

PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL** **FAMILY GUIDE**

**FULL IN-PERSON
RETURN
FALL 2021**



TOGETHER IS BETTER.

PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Board approved: 2/11/2020

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IMPORTANT DATES						
7/5- Independence Day Observed						
8/9-8/13-New Teachers PD						
8/16 Staff PD						
8/17 Staff PD						
8/18- Teacher Work Day						
8/19 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL						
9/6 - Labor Day Holiday						
10/11 -No School - Staff PD						
11/11- Veteran's Day Holiday						
11/12 - No School (*PSPS or PD)						
11/22 - 11/26 Thanksgiving Break						
11/25 - Thanksgiving Holiday						
11/26 - Day after Thanksgiving Holiday						
12/17 - Minimum Day						
12/20 - 12/31 Winter Break						
12/23-Christmas Eve Holiday						
12/24 - Christmas Holiday						
12/30 - New Year's Eve Holiday						
12/31 - New Year's Day Holiday						
1/3 - No School (*PSPS or PD)						
1/17 - Martin Luther King Holiday						
2/11 - Lincoln's Birthday Holiday						
2/21 - President's Day Holiday						
3/4 - No School (*PSPS or PD)						
4/15 - 4/22- Spring Break						
5/30 - Memorial Day Holiday						
6/9- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL						
6/9- Minimum Day						
6/10 - PRHS Graduation						
6/10 - Teacher Workday						

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PSPS =Public Safety Power Shutoff
PD = Professional Development

IMPORTANT DATES:

Elementary Trimesters:

1st 8/19/21 - 11/15/21
2nd 11/16/21- 3/18/22
3rd 3/21/22 - 6/9/22

Middle/ High School Quarters:

1st ends 10/15/21
2nd ends 12/17/21
3rd ends 3/18/22
4th ends 6/9/22

Elementary School Conferences

October 18 - October 22 (minimum days)
March 7 - March 11 (minimum days)

Middle School Conferences

October 21, 2021
March 10, 2022

Middle/High School Progress Report Dates:

9/17/21, 11/5/21, 2/4/22, 4/29/22



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WE'RE BACK!

Come join us! PRJUSD will offer full day in-person instructional programming to all students, 5 days a week, on all its campuses. Much more information about what this will look like will be shared by your school principal before school begins.

EARLY EDUCATION

- Students will be on campus 2-5 days a week for a full or half day of in-person instruction

ELEMENTARY

- Students will be on campus 5 days a week for a full day of in-person instruction
- ASES and PRYDE will provide after school programming from the end of the school day to 6 p.m. for elementary school students

SECONDARY

- Middle school and high school students will be on campus 5 days a week for a full schedule of in-person instruction
- Students will move from one classroom to another to see all of their teachers



"FULL SEASON OF
SPORTS WITH MY
TEAMMATES"
-KALANI, 10TH GRADER

WHAT **ARE YOU**
MOST **EXCITED ABOUT**
COMING **BACK TO SCHOOL?**

"FINALLY BEING
WITH ALL OF MY
FRIENDS AGAIN"

-ROBERT, 3RD GRADER

"SEEING MY SCHOOL
AND CLASSROOMS!"

-SARA, 1ST GRADER

"GETTING TO
TALK WITH MY
FAVORITE TEACHERS
FACE-TO-FACE"

JAMESON, 5TH GRADER

"WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL"

Paso Robles schools will return to a regular school day in August, but students will be coming back to new and improved programs and services to better serve our students.

■ ACCELERATION OF LEARNING

- More teachers in secondary schools will provide increased targeted instructional support.
- More opportunities for one-on-one tutoring and personalized learning support
- New exciting digital content for all (virtual field trips, real-life cultural experiences, and more)
- Increased course offerings for secondary students for enrichment and credit recovery
- One-to-one devices for all students
- Elementary reading and math interventions.

STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENT GROUPS

- More mental health services will be available for students, such as one-on-one counseling, school-wide wellness campaigns, training for positive school culture, and crisis management
- More staff will be available to connect families with resources and provide ongoing support
- Increased counseling services: 4 elementary, 9 secondary
- Direct service offerings will be increased for students with learning differences and disabilities



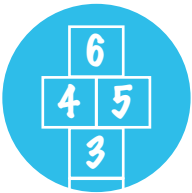
A DAY ON CAMPUS

Spending a day on campus will look and feel very similar to what school was like before our campuses closed, but with a few extra precautions to make sure students can learn and play safely and comfortably.



