

## Frequently Asked Questions

### (FAQ)

1. How will students arrive and dismiss to and from school each day?
  - a. Students will enter the East Gate from the student parking lot, or the South Gate from the bus lane. Students will be checked to ensure they are wearing a mask. A student not wearing a mask will be given a temporary mask and is expected to wear it at all times. Students can sit at the lunch tables in the quad or, if the teacher allows, may enter their classroom prior to the bell. At dismissal, students will exit through the same gates. Students waiting for rides will be required to wear a mask and socially distance from other students.
  
2. What will the week of October 5th-9th look like?
  - a. On Monday, October 5th, students will login to their first period class for attendance and assignments. Teachers will have assignments ready for students via Google Classroom/Meet. The quarter ends on Friday, October 9th, so many teachers will allow students to make up any work prior to first quarter grades being completed or perhaps engage in some enrichment activities. This will continue for the duration of the week. On October 8th and 9th, freshman students who return to in person learning will complete their freshman orientation and get their yearbook photos and IDs. All other grade levels will work independently during this week to make up all assignments.
  
3. If my student chooses to stay with PV Connect, will they have to change teachers?
  - a. No, students who stay online will not have their schedule changed. The survey was written for K-12 students and the change in teachers was a possibility at the elementary level.
  
4. Can my student wait to return for a few weeks or a month, then return to in person school?
  - a. Yes, we will allow a student that wants to wait to return until they are completely comfortable with the change to in person learning. However, we will not allow students to come to school for two or three days in person and two days online. This type of hybrid model creates significant safety and security concerns and attendance issues for the school. When students are ready to return, they are welcome to return in person.
  
5. What will social distancing look like?
  - a. In classrooms, we will social distance desks as much as possible. Social distancing will depend on how many students return to in person learning. Whenever possible, we will social distance the desks for students. Each student will be required to wear a mask at all times while in the classroom and on campus, except while eating.

6. What will lunch look like?
  - a. We have opened up our campus during lunch in an effort to socially distance the students. We have removed tables from the cafeteria and have placed them outside. We are restricting seating to four per table and have moved all tables, both inside and outside, 10 feet away from each other. We are opening the hallways in lower C and F buildings to students to sit and eat their lunch as well as the East Quad area, the Gym and the South practice field. We feel with all of these areas opened to students, we can effectively socially distance students from each other safely.
  
7. Will there be another survey if I've changed my mind since the governing board meeting?
  - a. No, we received 2400 responses to our initial survey and we have excellent data. The survey results indicate that 74% of students will return in person. This suggests that we will have approximately 24 students per class when we return. We can safely social distance 24 students in a classroom space. We realize that this number will change as time goes on and families feel it is safe to return to school. We are confident that we are prepared to serve our students safely.
  
8. If my student chooses to stay on PV Connect, how will they...?
  - a. Get their textbooks?
    - i. If your child's teacher has students in person pick up textbooks for their class, your student will be able to arrange for a pickup. Please know that not all teachers use a physical textbook, so it will be on a class by class basis.
  - b. Get their Yearbook photo and ID?
    - i. Students who decide to remain PV Connect will be able to get their yearbook and ID photo taken on October 28th. Please fill out this [form](#) to ensure you are communicated with for social distancing planning. Additionally, we'd like to use this date to help orient our Freshman who have not yet returned.
  
9. If my student takes the bus, what will that look like?
  - a. Only students assigned to their bus stop will be allowed to ride the bus.
  - b. No "buddy passes" or "parent notes" will be accepted for students to ride the bus.
  - c. You must wear a mask at all times on the bus.
  - d. Only in district students, who are eligible, will be allowed on the bus. If you are open enrolled in Pinnacle High School you are not eligible to ride a PVUSD bus.
  - e. Two riders per seat only.
  - f. Students will fill the bus from the rear forward. To limit students passing each other.
  - g. Parents are encouraged to drive their students to school

10. What will PE look like?
  - a. For now, PE will not dress out or use the locker rooms. PE teachers will go over the expectations with students upon their return.
  
11. What will the bell schedule be when students return to in person learning?
  - a. When we return to in person learning on October 8th, we will return to our old bell schedule for both in person and PV Connect. Classes will begin at 7:30 AM and will last 55 minutes each. Lunch will be 30 minutes and begin at 11:36 AM. Classes will end at 2:10 PM. There will be 7 minute passing periods between classes.
  
12. How does my junior get put in the parking pass lottery?
  - a. All juniors are automatically entered, if they meet all eligibility requirements, into a parking pass lottery IF there is one. All parking priority goes to seniors first. The Desert Ridge bus is available to juniors only. If the demand is high enough, we will ask to add additional routes to accommodate the demand.
  
13. What happens if a student in my child's class gets COVID-19?
  - a. If the school is notified of a student who has tested positive, the school nurse will contact Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH). The parent will be advised that the student must remain isolated for at least 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medication AND symptoms have improved AND 10 days have elapsed since the student first had symptoms. MCDPH will follow up with the family and school regarding contact tracing and secondary measures.
  - b. Students who were within 6 feet of the infected student will be notified by MCDPH.
  
14. If my child is sick, how long do they have to stay home?
  - a. A student can return to campus when at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers AND other symptoms have improved.
  
15. What if my student is sent home for symptoms and they test negative?
  - a. The student must stay away from others until at least 24 hours have passed since the last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers AND other symptoms have improved.

\*\*\*This is not an exhaustive list of FAQ's, but we wanted to answer some of the outstanding questions many parents have had since the announcement of the return to in person learning. More details will be forthcoming in the next few days.\*\*\*