



# **A SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION**

**A GUIDE FOR  
AESD FAMILIES**

## Message from the Superintendent

# Returning To Campus Safely



**Christopher Downing, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

Dear AESD Families,

We hope that you and your family are safe and healthy. We are truly excited to welcome you back to our campuses for full-day, in-person learning. Throughout this pandemic, our Board of Education and District have placed the safety of our students and staff at the forefront as we weathered COVID-19 and the consistently high transmission rates that have been experienced here in Anaheim.

Together, with staff members, we are eager to return to full-day instruction and safely welcome students back to our classrooms for the start of the 2021-22 school year. However, as we return to our schools for the new year, we must all work together to continue to emphasize safety and follow the safety protocols that have been established to keep us all safe.

This guide provides information on the many safety measures we will be taking to ensure the safety of all on our campuses including the cleaning of classrooms, buses, and offices; the wearing of masks indoors; and our daily screening for everyone who enters our campuses.

As we begin this new year, your child will participate in safety protocols aligned to the California Department of Public Health guidelines that require the continued use of masks indoors to maximize the safety of all stakeholders. For those families that prefer to remain in Distance Learning, we offer the Anaheim Elementary Online Academy which will continue to provide a virtual learning experience for students.

Our number one goal is the safety of our stakeholders and we are committed to providing all necessary resources to prevent the need to share materials. In order to help you prepare for the return to campus, we have also created safety videos that should be viewed by all prior to the beginning of the school year.

We are committed to providing your children with an “Amazing AESD” experience and greatly appreciate your support of our District as we safely reopen our schools for full-day, in-person learning.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Downing". The script is cursive and fluid.

Christopher Downing, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

# Our Commitment To Safety

The health and safety of our students and staff are a top priority for the Anaheim Elementary School District. In order to ensure a safe return to campus, AESD is making the following commitments:



## **Guidance from Health Officials**

AESD will continue to collaborate with the Orange County Health Care Agency to follow current guidelines set by the California Department of Public Health.



## **Online Learning Option**

All families will have the option to participate in 100% online learning through enrollment at the Anaheim Elementary Online Academy. For more information visit our website at [www.aesd.org](http://www.aesd.org)



## **Robust Safety Protocols**

Safety protocols will be in place at all schools, including mask requirements, frequent disinfecting, and handwashing and/or sanitation.



## **Training and Preparation**

Comprehensive training will be provided to all our stakeholders (students, staff, and families) in preparation for the return to full, five days a week in-person instruction.



## **Equipment and Supplies**

Students and staff will be provided with equipment and supplies to support safe, in-person instruction.



## **COVID-19 Testing**

The District will continue to provide free COVID-19 testing resources for all staff and students.

*This guide is in alignment with the guidelines from the California Department of Public Health. AESD continues to monitor state requirements and will update the safety protocols as needed.*

## Giving Families Options

# Two Models For Instruction

## Full-Day In-Person Learning



Students return to campus for a full-day in-person schedule, five days per week.



Students will experience smaller class sizes to accelerate learning and reduce the number of persons in each classroom.



The Anaheim YMCA will continue to offer Anaheim Achieves for those families needing assistance when the school day ends. Please contact the school office for an application.



Students and staff will continue to wear masks indoors to maximize the safety of all.



Students will participate in supervised breakfast and lunch, maximizing physical distance as much as possible to maintain safety during the meals and the necessary removal of masks.

## Anaheim Elementary Online Academy-Independent Study

*(Online Learning Only)*

- Students will have live (synchronous) daily interaction via Microsoft TEAMS with a highly qualified AESD teacher(s).
- Students will have access to high quality Standards-based daily instruction.
- Students will have access to digital curriculum that will support personalized learning opportunities.
- Students will learn in whole groups, small groups, and one-on-one instruction.
- Students will have bi-monthly parent/student/teacher check-ins.
- Students will be offered enrichment opportunities, which are embedded into the program for every child.
- Students will have ongoing feedback, progress reporting, assessments, and grades.
- Students will utilize our Learning Management System (LMS) SeeSaw/Google Classroom to support communication and implementation of curriculum.
- Students may return to their home school at any time during the school year.
- Students are provided with the necessary technology and materials to support their academic growth within the virtual environment.
- Dual Language Immersion classes are available.



