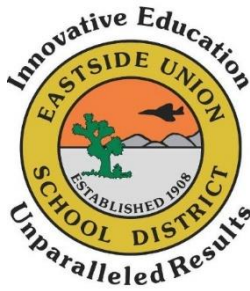


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Dear Eastside Union School District,

Even though we had to shift from our traditional school model in March 2020 in response to COVID-19, one thing that did not waiver is our determination to provide students with a quality learning experience. We want to thank our students, teachers, and families for quickly pivoting to respond to this unprecedented time in public education.

While many have wondered what the state of education would look like to begin the 2020-2021 school year, our EUSD educators and leaders have diligently worked to prepare the best possible educational program for our students while keeping safety our top priority.

Per Senate Bill 98 and California Education Code, districts must offer "in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible." Our goal remains to welcome all of our students safely back to campus. **However, given the recent spike in the number of positive COVID-19 cases throughout Los Angeles County, EUSD plans to start the 2020-2021 school year in a Distance Learning model beginning Monday, August 10.**

Some components of a Distance Learning Model include:

- Students divided into Group A, B, or C.
- Students are required to participate in DAILY online and virtual learning from home during regular school hours.
- *Required live virtual sessions* with the teacher every day, attendance will be taken.

A strong emphasis on teacher-student engagement must be promoted in distance learning. Per California Education Code 43503, distance learning **must** include the following minimum components:

- 1) provision of access for all pupils to connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work;
- 2) content aligned to grade level standards that is provided at a level of quality and intellectual challenge equivalent to in-person instruction;
- 3) academic and other supports designed to address the needs of pupils who are performing below grade level, or need support in other areas;
- 4) special education, related services, and any other services required by a pupil's individualized education program;
- 5) designated and integrated instruction in English language development; and
- 6) **daily live interaction** with certificated employees and peers for purposes of instruction, progress monitoring, and maintaining school connectedness.

ALL students in Eastside Union School District will be issued a Chrometab or Chromebook with charger and case for use at home. Families that do not have adequate internet connectivity will be provided a district hotspot.

School sites will provide information regarding student specific schedules and material pick-up during the week of July 27, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s school if you have any questions.