



# Pacific Union School District

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June 1, 2021

Dear Pacific Union Families,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some of our beautiful Humboldt County sunshine this past weekend! As the school year is coming to an end, I know many of you have questions regarding next school year and what it is going to look like. There are still quite a few unknowns, but what I do know is that we will continue to offer choice to our families as much as possible. Our hope is to offer as typical of a school day as possible based on the guidance of the California Department of Education (CDE), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and Humboldt County Public Health (HCPH). At this point in time we will not be offering Distance Learning, but we will offer an expanded Independent Study (IS) option to families that still feel their child's education needs would be best met remotely.

As we continue our planning we need to know which option you would prefer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Site Based Instruction (as of now this is what we know):

- 5 days a week, typical release times, and one day a week early release (minimum day)
- At least 3 feet of social distancing
- Masks will be worn (not sure at what capacity)
- Hand washing/sanitizing (foam in, foam out)
- Health check completed before arriving at school in the morning
  - Breakfast and lunch will be provided on site as a "grab and go", students will eat inside and outside based on weather
  - Modified extended care program, a lottery system will be used for registration
  - Buses will be running the regular school routes
  - We are still working out the details regarding volunteers and after school sports

Independent Study (as of now this is what we know):

- Will be parent/guardian and student driven
- There will be a choice of an articulated online curriculum or paper curriculum
- Devices will be provided if needed
- Weekly check-ins with an IS teacher for assistance and progress monitoring
- If work is not turned in an intervention plan will be created, if this is not followed student will move to site-based instruction
- Must commit to the IS program for a semester at a time, if there is room in the grade level student will have the option to move into site-based instruction at the end of the trimester

Please complete this [quick survey](#) regarding your choice for next year. If you do not respond by June 7th your child will automatically be enrolled in site-based instruction for next school year. I will continue to update our school community as I receive information. Please feel free to email myself ([rmcbride@pacificunionschool.org](mailto:rmcbride@pacificunionschool.org)) or Mrs. Davies-Hughes ([thughes@pacificunionschool.org](mailto:thughes@pacificunionschool.org)) if you have any questions and we will do our best to answer them or try to research them.

As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding. I am truly grateful to work with such a kind and respectful community.

All my best,

*Rene L. McBride*