



Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Top Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Edition #17 – Week of August 3, 2020

Questions are quoted as I received them directly from our community

1. When is there school for Pajaro Middle School?

All schools in PVUSD, including Pajaro Middle School begin in distance learning on Monday, August 17, 2020. More information can be found on the school websites.

2. In the last Ask Dr. Rodriguez edition (#16) there was a sample class schedule for the middle/high schools "except AHS." When will we have at least a sample schedule for AHS? I'm asking to know, if it will be all conducted synchronously or a hybrid? Thank you.

The PVUSD Reopening Contingency Plan contains all of the class schedules including the schedules for Aptos High. All schools in PVUSD will begin with distance learning with synchronous learning time each period. You will find the schedule below.

High Risk Aptos High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
District Wide Collaborative Cohorts (Voluntary) 9:30 - 11:00 AM	Period 1 9:37 - 10:20 AM	Period 2 9:37 - 10:20 AM	Period 1 9:37 - 10:20 AM	Period 2 9:37 - 10:20 AM
Office Hours (by content area) Teacher Group A 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Period 3 10:27 - 11:10 AM	Period 4 10:27 - 11:10 AM	Period 3 10:27 - 11:10 AM	Period 4 10:27 - 11:10 AM
Lunch 12:00 - 12:45 PM	Break 11:10 - 11:21 AM	Break 11:10 - 11:21 AM	Break 11:10 - 11:21 AM	Break 11:10 - 11:21 AM
Office Hours (by content area) Teacher Group B 12:45 - 1:45 PM	Period 5 11:28 AM - 12:11 PM	Period 6 11:28 AM - 12:11 PM	Period 5 11:28 AM - 12:11 PM	Period 6 11:28 AM - 12:11 PM
Collaboration time/Staff Meetings - per contract 1:45 - 4:00 PM	Period 7 12:18 - 1:01 PM	Lunch 12:11 - 12:54 PM	Period 7 12:18 - 1:01 PM	Lunch 12:11 - 12:54 PM
	Lunch 1:01 - 1:45 PM	Office Hours 12:54 - 3:30 PM	Lunch 1:01 - 1:45 PM	Office Hours 12:54 - 3:30 PM
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3. Will distance learning be taught in a scheduled format? I understand the end of the school year and the pandemic together came to us as a surprise but my son is definitely not made for independent studies and it was difficult for him to do school work at home especially where he had to do it on his own and ask for help if needed... He didn't and it showed. Will it be set up as if they were in school (from this time to this time) or even just scheduled daily times? He is in high school.

Yes, this upcoming school year there will be a block period format as shown above where students will be required to attend daily live instruction and attendance will be taken. This schedule will also provide the students with the opportunity to collaborate and engage with peers. Students and parents

will also have the ability to check in with teachers during daily office hours at the end of each day. Check your school's website for more detail.

4. Why has PVUSD reduced teaching schedule for Fall. Only 4 days a week and reduced hours?

We will have significantly more direct instructional time this upcoming year than last year. Although it varied by teacher, last year live instruction was required once a week. This year, teachers will provide daily live instruction. There is the same amount of total instructional time as last year for elementary—four hours.

There is more time for high school with five required hours where it was four hours last year. Students will have instruction all five days a week. I have included an elementary sample below.

High Risk Upper Elementary 4-5 (+ 6th Elementary*)

**6th grade is a site-based decision to use the elementary or middle school schedule*

Monday (Green)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Synchronous Whole class SEL, Routines, & Daily Learning Goals Classroom Meeting 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Synchronous Whole class SEL, Routines, & Daily Learning Goals Classroom Meeting 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Synchronous Whole class SEL, Routines, & Daily Learning Goals Classroom Meeting 9:00 - 9:30 AM	Synchronous Whole class SEL, Routines, & Daily Learning Goals Classroom Meeting 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Synchronous Whole class SEL, Routines, & Daily Learning Goals Classroom Meeting 9:00 - 9:30 AM
Synchronous whole class instruction (LA, ELD, Math), followed by small group and Intervention instruction as needed	Synchronous whole class instruction (LA, ELD, Math), followed by small group and Intervention instruction as needed	Synchronous whole class instruction (LA, ELD, Math), followed by small group and Intervention instruction as needed	Synchronous whole class instruction (LA, ELD, Math), followed by small group and Intervention instruction as needed	Synchronous whole class instruction (LA, ELD, Math), followed by small group and Intervention instruction as needed
Time set by site and grade level 9:45 AM -12:30 PM	Time set by site and grade level 9:45 AM -12:30 PM	Time set by site and grade level 9:45 AM -12:30 PM	Time set by site and grade level 9:45 AM -12:30 PM	Time set by site and grade level 9:45 AM -12:30 PM
Lunch 12:30 - 1:15	Lunch 12:30 - 1:15	Lunch 12:30 - 1:15	Lunch 12:30 - 1:15	Lunch 12:30 - 1:15
1:15 - 1:45 PM Student work time and teacher office hours <i>Prep times and lunch follow T-F schedule</i>	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 1:15 -3:30 PM	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 1:15 -3:30 PM	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 1:15 -3:30 PM	Office Hours/Google Meet check in with students/calls 1:15 -3:30 PM

