



Pacific Union School District

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Blended Learning Plan 2.0



Introduction

Pacific Union School District continues monitoring updated guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the California Department of Education (CDE), and Humboldt County Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to support and promote emerging best practices to share with our Pacific Union community. These best practices are based on alignment with local, state and federal guidelines in coordination with our county's Public Health Officer.

This blended learning plan will serve as guidance for students, staff, and families. This plan will serve as a model for our campus to meet the guidelines set forth by the above agencies to bring our students back together and provide site-based classroom instruction as safely as possible. The blended learning plan will incorporate both site-based classroom instruction and distance learning.

Families may request to participate only in distance learning and will be given the option to continue with distance learning only or join their class cohort at the end of each trimester. You may request a copy of our distance learning plan from the front office, your student's teacher, or click [here](#) to find it on our District's website.

Definitions

- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): For information about COVID-19, please email covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us, phone the Community Information Line at 707-441-5000 or visit Humboldt Health Alert at humboldt.gov/HumboldtHealthAlert.
- Close Contact: Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Quarantine: Restricts the movement of persons who were exposed to COVID-19 in case they become infected. A person in quarantine has been in "close contact" with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - DURATION OF QUARANTINE: For individuals who have had close contact (less than 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is COVID-19 positive, CDPH recommends the exposed person be quarantined and stay home for a period of 14 days from the day of exposure. Household members and intimate partners of COVID-19 positive persons should also be quarantined for this period
- Isolation: Separates those infected with a contagious disease from people who are not infected.
 - DURATION OF ISOLATION: The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends a symptom-based strategy to determine the duration of isolation for people with COVID-19 who are symptomatic, meaning they have symptoms. Persons with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset; AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND



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- Other symptoms have improved
 - For persons with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic, meaning that they have NOT had any symptoms, CDPH recommends that these individuals be instructed to care for themselves at home. They may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:
 - At least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test. If they develop symptoms, then the strategies for discontinuing isolation for symptomatic persons (see above) should be used.

Key Factors that Have Informed Our Decisions

- **Feedback** gathered from online surveys, emails, and conversations with staff, students, and community.
- **Equity** is at the center of all decision making.
- **Flexibility** to adapt to changing circumstances.

Pacific Union School's Blended Learning 2.0 Philosophy

Blended learning is a response to a changing global environment that inspires and ignites continuous learning opportunities for all students in their classroom and at home; where families continue to partner with our teachers to provide students with educational experiences that provide academic learning and build connection, community, and compassion.

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Transitional Kindergarten through eighth grade students at Pacific Union will adhere to the cohort model and will attend school 4 days per week for 2 hours and 45 minutes per day. Cohorts will consist of 10-12 students and the number of students on campus at one time will be reduced by 50% of our total population. Mondays will be a distance learning day for all students. Masks are to be worn at all times by all people on campus and social distancing will be practiced.

Grade Level	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SDC	Distance Learning	8:20-11:40	8:20-11:40	8:20-11:40	8:20-11:40
TK/K-3rd	Distance Learning	AM 8:15-11:15 PM 12:30-3:30	AM 8:15-11:15 PM 12:30-3:30	AM 8:15-11:15 PM 12:30-3:30	AM 8:15-11:15 PM 12:30-3:30
4th-6th	Distance Learning	AM 8:30-11:30 PM 12:45-3:45	AM 8:30-11:30 PM 12:45-3:45	AM 8:30-11:30 PM 12:45-3:45	AM 8:30-11:30 PM 12:45-3:45
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- Site-based instruction will focus on Math and English Language Arts instruction as well as meeting our students' social and emotional needs.
- For grades 1st-6th Science and History will mainly be taught through distance learning, but may be integrated into English Language Arts and Math projects.
- For grades TK/K distance learning will supplement their site-based instruction. They will meet the 180 minimum instructional minutes if they participate in site based instruction.
- For grades 1st – 3rd, at least 50 minutes of daily home assignments will supplement site-based instruction to meet minimum instructional minutes.
- For grades 4th – 8th, at least 60 minutes of daily home assignments will supplement site-based instruction to meet minimum instructional minutes.
- An online curriculum and paper packets will be available for distance learning.
- Cohorts of students will stay with their teachers throughout the entirety of their shift.
- Junior High teachers will be changing classrooms. Students will stay in one classroom with their cohort.
- Classrooms will be thoroughly disinfected daily between cohorts and after 3:30 p.m.
- Siblings will be given priority to be in the same cohort track.

Families will be notified if they are in the AM or PM track

Classroom Spaces and Social Distancing

- Classrooms will be arranged with spaces between desks and students will be instructed on how to be safe in their classroom environment.
- Teachers will arrange their lessons and choice time activities to facilitate space between students.
- Teachers will instruct students to turn assignments in as they leave the classroom, or through an online platform.
- Art supplies will be provided to students, and teachers will sanitize them after each use.
- Students may be asked to bring their school device onto campus. If they did not check out a school device one will be provided to them to use while they are on campus.
- Anyone on campus will wear a face covering.
- Classrooms will be sanitized between cohorts.
- Flexible seating and lap desks will be provided in all classrooms.
- Plexiglass will be installed on desks and tables in classrooms to provide additional safety precautions.
- Students must stay 6 feet away from the teacher and practice social distancing.

Non-Classroom Spaces and Social Distancing

- Pacific Union has suspended all outside Facilities Use Permits, even when these activities would take place after school hours.