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for special education students only, based on certain Individualized Education Programs, following all public health and safety guidelines.



RECESS/NUTRITION

Students will be able to use playground equipment and enjoy sports during recess or nutrition following the latest public health and safety guidelines. Masks currently are not required outdoors.



LUNCH/MEALS

All students will be able to get a meal at no charge. Breakfast will be provided to students in the morning, lunch will be served at the school site, and supper will be provided upon request from family. Students will be able to eat meals with friends following the latest public health and safety guidelines.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

PRJUSD will offer high quality, safe, and supervised academic, enrichment, and recreation programs from the end of the school day until 6 p.m. For more information on how to participate, please visit <https://www.pasoschools.org/Domain/135> or call your school.



ATHLETICS

We are excited to return to our normal sports schedule! Our scholar athletes will continue to learn the skills they will need for their journey in a post-secondary school/career. Elementary athletics is also returning Fall 2021!

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

PRJUSD is committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety for public schools.



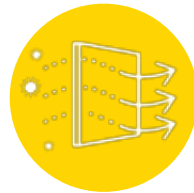
GUIDANCE FROM HEALTH OFFICIALS

PRJUSD will continue to adhere to the most recent COVID guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), San Luis Obispo Public Health and the State of California.



ROBUST SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Robust safety protocols are in place at all campuses, including personal protective equipment, frequent disinfecting, and hand cleaning, among others.



UPGRADED AIR-FILTRATION SYSTEMS/HVAC

Upgraded air filtration systems and HVAC systems.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/TRAINING

Increased training to effectively clean and disinfect schools.



HYGIENE

Restrooms and handwashing sinks in classrooms are stocked with soap and paper towels. Hand sanitizer stations are available in locations throughout campus.



COVID-19 TESTING

Operate a school-based COVID-19 testing and contact tracing program.



VACCINATIONS

Students ages 12 and older and family members of PRJUSD students are eligible to receive vaccinations at local public health facilities.

STAYING SAFE



HOW CAN I BE SURE MY STUDENTS WILL BE SAFE AT SCHOOL?

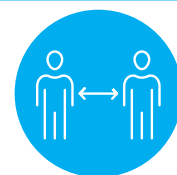
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FACE MASKS will be required for all students and staff while indoors on campus.



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PHYSICAL DISTANCING will be based on the latest State guidelines.



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DAILY SELF SCREENING will be sent for all students, staff, and visitors before coming on campus. ParentSquare can be used by students, families and staff (online or app) prior to coming to campus. If there is a concern, please email info@pasoschools.org with any questions on ParentSquare registration.



ParentSquare

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CONTACT TRACING/COVID-19 TESTING will be offered for all students who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at school based on contact tracing, with parent permission. Athletes in high contact sports and indoor sports will be tested weekly.



*See CDHP Flowchart

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VACCINATIONS: Parents of students ages 12 and older can make vaccine appointments at the most convenient location. Families can call the SLO County Public Health Department at 805-543-2444 for more information.



*PRJUSD will follow the latest public health guidelines for student safety and will continue to work with public health agencies and experts to update these protocols as necessary. All guidelines in this handbook are based on the information available to us at the start of August and may be subject to change.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM & HOMESCHOOL

Independent Study and Homeschool programs are available for families with medical, social-emotional, or other concerns. Students work independently from home, completing online courses or core curriculum units assigned by a credentialed teacher. Students will have a range of access to daily live interaction and weekly synchronous instruction depending on grade level.

GRADE	Access to: Live Interaction (LI) and/or Synchronous Instruction	Total Hours of Independent Work Assigned Each Week
TK-3rd	Small Group Support: Daily SI during office hour 1-on-1 Support: Weekly SI during parent meeting	15 hours (Parent is the primary instructor)
4th-8th	Instructional Support: Daily LI during office hour 1-on-1 Support: Weekly SI (parent-teacher meeting)	20 hours (Parent is the primary instructor)
9th-12th	Instructional Support: Daily LI during office hour 1-on-1 Support: Weekly SI (student-teacher meeting)	20 hours (Students work independently)

Families can choose for their child to participate in the Independent or Homeschool Program by calling Student Services at 805-769-1000



Q

Will my child be able to participate in the same specialized programs (such as magnet or dual language programs, CTE pathways), athletics programs, student organizations, or high school elective classes?

