



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

*Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Primary School
Sahuarita Intermediate School
Wrightson Ridge School*

*Anza Trail School
Sopori Elementary School
Walden Grove High School
Copper View Elementary School
Early Childhood Center*

September 2, 2020

Sahuarita High School Families,

In a communication which was shared today, Dr. Valenzuela, Sahuarita Unified School District Superintendent, shared the district's plan to reopen. If the three specific metrics are met, his plan is to open using a hybrid model, with students returning to school in reduced numbers, to receive in-person instruction. The link below will take you to an explanation of the metrics and where Pima County stands in regards to meeting metrics to open schools.

<https://susd30.us/2020/08/17/school-reopening-health-metrics/>

Dr. Valenzuela announced today that elementary schools will open first, on Thursday, September 17, if all metrics are met. ***High school students will continue distance learning through Google Classroom. The goal is to open middle and high schools within two weeks of opening elementary schools.***

When high schools do open, the SUSD hybrid instruction format will consist of two days of on campus, in-person learning; and three days of distance learning from home each week. By having approximately half the student body attend campus at a time, we will be able to socially distance students to the greatest extent possible in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 infections. The SHS hybrid schedule and supporting details regarding reopening with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures are below.

Hybrid Schedule:

- SHS will continue to have fidelity to our Beyond Textbooks curriculum maps, while acknowledging the importance of flexibility with pacing. Teachers will continue to play an important role specific to the delivery of instruction, communicating with students/parents, and using professional discretion targeting the essential standards articulated by each grade level and/or content area. Most synchronous learning will take place during your child's in-person cohort days, while asynchronous learning will fall on the distance learning days.

However, each teacher will develop an instructional model that will be most effective for their students.

- Synchronous Learning Description: While students are at school receiving in-person instruction, students will receive direct instruction from teachers, be participating in projects, doing labs, and be involved in group work using social distancing standards.
- Asynchronous Learning Description: Students will continue distance learning and will be doing extension activities based on the in-person instruction they received while on campus. Activities will include practice assignments, research, supplemental reading passages, projects, quizzes, etc.
- Students whose last name begins with A-L will attend SHS in person on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will engage in independent distance learning at home on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Students whose last name begins with M-Z will engage in independent distance learning at home on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. They will attend SHS in person on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Families with last names in both the A-L and M-Z sections of the alphabet will be kept together on the same schedule. Please email Susan Davis, SHS Counseling Secretary, at susan.davis@sahuarita.net if this applies to you, and let her know which schedule all of your children will attend. Please also email the other SUSD schools that your children attend in order for us to keep families together.
- Students in the SHS Extended Resources program will attend SHS on Thursdays and Fridays **REGARDLESS OF LAST NAME** and will engage in distance learning from home Monday through Wednesday.
- Since all students are engaged in distance learning at home on Wednesdays, on this day our professional custodial and facilities team will be deep cleaning throughout the campus, which will be in addition to the daily cleaning and disinfecting which will take place.
- On Wednesdays during the hybrid model teachers will be preparing lessons, working on grades, and working remotely with students on an as needed basis.
- The SHS bell schedule will run as normal, with the tardy bell ringing at 8:50 AM and dismissal at 3:35 PM.

Health Office and Sick Students:

- The health office will be utilized as an isolation area for any student or staff member that exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and needs to be assessed and possibly sent home.
- Staff members at the gates will monitor students for visible or reported signs of illness upon arrival to school. Staff members may request to have the student's temperature checked as needed. If a student presents as ill, the student will be taken to the health office for assessment by the health assistant, and parents will be notified. Parents will be asked to pick-up any student who is sick.
- The conference room will be the secondary location that the health assistant will utilize for other student health-related needs, such as tending to injuries.

- Minor student health issues, such as band-aids for minor cuts and scrapes, will be handled by the classroom teacher using supplies provided by the health assistant.
- If a student requests to be seen by the health assistant, the teacher will call the health office. The health assistant will provide direction or assess the student outside the classroom for privacy.
- If a student receives medication at school, the health assistant will either go to the classroom to administer the medication outside the classroom for privacy or call the student to the conference room.

Classrooms and Indoor Common Areas:

- Desks/tables will be separated to the greatest extent possible and faced forward for social distancing.
- Student desks and workspaces will be sprayed with disinfectant at the end of each period.
- Fabric furniture will be removed due to its inability to be deep-cleaned daily.
- Buses will run on their regular schedule, and your child's bus route and bus stop information can be found online at: <https://susd30.us/families/school-related/transportation/>
- Bus seating will be spaced out when possible, and windows can be partially opened to provide for air circulation. Parents are welcome to provide their own transportation as well.
- Students will be requested to enter bathrooms in groups no larger than the number of stalls/urinals.
- The library and gymnasium will be open at lunch to a reduced number of students for social distancing. Tables in the cafeteria will be set up to seat no more than 4 students. Teachers may open their classrooms as well during lunch for students to eat if they choose to do so, with a maximum number of students in each classroom being 16 during lunch.
- During lunch, food and drinks will be finished while students are seated, and masks will be placed back on before walking around campus.
- Library books will sit on a cart for three days before being checked in and re-shelved.
- Students will wipe down their computer lab keyboard or Chromebook after use.
- Some changes will take place for Physical Education classes. Equipment and locker room benches will be disinfected after each use and students will not share lockers.

