



Ask Dr. Rodriguez



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

- 1. I was interested in enrolling in Virtual academy initially but now that we know that first semester is going to be via distance learning I would like to stay in my current school placement. I continue to be concerned about the safety of my children going back to school in Jan of 2021. With things changing what seems like week by week, I don't want to make the decision of enrolling in Virtual Academy until further along in the semester with current information about community spread in our area but have not heard about the process of applying for Jan 2021 semester. Will I be able to apply for enrollment for Virtual Academy 2nd semester? If so, what will be the process? Thank you.**

Yes, you would be able to apply for the second semester up to student capacity. You would be able to apply through the PVUSD Virtual Academy website at: <http://virtualacademy.pvUSD.net>.

- 2. If we begin the year with distance learning with our usual school site and find it isn't working for our child and or family, will there be an option to switch to Virtual Academy or another PVUSD program?**

Students will be able to apply for the Virtual Academy at the beginning of the second semester. On a case by case basis, students would be able to transition to the Virtual Academy during the first semester.

- 3. If I have a child at a private school, that was put on a waitlist for Aptos Jr High can they still apply for the Virtual Academy?**

Yes, students currently in private schools may apply for the PVUSD Virtual Academy. Families currently in a private school within PVUSD boundaries need to enroll as a new student at: https://ca-pvUSD.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx, click *more options* and create a new account. If the private school is outside PVUSD boundaries, families must complete an Inter-District transfer from their district of residence.

- 4. What are the next steps for current PVUSD teachers who are interested in teaching at the Virtual Academy?**

Teachers interested in teaching in the Virtual Academy should complete the Google form by Wednesday, August 5, 2020 that was sent out to certificated staff on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 by Human Resources.

- 5. Will there be flexibility in the standard school day within the Virtual Academy (Can we work through the assignments at our own pace)?**

Yes. Students can move through the courses at their own pace. Students are required to do a minimum 20 hours of instruction a week, however, they may do those hours at their own pace. Secondary students may move through the courses at a quicker rate with a maximum of 45 credits a semester.

6. How will we ensure ALL students have reliable internet access in order for them to access their learning?

During the spring closure of schools, all PVUSD students in grades 2-12 received a Chromebook. For this upcoming school year, all students in grades TK-12 will receive a Chromebook. During the spring of 2020, we allocated the 250 previously acquired hot spots as well as 1,000 newly acquired hot spots. In addition to these hot spots, we now have 3,000 additional hot spots to provide students. We have also worked with Cruzio and Charter Spectrum for home internet for our staff and students.

7. Will Girls Volleyball have a season in high school?

Our athletic teams will follow the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) 2020-21 sports calendar shown below. Therefore, Girls Volleyball may begin practice on December 14, 2020 and continue until March 20, 2021.

<u>Fall Sports (Season 1)</u>	<u>Practice Start Date</u>	<u>State Final Date</u>
Cross Country	12/14/2020	3/27/2021
Field Hockey	12/14/2020	N/A
Football	12/14/2020	4/17/2021
Water Polo (Boys & Girls)	12/14/2020	3/20/2021
Volleyball (Boys & Girls)	12/14/2020	3/20/2021
Competitive Cheer	N/A	4/17/2021
Gymnastics	TBD	N/A

<u>Spring Sports (Season 2)</u>	<u>Practice Start Date</u>	<u>State Final Date</u>
Badminton	2/22/2021	5/29/2021
Soccer (Boys & Girls)	2/22/2021	6/5/2021
Tennis (Boys & Girls)	2/22/2021	6/5/2021
Swimming & Diving (Boys & Girls)	3/8/2021	6/5/2021
Wrestling (Boys & Girls)	3/15/2021	6/12/2021
Basketball (Boys & Girls)	3/15/2021	6/19/2021
Baseball	3/15/2021	6/26/2021
Golf (Boys & Girls)	3/15/2021	6/23/2021
Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)	3/15/2021	N/A
Softball	3/15/2021	6/26/2021
CSC	3/15/2021	N/A
Track & Field	3/15/2021	6/26/2021

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2020-21 CIF Sports Calendar
as of July 20, 2020

Sport	Last Day for Section Playoffs	*Last Day for Regional/State Championships
FALL		
Volleyball (Boys & Girls)	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021
Water Polo (Boys & Girls)	March 13, 2021	March 20, 2021
Cross Country	March 20, 2021	March 27, 2021
Trad. Competitive Cheer	Determined by Section	April 17, 2021
Football	April 10, 2021	April 17, 2021
Field Hockey	Determined by Section	**
Gymnastics	Determined by Section	**
Skiing & Snowboarding	Determined by Section	**
SPRING		
Badminton	May 22, 2021	May 29, 2021
Soccer	May 29, 2021	June 5, 2021
Swimming & Diving	May 29, 2021	June 5, 2021
Tennis (Boys & Girls)	May 29, 2021	June 5, 2021
Wrestling	June 5, 2021	June 12, 2021
Basketball	June 12, 2021	June 19, 2021
Golf (Boys & Girls)	June 12, 2021	June 23, 2021
Baseball	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021
Softball	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021
Track & Field	June 19, 2021	June 26, 2021
^Competitive Sport Cheer	Determined by Section	**
Lacrosse	Determined by Section	**

*Regional/State Championship events have been reduced to one week for all sports
 ** Regional/State Championship events are not currently offered by the State CIF in these sports
 ^CSC teams are approved to compete in season culminating tournament on June 12

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8. Will students at PVHS be required to work on community hours during COVID-19? In other words would it be a requirement? If so, do they have the freedom to volunteer anywhere or is there a specific list of options for the students?

