



Frequently Asked Questions

August 3, 2020

On July 17th, the Governor issued an order for all school districts in counties on the state monitoring list to begin the 2020/21 school year in a full Distance Learning model. Brittan School will remain in Distance Learning from August 17-November 13 of the 2020/2021 school year. This decision was made in part so that families would have the ability to plan and make adjustments as needed.

Q: There is a mention in the CDPH Framework of a waiver to allow Elementary K- 6 students to return. Are we considering this?

A: While we are not able to bring students on campus at this time, we are continually reviewing the guidance from Public Health. Before any school district can apply for a Waiver, several safety metrics must be approved by local and state agencies.

Additionally, before our district can apply for a Waiver, consultation with labor, parent, and community organizations is necessary.

Q: If Sutter County is off the watch list for 14 consecutive days how quickly can students come back to campus for in-person instruction?

A: Several components need to be considered, such as necessary noticing and coordination with parents, staffing considerations, scheduling, where on the calendar are we in the trimester, health screening measures for all staff, the availability of COVID tests and capacity for results to be returned, etc. The district is waiting for further guidance from CDPH on the safety measures that need to be in place in order to provide in-person services.

Q: What Distance Learning instructional improvements are being made?

When we closed our school on March 17th, we had to quickly pivot to provide a Distance Learning plan. We've had a chance to look back and learn from this experience and examine the feedback we received from staff, and parents. Staff has been working develop instructional programs that provide high quality, robust instruction, with accountability measures put in place. Some of the areas we are focusing on making improvements include:

- Implementation of Google Classroom, Seesaw, and Zoom programs to provide instruction
- Coordination of student class schedules and assignments, so there are clear expectations for teachers and students, as well as ensuring "class times" do not conflict at the 7/8 grade level.
- Establishing virtual live interactions between teachers and students
- Recorded lessons for child and parent flexibility
- Return to a traditional grading model
- Access to devices

Q: Will school meals be provided during the 2020/21 school year?

A: Yes. Student meal service will continue daily. Details on meal distribution will be forthcoming.

Q: Will traditional grades be given in the 2020/21 school year?

A: Yes

Q: How will Special Education services be provided?

A: Special Education services will be provided through Distance Learning until health conditions allow for safe, in-person services. The district is waiting on further guidance from CDPH on the safety measures that need to be in place in order to provide in person services. Planning is underway.

Related Service Providers, i.e. Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, etc., will provide direct student support and consultation services through Distance Learning.

Q: Where can parents find resources to support their children, during Distance Learning?

A: Your student's teacher will be a primary source of information for supporting your student's instruction. In addition, we will continually post links to resources to help parents and students on our website.

Q: How do I obtain a Laptop for my child(ren)?

A: The District is committed to ensuring every student has the technology and equipment they need for successful Distance Learning instruction. The process starts by reading the Device Handbook and Agreement and then completing the Device Checkout Form (Google Chrome is the recommended browser). Once the Device Checkout Form is completed, our staff will gather the equipment, make note of any damage or problems and package the laptop, charger, and discrepancy list for distribution.

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