A

The programs from your child's current TK-8 school of attendance may not be available while participating in Independent Study/Homeschool. Elementary and Middle School athletics are available to students enrolled in Homeschool. High school students are eligible for CIF sports, electives, and CTE pathways at PRHS based on course availability.

Q

Who may participate in the Independent and Homeschool?

A

All students in grades TK-12th grade are eligible to participate in the programs. Students with Disabilities follow the IEP process to determine if their individual needs can be met within Independent Study. Students in the Newcomers Program and some English Learners with intensive language needs require an SST to see if placement is conducive to meeting educational goals.

Q

Will I be able to switch between in-person learning and the Independent Study/Homeschool programs?

A

While students may request a transfer into or out of the Independent Study or Homeschool programs, the transition may cause disruption to a student's learning. We encourage families to consider the best choice for their student to ensure an optimal learning experience. Students exiting Independent Study or Homeschool will return to a comprehensive site within 5 school days.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

You can make sure everyone is prepared and ready for the start of school by following the steps below. Feel free to check off each box as you go!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Hygiene. Teach and remind students of hand hygiene.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure your student has a clean face mask to bring to campus. Masks should be worn while indoors, except when students are eating. Should a student need a mask for any reason, one will be provided. Alternative protections may be followed for students with disabilities or those with medical exemptions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaccinations for all eligible family members. Vaccinations have been proven safe and effective for anyone age 12 and older. Vaccines are an important part of protecting yourself and others. At this time, vaccines are not required for staff or students.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enroll in and update your contact information in the Parent Portal. This is a great tool for parents and guardians to get in touch with their principal, see their child's grades and access a number of other resources! ParentSquare student health assessments should be completed daily.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Practice new routines. Routines like getting up and getting dressed on time, wearing their mask for a prolonged period of time, eating on a regular schedule, and getting comfortable around other adults and children are all important parts of the transition back to school.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q

How will this school year be the same as pre-pandemic school?

A

This school year will feel similar to pre-pandemic school in many ways! All students will have access to a full day of school and options for enrichment activities until 6 p.m. Middle and high school students will be able to go to different classes taught by in-person teachers. Students and staff will be back on campuses.

Q

Why has PRJUSD decided to open up school for full days of instruction?

A

The spring reopening has shown us that our high standards of health and safety practices slow and stop the spread of the virus in schools. More people are being vaccinated and health authorities tell us conditions should continue to improve. Schools across the country are also opening for full, in-person instruction in the Fall.

Q

My child is nervous or hesitant about returning to a full day of in-person programming. How can I help them prepare for this change in routine?

A

Children and adults may feel scared, confused or anxious because of the impact of the pandemic. Practicing routines early and often are very important. If a child is experiencing other mental health challenges, families may contact their local principal or school site administrator to request services from school site providers and local community agencies.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND
ANSWERS TO MORE COMMON
QUESTIONS:**

[https://sites.google.com/pasoschools.org/
reopen](https://sites.google.com/pasoschools.org/reopen)



SEE YOU SOON PASO ROBLES



PASO SCHOOLS

BELL SCHEDULE



Monday will be district-wide EARLY RELEASE

ELEMENTARY

Monday

- School Begins 8:00 am
 - Dismissal K-3rd 1:15 pm,
4th-5th 1:25 pm
- TK Hours:
Morning 8:00-11:25 am
Afternoon 10:00 am-1:25 pm

Tuesday-Friday

- School Begins 8:00 am
 - Dismissal K-3rd 2:15 pm,
4th-5th 2:25 pm
- TK Hours:
Morning 8:00-11:25 am
Afternoon 11:00 am-2:25 pm

LMS/FMS

Monday

- School Begins 8:15 am
- Dismissal 1:55 pm

Tuesday-Friday

- School Begins 8:15 am
- Dismissal 2:55 pm

PRHS

Monday

- School Begins 8:30 am
- Dismissal 2:40 pm

Tuesday-Friday

- School Begins 8:30 am
- Dismissal 3:25 pm

Alternative Education schedules will vary
Information from Independence and Liberty will be sent out.