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we waived the community hours requirement for the Seniors Class of 2020. We will continue to waive this requirement for the Class of 2021 as well.

9. What kind of training have and will the teachers get to prepare them for this school year?

We will be providing voluntary professional development to PK-12 grade teachers and staff before school starts the week of August 3, 2020. We will provide professional development during our required professional development days prior to school around current and new platforms purchased to improve distance learning. We will also provide training, planning and collaboration time during the first week of school. Below are two sample schedules for the week of August 17, 2020.

Teacher Lower Elementary 1-3 First Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00
Synchronous Whole class Getting to know your students. Setting up of Classroom Norms and Expectations, Routines, and Review of daily schedule (Flexibility with moving to small group) 9:00-10:00 AM	Synchronous Whole class Getting to know your students. Setting up of Classroom Norms and Expectations, Routines, and Review of daily schedule (Flexibility with moving to small group) 9:00-10:00 AM	Synchronous Whole class Getting to know your students. Setting up of Classroom Norms and Expectations, Routines, and Review of daily schedule (Flexibility with moving to small group) 9:00-10:00 AM	Synchronous Whole class Getting to know your students. Setting up of Classroom Norms and Expectations, Routines, and Review of daily schedule (Flexibility with moving to small group) 9:00-10:00 AM	Synchronous Whole class Getting to know your students. Setting up of Classroom Norms and Expectations, Routines, and Review of daily schedule (Flexibility with moving to small group) 9:00-10:00 AM
Collaboration/PD 10:00 AM-12:35 PM	Collaboration/PD (with ½ lunch built-in) 10:00 AM-2:45 PM	Collaboration/PD (with ½ lunch built-in) 10:00 AM-2:45 PM	Collaboration/PD (with ½ lunch built-in) 10:00 AM-2:45 PM	Collaboration/PD (with ½ lunch built-in) 10:00 AM-2:45 PM
Lunch 12:35 - 1:05PM				
1:05 - 1:45 Student work time and teacher office hours	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 2:45 - 3:30 PM	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 2:45 - 3:30 PM	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 2:45 - 3:30 PM	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 2:45 - 3:30 PM
Collaboration time/Staff Meetings - per contract 1:45 - 4:00	Teacher WorkTime 3:30 - 4:00	Teacher WorkTime 3:30 - 4:00	Teacher WorkTime 3:30 - 4:00	Teacher WorkTime 3:30 - 4:00

Middle and High School Teacher Schedule First Week (except AHS)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00 AM	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00 AM	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00 AM	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00 AM	Teacher Work Time 8:30 - 9:00 AM
Advisory/Tutorial 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Advisory/Tutorial 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Advisory/Tutorial 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Advisory/Tutorial 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Advisory/Tutorial 9:00 - 9:30 AM
Teachers/Staff: Collaboration/PD 9:45-11:20	Period 1 9:40 - 10:10	Period 2 9:40 - 10:10	Period 1 9:40 - 10:10	Period 2 9:40 - 10:10
Lunch 11:20-11:50	Period 3 10:15 - 10:45	Period 4 10:15 - 10:45	Period 3 10:15 - 10:45	Period 4 10:15 - 10:45
Collaboration/PD 11:50-1:30	Period 5 10:50 - 11:20	Period 6 10:50 - 11:20	Period 5 10:50 - 11:20	Period 6 10:50 - 11:20
Collaboration time/Staff Meetings - per contract 1:45 - 4:00	Lunch 11:20 - 11:50 PM	Lunch 1:02 - 1:45 PM	Lunch 1:02 - 1:45 PM	Lunch 1:02 - 1:45 PM
	Collaboration/PD 11:50 - 2:00 PM	Collaboration/PD 11:50 - 2:00 PM	Collaboration/PD 11:50 - 2:00 PM	Collaboration/PD 11:50 - 2:00 PM
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	Teacher Work Time 3:30 - 4:00	Teacher Work Time 3:30 - 4:00	Teacher Work Time 3:30 - 4:00	Teacher Work Time 3:30 - 4:00

10. The district wants us to go back to school in November but that is when the flu season starts and that means people will get sick and be in risk of corona so please tell the district to start school next year when the vaccine is ready the vaccine should come out the end of December please Our current plan is to not return back physically to schools until the beginning of the second semester at the earliest, which would be the middle of January, if health and safety conditions allow it.