# OUR DISTRICT'S FOCUS AND PRIORITIES



## ALL Students

When students return for the new school year, the instructional priorities will include:

### Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- » Building Caring Relationships and Genuine Connections

### Oral Language Development

- » Constant Student Talk and Academic Discourse

### Essential Standards

- » Lessons aligned to standards in Language Arts, Math, SEL and English Language Development (ELD)



## Emergent Bilingual Students

When students return for the new school year, Emergent Bilingual students will receive instructional support for reclassification including a focus on:

### Essential Standards

- » Listening & Speaking
- » Language

### How

- » Constant Student Talk
- » Academic Discourse

### When

- » All Content Areas
- » Social Emotional (SEL)
- » Integrated English Language Development (iELD)
  - ◊ General Academic Words
- » Integrated ELD in Math
- » Designated ELD
  - ◊ Language Lessons



## Early Childhood Education

**100%**

100% instruction on-site,  
synchronous (5) Days

**900**

900 minutes of in-person instruction weekly

### Preschool

Preschool Schedule

Monday-Friday

8:00-11:00 AM or 12:30-3:30 PM

### New Preschool

New Preschool Opening at Hermosa Village



# SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The following health and safety protocols will be in place at every school and district site.



## Screening of Students and Staff

All families are asked to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms using the screening information provided by their school site and take their temperature before they arrive on campus. The District will provide a thermometer to each family. All staff are screened via the Company Nurse screener.



## Cleaning and Disinfecting

All rooms are disinfected daily. High-touch surfaces are frequently cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.



## Air-Filtration Systems

Air quality is improved through the use of air purifiers, 4-ply filters, use of the HALO/LED system, and an increase in outside air flow.



## Mask Requirements

All students, staff, and visitors are required to wear a face mask while they are indoors on school property.



## Hand Hygiene

All sinks are stocked with soap and paper towels. Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances of every room.



## COVID-19 Testing

To find free COVID-19 testing for students and staff, visit [aesd.org](https://aesd.org) for available times and locations.



## Visitors

To support social distancing, visitors on campus will be limited to only essential personnel. Families are encouraged to call and/or make appointments with school staff for any questions and/or in-person assistance.

We greatly appreciate parents who donate their time to volunteer on the school campus. We will continue to closely follow all guidance and notify parents when it is allowable and safe to provide access once again to our valued school volunteers.

# TRANSPORTATION

## General School Bus Operations

AESD will establish guidelines on how students and parents congregate at bus stops and communicate protocol with everyone including:

- Identifying siblings from the same household who may ride together near each other based on guidelines from CDPH and California Highway Patrol.
- Ensuring that all students wear a face mask while waiting for and riding the bus. Bus drivers will have disposable face masks for students needing one.
- Encouraging students to not share items on the bus.
- Cleaning high touch areas frequently and disinfecting the bus daily.
- Communicating all protocols and procedures before the school year begins and throughout the year as needed.
- Providing employees training on proper hand-washing practices and other routine cleaning procedures.

## Vehicle Infection Control

AESD guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting buses will include:

- Practicing infection control including routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, including surfaces in the driver compartment.
- Providing EPA approved disinfecting supplies to the bus driver in order to allow for the cleaning of the bus after use.
- Training for all staff related to protocols and procedures.

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

AESD will follow current PPE guidelines from the CDPH for all school staff regarding the use of face coverings and other PPE when riding buses.

## Buses Serving Special Education

AESD will implement the following guidelines for buses serving Special Education students including:

- Establishing seat assignments based on students' needs and provided accommodations.
- Developing and disseminating communication relating to bus riding protocols to families.

## New Electric School Buses

For the 2021-22 school year, AESD students who receive transportation services will be able to experience riding on one of 14 electric buses the District received or will receive through various bus replacement grants. The District has received six electric buses and is expected to receive an additional eight electric buses before the end of 2021. Once all electric buses become part of the District bus fleet, 25% of the District's buses transporting students will be electric. The electric buses will support AESD's ongoing efforts to promote green practices for a better environment. Studies show that one electric school bus on the road can eliminate 23 tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year, and this means cleaner air and numerous other health benefits for students and the community.



# MEALS



## Meal Information

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that all AESD students are able to receive high-quality, nutritious meals this school year at no cost to them. Although breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for the 2021-22 school year to all students, it is still very important that families complete a lunch application since AESD receives additional funding for each student eligible for free and/or reduced meals. This funding is currently used to support additional counselors, teachers, and to improve and increase services for students.

Students who are part of the full day in-person learning will get breakfast before the start of the school day and a lunch during regularly scheduled lunch at their school.

All students can also receive a supper and snack at each of the schools through YMCA provided Grab n Go opportunities after school.

### Applying is Free, Safe and Easy!

Scan the code



OR

Apply online  
by visiting:

[aesd.org/lunch2021](https://aesd.org/lunch2021)

If you would like a paper application, please contact your school office or Food Services at 714-999-3560.



## Cleaning and Safety

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and surfaces that come in contact with food will be cleaned and sanitized before and after meals.
- Eating will happen outdoors and physical distance will be maximized as much as possible. Additional seating areas will be used to support physical distance.
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) states there is a very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects; for this reason, there is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.



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