Arrival, Dismissal, Passing Periods, and Mealtimes:

- The cafeteria will be open before school for students who wish to purchase breakfast. They may eat in the cafeteria, on the cafeteria patio, or on the campus common area. There will be no more than 4 students per table. Students who are not purchasing breakfast will remain on the campus commons or in a teacher classroom until the first bell rings to report to class. We ask that students observe social distancing norms and wear face coverings while on campus before the first bell.
- Students who are purchasing lunch from the cafeteria or Snack Shack will be expected to observe proper social distancing while in line, and wear face coverings.

- During lunch, students will be able to sit in the cafeteria, on the cafeteria patio, on the campus commons, the gym, the library, and some teachers' classrooms. There will be no more than 4 students per table.
- Half the campus will be released to lunch early each week to allow for students to get to the cafeteria before the other half is released. This will be on an alternating schedule each week for equity.
- Tables in the cafeteria and in the common area will be separated for social distancing and a reduced number of students will be permitted to sit at each table. Teachers may choose to open their classrooms during lunch as well to provide a place for students to eat.
- Select areas of campus will be released two minutes early at the end of each class to reduce the number of students transitioning to class or lunch.
- Hallways will be one-way traffic.
- Stairwells will be one way.
- Student dismissal at the end of the school day will be staggered. Half of the students will be released 2 minutes early each day to reduce the number of students walking to busses, their cars, and parent pick-up.
- Students must go directly to the parent pick-up loop, their bus, or their vehicles and while leaving school. Students are expected to follow social distancing norms and wear face coverings until they leave campus. Parents are asked to stay in their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.

Systems:

1. There will be no in-person Open House, assemblies, pep rallies, dances, concerts, or programs where large groups would gather
2. Students' class schedules are available on PowerSchool. Dates and times will be provided for families of incoming freshmen and new students to visit campus to find their classrooms prior to the start of hybrid instruction.
3. All awards assembly recognition will be digitally created and watched in the classroom as well as sent out via social media. There will not be attendance awards.
4. Virtual field trips may be planned in lieu of in-person field trips.
5. We will utilize virtual meeting options whenever possible.
6. Some classes, such as Science labs, Band, P.E., Art, and others, may require adjustments or alternative lesson plans to socially distance and limit the sharing of supplies and the spread of respiratory droplets. This may include working outside, students bringing materials from home, spacing throughout the classroom, etc.

Additional Logistics:

- **Masks will be required for all staff, students, and visitors while on campus.** Masks may be removed while seated when eating breakfast and lunch. Exceptions for mask-wearing will be granted based on Pima County exceptions. Students are responsible for bringing their own masks.

- Staff will have their temperature checked using touchless thermometers upon arriving to campus and will be sent home if their temperature is greater than 100.0 degrees after a rest/cooling off period and having it taken again or if they have symptoms of illness.
- Each morning parents are asked to take their child's temperature and assess their child for signs of illness. Parents are asked to keep their child home if they have any of the following: a temperature of 100.0 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, or two or more moderate symptoms or one severe symptom of illness (chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue/tiredness, or new loss of taste or smell). Students should also be kept home if anyone in their household is experiencing COVID-like illness with the above-mentioned symptoms.
- For security purposes, students are required to wear their school ID, on a lanyard, in a manner so it can be seen.
- Parents are asked to please utilize online services whenever possible (uploading all documents for new student registration, emailing forms and absence reporting, paying class and athletic fees online, putting lunch money on your child's student ID card online, etc.)
- All essential visitors to the office will be asked to make an appointment, which is the current norm, and to wear a mask upon entering campus. Call x1500 or x1501 if you
- There will be no volunteers on campus until further notice.
- Staff will maintain six feet of social distancing between individuals unless this is not physically possible, or if less space is required for a student's safety.
- Classroom supplies will not be shared. If a school supply or piece of equipment must be shared by students (for instance, a pencil sharpener or textbook), a staff member or a student will wipe down the item with disinfectant after each use.
- Posters are visible throughout the campus on how to properly wash hands and use hygiene practices that limit the spread of germs.
- All students and staff are asked to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times:
 - Upon arrival at school (use hand sanitizer if there is no sink in the classroom),
 - After being outside for physical activity,
 - Before and after eating,
 - Prior to leaving school for home
 - After sneezing, coughing, or blowing one's nose.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in high-traffic areas, and hand sanitizer bottles will be used in classrooms and offices.
- Students are asked to bring their own water bottles and snacks as drinking fountains and soda/snack machines will be disabled.
- Sports will await approval and guidance from Dr. Valenzuela, SUSD Superintendent, in regards to practices, games, travel, spectators, shared equipment, etc.
- All parents will need to complete a COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure form for each child that attends in-person learning. The form will be collected within the first two days of your child's return to school. Please complete the COVID-19 Parental

Acknowledgment and Disclosure form that we send home for your child. Students must return this form to their 3rd period teacher within two days of the start of hybrid.

We look forward to providing a safe learning environment for your students. Please reach out to me via phone or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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