



September 18, 2020

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Families,

This week's update is full of information families will need to know as we begin phasing in on-campus learning. Looking for the correct bus route for your student? Check out our [bus route finder](#). We have also updated answers to your most frequently asked questions, found at www.susd.org/FAQ.

As a reminder, [here is the schedule](#) for when students will be transitioning back on campus for those families who chose to return, and also a reminder about our upcoming breaks:

- **September 21: We Welcome Back Grades K – 2**
 - *September 28: District Recess | All SUSD Campuses, Offices and Facilities Closed*
- **September 29: We Welcome Back Grades 3 – 5**
 - *October 5: Fall Break Week | All SUSD Campuses, Offices and Facilities Closed*
- **October 12: We Welcome Back Grades 6 – 12**

** Please note: Middle school and high school parents have not yet been asked to select a post-Fall Break learning model commitment for their student(s).*

Masks Are Required

As a reminder, students are expected to wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth throughout the duration of their time on any SUSD campus, school bus or other SUSD property. Principals will inform you of other site-specific rules for their campus. Note that visitors will not be allowed on campus. All parents and family members are also expected to wear a mask if they exit their vehicle on SUSD property. SUSD staff are expected to follow the same mask policy as students will follow. We appreciate everybody's compliance with this important health and safety measure.

Free Masks

In anticipation of school campuses opening once the metrics indicate it is safe to do so, we encourage families to have a supply of masks on hand for their student(s). ADHS is offering a package of free masks. To see if you qualify and to place an order for your household, visit: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-order-masks>

How We Are Providing a Safe Learning Environment

In addition to having a registered nurse on each SUSD campus, we have added 500 new hand-washing and hand-sanitizing stations, upgraded air filtration systems, limited public access, added directional arrows in hallways for traffic, equipped classrooms with cleaning supplies, provided staff with personal protective equipment, require masks of everyone on any part of campus (including parking lots and buses) and are implementing other measures to distance as much as each of our unique facilities permit. On September 15, 2020, Dennis Roehler, SUSD's Director of Building Services, led a presentation to the Governing Board. It contains a detailed rundown of all of the things you'll want to know, including:

- Mask Compliance
- COVID-19 Response Plan
- COVID-19 Mitigation & Safety Training
- Healthy Habits Signage
- Bus, Classroom, Cafeteria & Recess Safety Measures
- Athletics Health & Safety

View all of those details and more in the presentation at <http://bit.ly/0915PPT> and catch a replay of the presentation on video here: <http://bit.ly/0915Video>.

Our Current Metrics and Our COVID-19 Response Plan

Keeping schools open does depend on cooperation from the community in the form of health metrics. Find the current SUSD-specific metrics by zip code at www.susd.org/Metrics. Wondering what we will do when there is an identified or even a suspected case of COVID-19 illness in our District? You'll want to read our publicly available detailed [COVID-19 response plan](#). These resources and more are accessible 24/7 at www.susd.org/COVID19.

ParentVue Acknowledgment

If your student will be returning to in-person learning now or in the future, we need your action to help us ensure campuses can remain open and to safeguard everyone's health.

- Log into [ParentVue](#) and complete the COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure portion of the Uniform Code of Conduct. This acknowledgement must be completed before students can attend class on campus. **You can also print the acknowledgement form and have your student bring it to school, if needed.** Find the form in English [here](#) and in Spanish [here](#).
- Submit an updated Immunization Record for your student to your school nurse's office. Students without this record on file or in hand the first day of school will not be permitted on campus. See the Arizona Department of Health Services school attendance immunization requirements [here](#). If you need assistance with obtaining immunizations, Maricopa County Department of Public Health offers immunizations free of charge. Visit <https://www.maricopa.gov/1809/Locations> or call 602-506-6767 for more information.

Nutrition Services Update

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that ALL children under the age of 18 will be eligible to receive FREE meals from SUSD Nutrition Services through December 31, 2020, or until otherwise determined by the USDA. This means that ALL children, both SUSD students and those not enrolled in SUSD, can participate and receive free meals through the following:

- **All in-person learners can choose their free meal at all SUSD schools, at both breakfast and lunch daily.** Meals will be at no charge and no qualification is necessary. Just show up, go through the line and you get a free meal, no questions asked.
- **EDL and SOL students can pick up 7 days' worth of free breakfasts and lunches at our meal distribution sites each Wednesday from 7 - 9:30 a.m.** Parents may pick up the meals and students need not be present. Meals will be at no charge and no qualification is necessary. Just drive up and pick up a week's meal bundle per student.
- **Free meals will be distributed to any child in the community.** Just drive up and pick up a week's meal bundle per child. No qualification is necessary.

Free meals are available each Wednesday, from 7 - 9:30 a.m. at these locations:

- Oak Campus, 7501 E. Oak St., Scottsdale
- Pima Traditional, 8330 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale
- Redfield Elementary, 9181 E. Redfield Rd., Scottsdale
- Tavan Elementary, 4610 E. Osborn Rd., Phoenix
- Yavapai/Hohokam Elementary, 701 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale
- Mohave Middle, 8490 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale
- Sequoia Elementary, 11808 N. 64th St., Scottsdale

Athletic Update - High school home football and volleyball games season tickets will be limited to two family members per participant for safety reasons. Band and pom/cheer/spiritline participants will also have an opportunity to purchase season tickets for the events at which they perform. To purchase those season tickets, you will need an account in [Touchbase](#). Athletic fees must be paid in order to purchase these season tickets.

With limited spectators due to COVID-19, home games will be live-streamed by the NFHS Network, allowing those who cannot attend to watch games remotely. [Find NFHS subscription information here.](#)

For those who are able to attend home games, the following safety protocols will be in place:

- Pre-sale tickets will not be sold and tickets will not be available at the gate or door for football games or volleyball matches.
- Masks are mandatory for everyone as soon as they exit a vehicle and must be worn until they re-enter a vehicle.
- Social distancing needs to be observed, with space on all sides and in front/back of all spectators.
- Bring plenty of water, as drinks and food cannot be brought into game sites and concession stands will not be open.
- Spectators must stay in the stands unless they need to use the restroom and they must exit the facility immediately after the game.

Middle School Athletics remain paused. We hope to resume middle school sports when students are scheduled to return to campus on October 12. We appreciate your understanding while we navigate the ongoing challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presents to student athletics. If you have athletics-related questions, please reach out to your site coach and/or athletic director.

Special Areas for Elementary EDL Extend and Scottsdale Online Families

As we begin in-person learning, our special area teachers at the elementary level will need to support students who are returning in-person, staying in EDL or are students in Scottsdale Online. In light of the changing schedules to facilitate in person learning, we will be pausing live on-line sessions with your special teachers until after October break.

This is a short 10 school days away. Until we are able to solidify the schedule changes for our EDL Extended and Scottsdale Online families, we will provide the [Elementary Special Choice Board](#) to keep your child's creative and physical growth through this time of hiatus.

It is our hope to have your new schedule for Specials available the Friday before October Break. We will be making every effort to keep the students with their home school or, at minimum, their learning community. Please contact Michelle Irvin, Fine Arts and Physical Education Coordinator, at mirvin@susd.org. Gifted, LRC and ELL information is forthcoming from your student's specialized program teacher.

If you need more information in between our briefings, here are some places to check on our website with the most requested information:

- www.susd.org/Metrics
- www.susd.org/COVID19
- www.susd.org/Principals
- www.susd.org/Schools

In appreciation for your partnership,

Scottsdale Unified School District [Leadership Team](#)