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## **School Reopening Instructional Program Options Update**

On February 25, 2021, the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board (WJUSD) of Trustees approved a resolution for a return to In-Person Instruction on April 12, 2021, within the District's Phase 3: Hybrid Instructional Model. In order to prepare for this reopening of schools for In-Person Instruction, WJUSD staff has been working closely with schools sites on various items to ensure a successful and safe reopening learning environment.

### **What is a Hybrid Instructional Model?**

Hybrid learning is the combination of teaching some learners online and others face-to-face in the classroom. At times this instruction will be simultaneous, or at the same time, and instruction will be streamed to at-home learners through video tools like Zoom or Google Meet. At other times, the teacher may have students working independently or in small groups and may focus some time on at-home students or focus on supporting the in-person students. With the Hybrid, teachers will have the flexibility to instruct at-home students and in-person students simultaneously or through synchronous and asynchronous methods.

### **How to Register into a Hybrid Instructional Model?**

All K-12 schools will be opening to In-Person Instruction on April 12, in a hybrid model. Within the Hybrid model students will have the opportunity to attend school two days a week in person. A survey has been sent out by your school site in order for families to indicate whether or not they would like to be included in the In-Person Instruction. Schools are reaching out to families to complete this survey by the March 12 deadline, in order to help appropriately plan for the return to In-Person Instruction on April 12, 2021. Please see the link below to access the survey.

[English In-Person Opt In Form](#)

[Spanish In- Person Opt In Form](#)

### **Is online Distance Learning still an option?**

Students and families that do not wish to return to In-Person Instruction will have the option to stay in Distance Learning full time.

### **When will schedules be available?**

More information about schedules will be provided in the upcoming days. The Woodland Joint Unified School District and the Woodland Education Association (WEA) continue to collaborate with each other to develop agreed upon Hybrid Instructional Schedules.

In order to support social distancing, families that elect to opt-in into In-Person Instruction, will be sorted into similarly sized A and B groups. Group A students will attend school In-Person on Mondays and Tuesdays and Group B students will attend school In-Person on Thursday and Friday. On non In-Person days, students will attend school virtually.

### **When will families receive confirmation of registration status?**

Families can expect to receive confirmation of their registration status from the School Site Administrators during the week of March 22-26.

### **Can families request a change of program after April 12?**

It is encouraged that families consider all options and make the best possible decision for their children. However, families will be able to request a change of program model within the first week of Phase 3 implementation, April 12 - 16. It is important to understand that requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be granted only as space allows. Program change requests should be submitted to school site principals and must be received by Friday, April 16.

### **Will there be Back to School Night/Return to In-Person Instruction Orientation?**

During the Week of March 29 - April 2, school sites will be hosting a “Phase 3 Back-to-School Night” or Return to In-Person Instruction Orientation. During this Orientation, school sites will review Health and Safety protocols, Phase 3 specific information (drop-off and pick-up procedures, classroom expectations, snack and lunch protocols, recess procedures, etc.).

### **What are the Health and Safety protocols?**

We understand that this transition may cause concern for some families, but we remain confident that as we continue to align our Phased-In approach of Reopening Schools to the Health and Safety Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of California ([COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework](#)), we will be able to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students. There will be COVID-related health and safety protocols in place; including mask wearing and social distancing.

Families that wish to know more about Health and Safety considerations WJUSD is putting in place are encouraged to watch this video, *What to Expect in Phase 3* ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)), or contact their school principal.

For more Health and Safety Information, please feel free to visit the WJUSD website to review the WJUSD Health and Safety Plan ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) and/or connect with your school principal.

### **Other Update Information**

- **Spring Break and the Start of Phase 3: Hybrid Learning**

Spring Break will remain as scheduled, April 5 - 9. During this time final preparations will be made in order to support the April 12, 2021 Return to In-Person Instruction start date. We are eager to have students return to schools and classrooms, connect with our teachers and each other, and continue our transition back to Full Time, In-Person Instruction.