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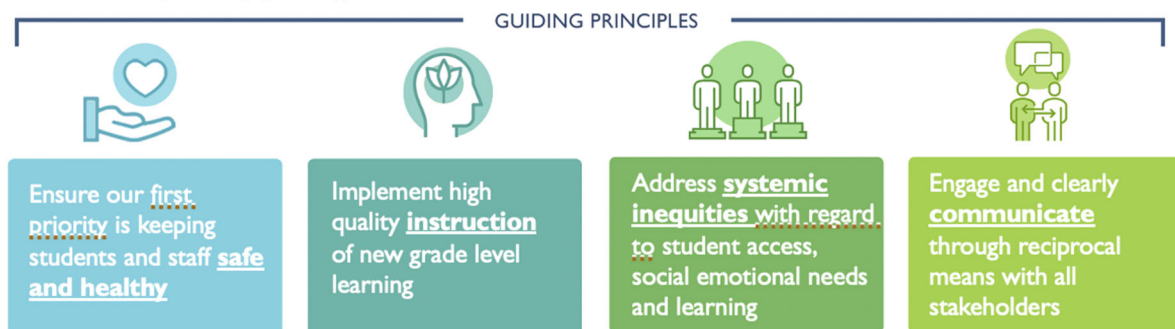


Top Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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Questions are quoted as I received them directly from our community

1. What is PVUSD number one priority for students?

Our first priority is the health and safety of our students. The Reopening Contingency Plan is linked to four guiding principles found below:



2. When we will find out what contingency plan (high, medium, low) will be used for the fall?

Health information as well as Assembly Bill 77 continues to change the guidelines and restrictions which will be implemented when we return to school in August. Our revised Contingency Plan will be released on Monday, July 13, 2020 with the current risk level noted.

3. If students opt for the K-12 Virtual Academy, will zoom meetings be required? We would prefer no zoom meetings. If my Student opts for the K-12 Virtual Academy, can they switch to the classroom option during the year if we move to a less restrictive level of risk? Is the Pacific Coast Charter School expanding services this year? Are they, or similar programs with expertise in distance/Independent learning being utilized for curriculum design?

The PVUSD Virtual Academy will have daily to weekly virtual/phone check ins with students according to how they are performing. If you choose to attend the PVUSD Virtual Academy, it would be a commitment for the entire school year with the option to return to your current school site for the 2021-2022 school year. Pacific Coast Charter School (PCCS) will continue to enroll students up to their capacity level. PCCS and PVUSD Virtual Academy will have many similarities, however, PCCS has opportunities for in person support and activities that will not be available at the PVUSD Virtual Academy.

4. Would parents be required to sign a waiver in order for their child to attend school on campus despite education being compulsory?

No, parents will not be asked to sign a waiver for their children to attend school in person.

5. There is a proposal for a hybrid (in class and distance learning) curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year. How will the district fund two curriculums when there is not adequate money for the current curriculum?

The distance learning portion of the hybrid will be an extension of the classroom instruction and will use the same curriculum materials through Google Classroom. In addition to the core curriculum, students will also engage with digital programs such as Lexia, Power Up, ST Math, MAP Accelerator and Newsela. The majority of these digital programs were already being utilized during the traditional in person instructional program during small group instruction and for personalized learning. We have purchased some additional digital programs or platforms including Seesaw and Tuva Data Literacy Program to enhance the distance learning component.

- 6. Receiving Mixed Signals. It's a bit confusing how Athletic Activities are being resumed this summer but all the rumors are indicating students will continue distance learning during the fall. If students are allowed back on campus in small groups to play athletics why can't they be allowed on campus to actually learn and participate in small class groups? It appears easy for teachers to say they are worried about returning back to classes due to concerns about getting sick. However, the experience and quality of teaching remotely was non-existent. All children (high schoolers, junior highs and elementary school kids) need to attend school (wearing masks 100% of the time and doing temperature checks when entering campuses). IF athletic groups are allowed on campus why can't classes also be taught outdoors? All children now have chrome access and can sit in circles of 12 kids actually listening to a teacher.**

Our goal moving forward is to provide students as much in person learning and activity as possible while keeping their health and safety as the priority. As we continue to receive changes to health guidelines, we are able to introduce more opportunities for students to engage with each other and PVUSD staff, teachers and coaches. To that end, we established guidelines and protocols that met health guidelines and still allowed scholar athletes to engage in conditioning beginning on Monday, July 6, 2020. As we noted in our draft Reopening PVUSD Contingency Plan, we are planning for three levels of risk (high, medium and low) so that we are prepared for changes in health guidelines.

- 7. When does school start and will my student be attending actual physical classes?**

Our first day of school is planned for Monday, August 17, 2020. We are currently working on details to begin school in the medium risk category (orange column in the Plan) which would ensure the health and safety of students and staff and allow for days for in-person learning for all students.

- 8. I am going to high school this year, and this is not scary but frightening. I do not know where each class is, this is a problem for incoming freshmen that do not know the campus. This is a big step for us to just go into high school alone.**

For the last several years, we have implemented a Jump Start Program which allows freshman time before school starts to get to know the campus, learn about resources and supports and meet staff. Although it may be modified due to health restrictions, we will have a similar program in August for all incoming freshmen.

- 9. How do I sign my child up for this year's classes?**

Please go to the [PVUSD Student Services website](#) to register your child for next year. You will find the following information and next steps:

Welcome to Pajaro Valley Unified School District. This page is for families that have recently moved into our attendance area. If you have children already attending a PVUSD school, go back to the previous page and click on ParentVue. Please follow the steps below found on the Student Services website:

1. Locate your school of attendance. [School Locator](#)

2. Complete online registration. Once registration has been submitted, the school of attendance needs to verify and approve. **Please note, you may be transferred to another school due to enrollment capacity.**
3. Please make sure you upload or take to school site upon request the following documents to complete registration:
 - Legal Birth Certificate (copy made at office)
 - Vaccines
 - Current address verification
 - Valid photo ID of parent/guardian
 - Recent physical exam may be required (depending on student's grade level)
4. If your student is coming from another school district, you will need to provide the previous school name and/or district information so the school can request your student's educational cumulative file.
5. If your student has an IEP or 504 plan, alert the staff at the time of registration so the additional supports or modifications can be provided for the student.
6. If you are working with a student in transition (multiple families living under one roof) or a foster child, you may be entitled to receive additional supports and services. Please contact [Healthy Start](#) to review your eligibility for these programs.
7. If you do not want to attend your school of attendance, please complete the [Intra District Transfer Form](#) to attend another PVUSD school and return to the Student Services Department (294 Green Valley Rd., 3rd floor)
8. Please complete the [Inter District Transfer Form](#) if you would like to attend a school outside of PVUSD and return to the Student Services Department (294 Green Valley Rd., 3rd floor)
9. If you have any additional questions about the registration or transfer process, please contact Student Services at 831-786-2390

10. Did I read correctly that kids will not be able to bring food from home and that the schools will be providing. Not all kids eat the school lunches because of allergies and diet preferences. How will the schools accommodate all children's diets? Thank you.

As stated in the final Contingency Plan to be released July 13, 2020, students will be able to bring food from home. We do still encourage students to minimize what they bring to school as they will not be able share food with others.