class so as to enable social distancing?

What will the day look like? Will they have lunch at the lunch tables, play on the playground?

What precautions will be taken in the classrooms to prevent transmissions among students?

What safety measures should we expect with full-person instruction? What will PUSD continue, even though it may not be mandated by the state and/or federal government?

Will students be required to wear masks? What Covid safety precautions will be taken?

All students in the class will be available or will you follow some criteria for safety?

CHANGE MIND

Can we elect to change from on-campus to virtual after our child's mid-semester, if needed?

Will we need to make our program selection during registration? Will we be able to change our selection closer to the start of school?

What will be the timings for Stone Ranch elementary school? Also if we want to change back to virtual in between school year, is it possible?

CONNECT ACADEMY

Will this VLA academy be linked to your child's home elementary school? Also will the teachers receive paid training to teach virtually?

How long will the commitment be for selecting virtual? Is there a point at which we could switch over to on-campus learning?



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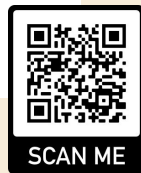
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DESCRIPTION

A return to regular full-day K-12, half day TK schedules, pre-COVID

Familiar classroom experiences, structures and routines (lunch, recess, etc.)

Daily interactions with teachers and peers five days per week



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LEARNING STRUCTURE

Elementary/Secondary

- In Person Instruction Monday-Friday
 - TK - Half Day
 - K - 12 Full Day
- Daily Schedule
 - Timebanking - Elementary
 - "Late Start"- Secondary
- Grading Periods
 - Elementary- Trimesters
 - Secondary -Trimesters and Quarters



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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

On campus learning with a focus on:

- Student Voice and Choice
- Project Based Learning
- Community Building/Social Emotional Learning

Differentiated Instruction to support each and every learner:

- Whole Group/ Small Group/ 1 : 1
- Leveraging technology to meet needs of students

On campus experiences:

- Elementary: X-Ploration, 5th Grade Band, Recess
- Secondary: ASB, Athletics, Clubs, CTE, VAPA, P.E., and Electives



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Health & Safety

- Potential to reduce class sizes at specific grade levels and courses to allow distancing.
- Masks may still be required if mandated by state and local guidelines.
- Physical distancing practiced based on updated guidelines.
- Self-screening done at home.
- Schools will continue to follow CDPH Guidelines for COVID positive individuals, contact tracing and quarantining.
- Parent volunteers as needed depending on current health conditions.

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Connect Academy

K-8 Virtual Learning Academy



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CONNECT ACADEMY

Connect Academy is a K-8 virtual school that provides an innovative approach to instruction, blending together the best elements of on-campus schooling and online education to offer families a flexible environment that is student-centered and future-focused.

This unique design encourages students to explore PUSD curriculum with their interests and passions at the forefront, while becoming a community of creative, collaborative, and empowered learners.



FOUNDING & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Student Agency
- 6 C's (critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, communication, citizenship/culture, character education/connectivity)
- Growth Mindset
- Leveraging Technology
- Computer science & Digital Arts Focus



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LEARNING STRUCTURE

A virtual learning environment,
with instruction to be delivered:

- Live online, synchronous via Zoom (daily)
- Asynchronous via Canvas & integrated tools (daily)
- Offline learning activities (daily)
- In-person opportunities on a school campus (weekly), may include:
 - SEL/community building
 - Collaborative group work
 - Science labs
 - Tutorial/office hours
 - Electives



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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PUSD adopted curriculum and assessments:

- Elementary: Benchmark Advance, Math Expressions
- Middle School: CPM (Secondary Math), TCI (6th & 7th Science), CK-12 (8th Science)
- Adaptive learning programs

Computer science & digital arts curriculum:

- Coding & computational thinking
- Digital photography, video production, graphic design

Digital Citizenship integrated into all curriculum

Social-emotional learning and community building



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Family Involvement



Although the majority of the learning is teacher-led, parent involvement and academic support are essential to student success.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will:

- Provide academic support when needed
- Monitor student schedule, pacing, and work completion
- Troubleshoot technology issues if necessary



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WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE CONNECT ACADEMY?

1. World Class Instruction
2. Technology & Learning Tools
3. Flexible Learning Environment
4. Computer Science & Digital Arts



WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT IS A GOOD FIT FOR CONNECT ACADEMY?

Innovative learners who:

- Enjoy flexibility in their academic environment.
- Are self-motivated, independent learners.
- Have a collaborative mindset.
- Are interested in being part of a learning community.



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QUESTION

Can students attend Connect Academy if they have an IEP?



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QUESTION

**How is Connect Academy
different from an on-campus
school experience?**



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QUESTION

Is Connect Academy separate from a students' school of residence?



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QUESTION

If I register at Connect Academy, can I switch back to my school of residence during the 2021-22 school year?



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QUESTION

Can my child return to his/her school of residence after the 2021-22 school year?

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POWAY VIRTUAL COURSES (9-12)

Poway Virtual courses are available to high school students in Poway Unified School District and are offered in a variety of subject areas.

These online courses are offered as a complement to students' in-person on campus learning or independent study schedules.