5. Am I reading the schedule properly, you expect children to be online from 9-2:45 with only a 1/2 lunch break? This does not sound feasible or healthy for our students. I do appreciate more online/direct teacher time; however, I think many of the students I have worked with over the past 4 years will struggle to stay online and engaged for that long of a day.

How/when will the teachers plan lessons?

As noted in the elementary schedule above, students will all be required to be online from 9:00-9:30am for whole group Social Emotional Learning and Classroom Meeting. From 9:45-12:30pm, there will be a combination of synchronous whole group instruction and small group instruction meaning that students may work on independent work during that time when they are not in the small group. After lunch, students may check in with their teacher during office hours and complete unfinished independent work. As is the case every year, teachers will have time to plan lessons during their prep time and after the instructional day.

6. For second graders, are they required to be "live" instruction from 9am-12 every day?

As noted in my answer above, second grade students will engage in a combination of whole group instruction, small group instruction and independent work during that time.

7. What school material do you recommend I purchase my child for a successful distant learning experience?

PVUSD will be providing each student in grades PK-12 a Back to School Launch Kit next week with all of the instructional materials that your child will need. Each school will communicate the exact time of pickup of the Back to School Launch Kit the week of August 10, 2020. Your child will also have the Chromebook from the District to connect with their teacher. The other most important element to support a successful distance learning experience would be to find the quietest location possible for your child to engage daily in the learning.

8. Will virtual academy students also get supplies like the other children at their schools will next week?

Yes, all students in the Virtual Academy will receive their supplies on either Thursday, August 13 or Friday, August 14 at the District Office from 9:00-12:00 noon.

9. We have chosen the virtual academy for our son who currently attends Aptos Jr. High School. Will he be eligible to participate in Spring sports with AJHS?

Yes, students attending the Virtual Academy may participate in both extracurricular clubs and athletic teams at the home school. Therefore, your son would be able to participate at Aptos Junior High School.

10. What are the major differences between distance learning and the Virtual Academy considering we will all be learning from home until January?

Below you will find a table of the key similarities and differences between the distance learning and the Virtual Academy.

	Distance Learning	PVUSD Virtual Academy
Staffing	PVUSD Credentialed Teachers	PVUSD Credentialed Teachers
Curriculum	District adopted curriculum taught through Google Classroom, as well as additional digital interactive tools including Seesaw, Flipgrid, KAMI, Screencastify, Jamboard, Desmos	Florida Virtual Global online courses using Buzz Learning Management System as well as additional digital interactive tools including Seesaw, Flipgrid, KAMI, Screencastify, Jamboard, Desmos
Instructional Supports	Daily synchronous whole group and small group instruction, weekly planner, daily office hours	Personalized Learning Plan developed for each student with supervising teacher and with counselor support, Weekly Virtual Coaching Session with supervising teacher, daily office hours with content specific teachers
Acceleration	May occur through some digital programming starting at the 5 th grade or through GATE clusters. High School students may also take Advanced Placement or dual enrollment courses.	Students may take advanced courses according to their current skill level beginning in the first grade which will lead to advanced placement in middle school and high school. High School students may also take Advanced Placement or dual enrollment courses.
Pacing	Students will be online each day at the same time in the morning for a daily check in, whole group and small group instruction. There will be a minimum of 4 hours a day of whole group and small	Students must complete a minimum of 20 hours a week of instruction with a recommended 4 hours each day. Students may complete additional work and advance through courses. Weekly Virtual Coaching Sessions will be required and set for the

	group instruction and independent learning time.	same day and time each week as well as individual office hour times with content specific teachers throughout the week.
Extra-Curricular	Each middle school and high school have a variety of clubs and athletic teams for students	Students may participate in the clubs and athletic teams from their neighborhood school
Duration of Distance Learning	For at least the first semester, depending on health conditions	Continual—the program will be virtual for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond