



July 31, 2020

Dear SUSD Families,

As the district prepares for the start of the new school year, we want to provide parents with a few important updates.

Based on the requests of many parents, the date by which families had to decide whether to select Scottsdale Online Learning or Enhanced Distance Learning/Full-Return was extended to July 24. This extension shortened our timeline for assigning staff to support students in both options. This is a very time-intensive process, which is why you have yet to receive information about student schedules and teacher assignments. We are getting closer to finalizing teacher assignments, which will then allow our principals to finalize schedules and make plans for technology and materials distribution. Please watch for more information from your Principal at the beginning of next week.

By Friday, August 7, an e-mail will be sent to parent e-mails on record with the District and to students who have current SUSD e-mail addresses with information on how to log on and access Enhanced Distance Learning (EDL).

Enhanced Distance Learning (EDL) Camps for SUSD Kindergarten through 8th Grade Students

We are pleased to announce that beginning August 10, the first day of the new school year for all students, SUSD will open five Enhanced Distance Learning (EDL) Camps for families in the SUSD community with Kindergarten through 8th grade students. The EDL Camps will provide families with a supervised place for their K-8 children to be during the school day while they are at work. They will continue to operate until such time as school campuses reopen for learning. This program is required under [Executive Order 2020-51, Open for Learning](#), issued by Governor Doug Ducey.

- Camps will be located at [Desert Canyon Elementary](#), [Hopi Elementary](#), [Pima Traditional](#), [Pueblo Elementary](#) and [Tonalea K-8](#).
- Space is limited to 100 students per site.
- Students will be required to stay at the camp for the entire school day.
- Applications will be prioritized in this order: children of First Responders (including health care workers); children of SUSD staff members; children who receive SUSD Special Education or English Language services; children who have a 504 Plan or attend a Title I school; children of Essential Workers.
- Nutrition Services will provide breakfast and lunch at all EDL Camp sites. Meal charges will be based on each student's individual, approved meal status: paid, reduced or free. Find the Free and Reduced Application online at sUSD.org/Meals, in school offices and at the Nutrition Services Office at 701 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85257.
- **Plans for additional locations are under consideration, based on community need as identified in the [survey](#).**

To submit an application for your child to attend an SUSD EDL Camp, please click [here](#).

Before- and After-School Child Care

To address before- and after-school hour care, SUSD's Community Education Department will offer fee-based programs at four of the five EDL Camp sites: Desert Canyon, Hopi, Pima and Pueblo.

The City of Scottsdale will sponsor a fee-based, *after-school-only* program at Tonalea. For information, please contact the City's Youth Development office at 480-312-2329 or yd@ScottsdaleAZ.gov. Planning is underway for the City's usual after-school programs at Navajo, Hohokam/Yavapai and Echo Canyon.

Walk-In Learning Lab for Middle School and High School Students

SUSD will open a 'walk-in' Learning Lab at [Coronado High School](#) beginning August 17 for District middle and high school students. Final details are in the works. It is possible that similar labs will be available at the other four high school sites in the coming weeks.

Technology

SUSD is now a 1:1 district. As a result, all students will have the option to use a District technology device. It is important that students adhere to the **Technology and Network Resource Policy** and the **Technology Responsible Use Agreement** found on pages 17 – 19 of the [SUSD Uniform Code of Conduct](#). While students in grades 7 – 12 already use District 'susdgapps' e-mail accounts, students in grades K – 6 will soon have a gapps e-mail account assigned to them, as well. All of the same rules and expectations apply to them. You can learn about Digital Citizenship by visiting <https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship/curriculum>. **More information regarding device pickup is forthcoming from your school principal next week.**

Whether you selected the EDL/Full Return model or Scottsdale Online for your student, we want you to know that the dedicated, caring and professional teachers in our district are excited about re-engaging with your students beginning August 10. These are challenging times and we all wish we could be back to school in a 'normal' sense. However, we know that we will be able to navigate this challenge in partnership with you. We appreciate your support in this ever-changing environment. We invite you to share your questions, concerns or comments using our [Let's Talk](#) communication tool. This tool helps us direct your questions more efficiently to the appropriate staff member.

Thank you,

Scottsdale Unified School District