

Hello Pomerado Families!

I'm sure many of you have already read the district's email regarding reopening elementary schools for on-campus learning for those who chose this option. All students who chose the Virtual Learning Academy option will remain virtual learners. For those who are our on-campus learners, I wanted to follow up with some more site-specific information.

We are excited that we will be welcoming Wildcats back onto campus on Thursday, October 1! We will have our AM group of students here from 8:15-10:50, and our PM group here 11:50-2:25. The hour in between groups will allow us to clean and sanitize classrooms and high touch surfaces around campus. Virtual learning will occur when students are not on campus. A sample schedule for Pomerado can be found here (final schedules will be sent by teachers when finalized): [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_jjafbH9-WW1Gvqm4Co4CIVXXznsX0LbRO8KNNOLRlc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_jjafbH9-WW1Gvqm4Co4CIVXXznsX0LbRO8KNNOLRlc/edit?usp=sharing)

Staff is currently working on creating our AM and PM groups following these parameters:

- All students currently enrolled in ESS will be placed in AM sessions so they can go directly from class to ESS (ESS will be open from 10:50-6:00).
- Students requiring district transportation will be placed in AM sessions
- Siblings will be placed together
- Multi-age classes will be split with one grade level in the morning and one in the afternoon

While working within these parameters, we are doing our very best to balance the AM/PM classes with regard to factors such as academic and social/emotional needs, services, and interventions. We understand that families may also have some needs as far as AM/PM classes, and we want to work with you as much as possible. If your family has a specific need to be in an AM or PM class, please email me by noon on Monday (lcrow@powayusd.com). We will do our best, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be filled. We understand that you need to plan your schedules, and we will let parents know what class their child will be in early next week.

Staff is also working to set up classrooms to ensure appropriate distancing and safety measures. Specific protocols will be in place for arrival, dismissal, and walking around campus. More detailed information about these pieces will be coming as we finalize plans. For now, please keep the following in mind:

- PUSD is requiring **all students Preschool through 12th grade to wear masks at school**, to provide increased protection for staff and students and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Students will have a mask break outside during the 2 hours and 35 minutes they are learning in class.
- All students and staff will be screened with temperatures checked before entering the campus.
- School meals will continue to be free for students, and more information about meal distribution will be coming.

While preparing for our reopening, you can **review the [PUSD Reopening Guidebook 2.0](#) for health and safety protocols, including symptom screening, handwashing, physical distancing, face coverings, sanitizing, and what happens in the case of COVID-19 symptoms or exposure.**

We also ask for your assistance in preparing your children for a successful return to campus. Please review the following CDC resources with your children and have them practice washing their hands properly and wearing a mask for longer periods of time:

- [How to wear a mask correctly](#) and [proper mask wearing video](#)
- [How to wash your hands properly](#) and [handwashing videos](#)

We know school reopening is exciting, but it can also be an anxiety producing event. Please know we will be ready to welcome your children into a safe learning environment, and we are here to answer your questions and support each of our Wildcats. Our Pomerado staff is amazing, and we will have our campus, classrooms, and schedules ready for October 1. You may not see our smiles under our masks and things will look different, but we will be here excitedly waiting for our Wildcats on October 1!

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