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- Pacific Union has suspended class and program volunteers, other than student teachers. University fieldwork students will be evaluated on a case by case basis to determine possible risk factors.
- Classes will have access to outdoor learning spaces such as the arboretum, wave, and field during non-recess times.
- Break time will be with their teacher and class cohort.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized every 75 minutes.
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing of school facilities will occur on a regular basis.
- Playgrounds will not be accessible.
- Students will enter and exit the campus through five different points, depending on their grade level. Staggered times will be assigned to families for arrival and departure.
- Face coverings are to be worn in order to adhere to state and county guidelines.

Personal Items

- Students will not be allowed to bring personal items from home (i.e. toys, lunchboxes, etc).
- Students will have personal supply tubs for classroom use. These will contain items such as pencils, crayons, glue, scissors, and basic Math/ELA manipulatives. The tubs will be labeled with each child's name. Tubs will be stored in individual student desks if applicable, or in a designated space in the classroom.
- Students will have assigned hooks/cubbies in their classrooms for their jacket/sweatshirt. If a backpack needs to be used it will be kept on the back of the student's chair.
- We encourage students to bring water bottles from home. They may fill the water bottles in the classroom. Water bottles will be left in the classroom with the option to take home every other week for cleaning. They will be disinfected when they return to the classroom.

Meal Program

- All cafeteria/food service staff will be trained according to CDC and CDPH COVID-19 food handling guidelines.
- The district will continue providing grab and go meals and eliminate food choice or sharing.
- Students will eat after they leave campus or before they arrive. A double meal will be provided to students the day before so they have access to their meal the next day.
- ServeSafe standards will be adhered to.
- If a special accommodation needs to be made to allow a student to eat on campus they will eat outside when possible.

Enrichment Classes

- Music classes will be taught through using a blended model, with in person instruction and distance learning.



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- Music classes may be offered 30 minutes before and after each AM and PM shift and individual classes may be offered on Mondays.
- The music classroom and any materials used will be sanitized between each use.
- Students will not share instruments.
- Art will be part of distance learning classes.
- Physical education will be offered through distance learning.

Support Services

- Students will be supported within their classroom cohort primarily using a push-in model.
- Classroom cohorts or individual students may also receive direct instruction using a pull-out model when needed.
 - Teachers will only pull students out of one cohort or grade level at a time.
 - All materials will be disinfected after each cohort or individual use.
 - Whenever possible, materials will be assigned to individual students and kept in their own supply tub.
 - Pull-out services may occur before or after students' AM or PM shifts. Students will be in the same cohort or grade level.

School Arrival and Departure

- There will be five points of arrival and departure:
 - Red Group (TK/K): Black Gate in the middle of the front of the school parking lot
 - Blue Group (1st): Gate on the south in of the front of the school parking lot (in front of daycare classrooms)
 - Green Group (2nd, 4th): Flagpole area in the front of the school parking lot
 - Grey Group (3rd, 5th, 6th): North side of the school (facing Mad River Hospital) just pass bus loading zone
 - Brown Group (7th, 8th): Gym parking lot (in the back of the school, east side)
- Students will not be allowed on campus prior to their scheduled drop off time and must be picked up at their release time in the same designated area.
 - ***There will be no before or after school care program.***
 - ***Students must be picked up on time.***
- Parents/Guardians will not walk their children to class. Rather, they will walk them to the check in point, where they will confirm they have completed the health check.
- Temperatures will be taken.
- Face coverings are to be worn in order to adhere to state and county guidelines.



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Signs or Symptoms of COVID-19

- Students who are sick or medically fragile will not be penalized for staying home and engaging in distance learning.
- Students and staff are required to fill out a health check survey regarding COVID-19 before they arrive on campus. This will be sent to the student's school email and parents can opt in to have it sent to their cell phones.
- Any allergies and/or health history of students who are at risk of being exposed or who have temperatures above 100.4 will be communicated immediately to the front office.
- School staff will monitor students visually throughout the day to ensure that they do not develop fevers or other COVID-19 symptoms.
- Upon entering their classroom or any other building on campus, students will wash their hands with soap and water and/or have access to hand sanitizer.
- Students will be sent home if it is determined that they display COVID-19 symptoms.
- Administration will work with County Health Officers to notify families and staff of potential exposure.

If a Student or Staff Member Becomes Sick

- If students or staff members display COVID-19 symptoms or become sick while on campus, they will be directed to continue to wear their masks and isolate themselves in the sick room in the front office or the conference room by the administrative offices.
- If students display symptoms, the school will notify parents/guardians immediately. If the symptoms become severe, they will be transported to the hospital. If symptoms are not severe parents/guardians will have the option to either transport home or to seek medical treatment. The front office will report this to the County Health Officers.
- If an adult becomes sick, they will be directed to leave campus and either go home or seek medical treatment. If the symptoms become severe, they will be transported to the hospital. The front office will report this to the County Health Officers.
- Areas that have been used by a sick child/person will not be used again until full disinfection. Maintenance will use proper disinfection procedures and PPE while cleaning the area, waiting 24 hours before entering, if at all possible.
- Cohorts of students will be given an alternative learning space if needed.
- Sick staff members and students will be instructed not to return until they have met public health criteria to discontinue home quarantine or isolation.
- Cohorts exposed to a student or staff member that tests positive will be required to follow county public health guidance. This will require students to quarantine for 14 days.
- Students will have access to distance learning when they are out of class due to an illness.



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On-Going Support and Resources:

[Pacific Union School District Website](#)

[Humboldt County Office of Education](#)

[Guidance from the California Department of Education](#)

[Guidance from the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services](#)

[Guidance from the California Department of Public Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

In Partnership With You...



“A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.”>

“There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

“If the plan doesn’t work, change the plan but never the goal.”

“Change is the end result of all true learning.”