



## **Sahuarita Intermediate School**

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Dear Bobcat Families,

Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to educate our students during these circumstances. Our priority is the safety of our students and our staff. SUSD has created a flexible, responsible, and comprehensive plan for return to school that focuses on high quality education. The Road Back: School Reopening Plan includes continued updates about reopening, Distance/Hybrid Learning Expectations, registration information for the Sahuarita Digital Pathways, and enhanced cleaning procedures.

Our desire is to return to school as normal (traditional) with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures. To get to normal, we must take a slow and cautious approach. Dr. Valenzuela will announce the date hybrid learning will begin based on the Pima County Health Metrics. When deemed appropriate, we will open with a Hybrid Learning model.

The SIS hybrid schedule and supporting details regarding reopening with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures are below.

### **Hybrid Schedule:**

- Students whose last name begins with A-L will attend SIS in person on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will engage in independent remote learning at home on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Students whose last name begins with M-Z will engage in independent remote learning at home on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. They will attend SIS 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 Mrs. Christine Law at [Christine.law@sahuarita.net](mailto:Christine.law@sahuarita.net) if this applies to you and please 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 SIS Extended Resources program are asked to attend SIS on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will engage in remote learning from home Wednesday through Friday.
- Since all students are engaged in remote 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 that will take place.

### **Arrival and Mealtimes:**

- Gates will open at 6:50 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:20 a.m.
- The cafeteria will be open for students who wish to purchase breakfast, and they may eat in the cafeteria. Students who are not purchasing breakfast will report directly to their classrooms.
- Students will go to lunch with their class, and have the option to eat in their classroom if they bring their lunch from home. Tables in the cafeteria will be separated for social distancing. In the cafeteria, students will sit facing one direction and will be spaced out at the tables.
- Each grade level will have their own designated recess time for social distancing and safety.



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### Parent Pick up:

- For student safety and social distancing, SIS will include a staggered dismissal schedule.
- Parents, please remain in your vehicles. Arrive at your designated time and proceed through the SIS Parent pick up loop.
- For more efficient pick up, please have your child's name/grade visible in the window on your vehicle. Please adhere to the scheduled time for your child's grade. If you have multiple children, please come at the later time.

Staggered Dismissal Schedule	
	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri
5th Grade	1:55 PM
4th Grade	2:00 PM
3rd Grade	2:05 PM

### New Health Office Room 10 and Health Office Room 24:

- The NEW health office Room 10 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.
- The student cot area in the new health office has been built out with drywall for isolation.
- The old health office 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.
- Specials class (Library, Music, PE, and Computers) will be scheduled on a rotating two week schedule to allow for social distancing and disinfecting between lessons.



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### **Systems:**

- There will be no Meet and Greet, Open House, assemblies, concerts, or programs where large groups would gather.
  - Students' class schedules are available on PowerSchool.
  - Dates and times will be provided for students and parents to visit campus in a self-guided manner to find their classrooms prior to the start of hybrid instruction. The specific dates and times will be announced when Dr. Valenzuela determines the beginning date for hybrid instruction, and a campus map will be emailed to parents.
  - 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.
  - Virtual field trips may be planned in lieu of in-person field trips.
  - Parent-teacher conferences, 504 meetings, IEP meetings, PTO meetings, Site Council meetings, and other parent meetings will take place over the phone or via video conferencing.
- Masks will be required for all staff, students, and essential 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 criteria. 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.
- 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.
- Student attendance issues and updates may be emailed to [sis.attendance@sahuarita.net](mailto:sis.attendance@sahuarita.net)
- 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. Only one family will be served in the office at a time due to limited reception space.
- There will be no volunteers on campus until further notice.
- Students are asked to leave items that are not necessary for school at home.
- 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.



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- 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, and
  - After sneezing, coughing, or blowing one's nose.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up in high-traffic areas, and hand sanitizer bottles will be used in classrooms and offices.
- Students are asked to bring their own water bottle, and drinking fountains will be for filling bottles.
- Please complete a COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure form that we are sending home for your child. Please return to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for all of our Bobcats and staff during these challenging times.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Proud Bobcat,

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