

HYBRID LEARNING UPDATE, September 25, 2020

Dear Bruin Families,

As you know, the EDUHSD Board of Trustees has approved the return of students to all district schools beginning the second quarter of the school year. I am excited to see the return of students to school, and hope that conditions soon improve to an extent that will allow all students to return to school every day.

Last week, I sent you some preliminary information regarding what school will be like in Hybrid Learning. Some of the information below you have seen before, but additional details have been added. I realize that you are receiving emails and information from teachers, administration, and the district – I appreciate your patience as we work through this transition together.

COME TO SCHOOL HEALTHY

Students displaying any of the symptoms below should not come to school. If you are unsure whether your student should attend school based on a symptom, please contact the PHS Health Office at x2214 or x7140.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever/Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/Vomiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell | |

SCHEDULE

In the Hybrid Learning Model, 50% of students may attend school at one time. In order to accommodate 50% of students every other day, every student has been assigned to Group A or Group B. **Last week I sent you your student's GROUP A or GROUP B assignment via Parent Square.** Your student can only attend school on the day their group is assigned. Attendance for the two groups is as follows:

Group A

Attends school in-person on Tuesday and Thursday
Independent Learning on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Group B

Attends school in-person on Wednesday and Friday
Independent Learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

On Independent Learning days, some teachers may require students to continue to engage in Zoom lessons from home. Students are encouraged to follow the daily bell schedule as much as possible on their Independent Learning Days, and to use a planner or calendar such as Google Calendar. Students must recognize that although the hybrid schedule provides the opportunity to return to school, it also comes with an increased responsibility for their own learning. The Hybrid Learning Bell Schedule is below, and can also be found [HERE](#).

PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL

HYBRID BELL SCHEDULE

A Group attends Tuesday/Thursday

B Group attends Wednesday/Friday

1st	8:30-9:10
2nd	9:20-10:05
3rd	10:15-10:55
Break	10:55-11:00
4th	11:10-11:50
5th	12:00-12:40
Lunch	12:40-1:10
6th	1:20-2:00
7th	2:10-2:50

START DATE

The first day of Hybrid Learning at Ponderosa High School will be Thursday, October 8. The first week of the second quarter will go as follows:

- Monday, October 5: No school per the board-approved 2020-2021 Student Calendar
- Tuesday, October 6: Synchronous distance learning via our current schedule, periods 1, 3, 5, 7.
- Wednesday, October 7: Synchronous distance learning via our current schedule, periods 2, 4, 6.
- Thursday, October 8: Hybrid Learning, Group A
- Friday, October 9: Hybrid Learning, Group B

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Masks

All students will be required to wear a mask at school except while eating or while engaged in outdoor physical education activities. Under both of these circumstances, students are expected to maintain a physical distance of six feet from others. Students who do not have a mask will be provided one. Mask patterns and graphics should be appropriate for school. The mask should be worn to cover both the nose and mouth. Any student who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition should contact the PHS Health Office at extension 2214 or 7140.

Physical Distancing

Efforts will be made to space student seating to the extent possible. Six feet of spacing will be possible in some classrooms, and not in others. During passing periods, lunch, break, and at other times when seating or activities are not designated, students are expected to take the responsibility of maintaining six feet of distance from others to the best of their ability. Students waiting in lines should space themselves single-file. Students waiting to use the restroom should form a line outside the restroom door, not inside.

Cleaning and Sanitization

Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and other buildings. Students are encouraged to use sanitizer or wash their hands before and after class, and always prior to eating. Students should not share food, drinks, or utensils. The sharing of equipment and supplies will be limited, but students may be expected to share equipment or supplies within limited groups. In some situations, students may be provided disposable non-latex gloves to handle shared tools, supplies, or other equipment. Every classroom will be sanitized and cleaned nightly. Students may bring their own cleaning wipes (alcohol-based) and disposable non-latex gloves to school if they so choose.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

During hybrid learning, teachers will continue to use Google Classroom. While at school, students may need to use Chromebooks to access their work. Students may bring their own electronic device such as a tablet, Chromebook, or laptop to be utilized during class only with teacher permission. Please note that the school is not responsible for the replacement or repair of broken, lost, stolen, or otherwise damaged personal property, including electronic devices. As a reminder, students who have checked out a Chromebook from the school are responsible for replacement if it is lost, stolen, or damaged. If your student chooses to bring an electronic device to school, it should be fully charged. Charging may not be available in class. Some teachers may choose to have students use school Chromebooks during class. Students are encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after use.

FOOD SERVICES

The cafeteria will serve breakfast and lunch each school day. Students who are on an independent learning day may pick up lunch curbside on campus between 11 am and 1 pm. When students return to school, only outdoor seating will be available. As the weather cools, we will make adjustments for students to move indoors during break and lunch if they so choose. Students should maintain six feet of physical distance from other students while eating. Students should not share food, drinks, or utensils.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses will be operating during hybrid learning. Bus routes have changed since school was last in regular session. Please check with the EDUHSD Transportation Department if you have questions. <http://www.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Transportation/index.html>

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

During Hybrid Learning, Life Fitness classes will operate with modifications. Locker rooms will be open for students to dress for PE. As with all indoor situations, students must wear a mask in the locker room. When required to change into PE clothes, students are encouraged to do so promptly while maintaining appropriate distance from other students when possible. Students are required to wear a mask during indoor PE activities. Students are not required to wear a mask during outside PE activities when able to maintain six feet of physical distance.

The safety guidelines and practices noted above and in other documents may sometimes seem burdensome, but these practices are what allow students to return to campus. A team effort from all students, staff, and parents to follow safety guidelines and procedures will improve our chances of being able to continue in-person instruction, and to return to having all students on campus every day. Additional updates will be sent to you as needed.

Thank you,

Jeremy Hunt
Principal