All courses are taught by highly qualified teachers using PUSD curriculum.



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LEARNING STRUCTURE

A virtual learning environment, with instruction delivered:

- Asynchronously via Canvas
- Common start and end dates and assignment due dates
- In-person opportunities on a school campus (weekly), may be required for:
 - Science labs
 - CTE Labs
 - Tutorial/office hours



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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Students remain attached to their school of residence and may participate in sports and extracurricular activities.
- Students may take or may be enrolled in classes on-site and through PVC at the same time.
- Teacher sets course pacing and due dates.
- Courses serve students from across the District.
- Courses meet PUSD graduation and college entrance requirements.



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2021-22 COURSE OFFERINGS

- American Literature 1, 2
- Automotive Technology 1, 2
- Biology 1, 2
- Chemistry 1, 2
- Civics
- Economics
- Economics of Business Ownership
- English 1, 2 and 3, 4
- Health
- Integrated Math 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
- Introduction to Business
- Freshman PE, Advanced PE
- Spanish 1, 2 and 3, 4
- US History 1, 2
- World History 1, 2



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FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Online learning requires strong student self-discipline, motivation, and time management skills. It is important to consider these factors before registering for a virtual course.

Families will have access to and will receive regular updates on student progress through our Learning Management System, Canvas.



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QUESTIONS

Is there a plan to allow a hybrid approach to both on-campus and online courses?

Is PVC a choice for the entire school year, or trimester by trimester?

Will PVC courses offer any AP courses?

Is it possible to combine and blend options? For example, New Directions and PVC?



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Poway Home Education (TK-8)

The Poway Home Education Program is designed to assist parents who wish to home school their child/children from Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

The Home Education Program provides each parent with the appropriate curriculum and materials necessary to aid in the instructional process. The parent/guardian and student are required to meet regularly with an assigned PUSD teacher to review assigned work.



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LEARNING STRUCTURE

Families meet with the PHEP teacher to discuss the instructional needs to successfully complete the assignments required for that week.

The family member and student work together to meet the weekly standards/assignments assigned by a PUSD credentialed teacher.

Assignments are submitted (either digitally or in paper form) weekly to the PHEP teacher.

Students will have opportunities to meet in small groups for supplemental instruction, socialization, and support.

Families do have the option to customize the lessons to best suit the interests/needs of their child as long as they meet the standards for the week.



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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Curriculum and materials for core subject areas are aligned to on-campus materials and provided to parents along with extensions for assignments.
- Flexible schedule with in-person learning opportunities.
- Weekly meeting with parent(s) and student are required either virtually or in person.
- “Family Nights” will be hosted by teachers to provide instructional strategies for parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Attendance is based on work completion.



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FAMILY INVOLVEMENT



PHEP Families are:

- Responsible for meeting weekly/regularly with their PHEP teacher and student to review and assess student work and progress
- The primary provider of instruction for their student
- Responsible for ensuring all assignments are turned in/uploaded **weekly**
- Required to grade/assess and date all completed assignments
- Submit Trimester Progress Reports that reflect student learning along with their assigned PHEP teacher



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QUESTIONS

- What is the difference between Poway Home Education Program and Connect Academy?
- Can my student participate in the Home Education Program if they have an IEP?



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New Directions (6-12)

New Directions is the independent study program in the Poway Unified School District and is available to students from every PUSD secondary school.

New Directions provides students in grades 6-12 with an opportunity to meet middle and high school requirements independently from the regular classroom setting, meeting their academic, emotional and social needs in a caring learning environment.

Flexibility in where and when students learn is the key aspect that differentiates New Directions from other PUSD learning options.



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LEARNING STRUCTURE

- Students work independently to show competence in all standards.
- Students meet one-to-one with their teacher for instruction and/or assessment once a week.
- Project-based learning is a key aspect of the program.
- Each week's study guide takes approximately 20 hours to complete and must be turned in on time.
- Students have the option to use the Learning Center at scheduled times for support in completing their work.



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PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Classes are taken one at a time on a four week schedule plus a week for the final.
- Students are expected to complete at least 6 classes per semester.
- Students remain attached to their school of residence and can participate in sports and extracurricular activities.
- The majority of student work is independent and must be completed on schedule.
- Students can take classes on site and at New Directions at the same time.
- Students can return to their school site at the beginning of a new grading term.
- All core courses and most elective courses meet PUSD graduation and college entrance requirements.



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FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

- Create an educational space for their student to successfully complete work on time.
- Work as an extension to the independent study program by setting student academic work schedules and daily goals.
- Ensure the student attends the weekly meetings with a completed study guide.



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Questions

What curriculum is used?

How many classes will a student take each semester in this learning option?

Can the student meet with the teacher once a week via zoom instead of in-person?

What do the in-person options look like?
How often? How many students in the setting?



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QUESTIONS

Why do we have to make a selection in April during registration?

- Hiring and staffing decisions are made based on parent selections



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QUESTIONS

How long is the commitment for a specific learning option?

- For a minimum of a complete grading period

Can a student change to a different learning option during the year?

- Yes, if space allows at your school of residence or within other learning options

THANK YOU!



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