

Bud Rank Frequently Asked Questions : Return to Campus

Q: What happened to the return to campus plans for November 3rd?

A: There were many unsolved issues after the October Parent Survey that needed time to solve. The issues included unbalanced rosters, overcapacity in 2nd and 5th grades, and readiness of services like transportation and food service. The District and the Governing Board recognized that all elementary schools had reopening issues and that those issues were different at each of the 34 elementary schools. On October 21st it was decided to let the schools establish schedules and plan to meet the needs of their community. The date of January 19th was set as the last possible date to bring students back to campuses in phased-in results. This gave site based management time to look at plans that solved the many issues that were the result of the October Parent Survey results.

Q: Why are we restarting on December 7th for 3rd-6th graders and December 8th for TK-2nd?

A: We felt that postponing the return to campus about a month would allow us to create a plan that met the needs of students, parents, and faculty. Nearly 65% of parents want their children back on campus with a majority of those parents with a November preference to start over January. We have had input from parents that they are worried about the academic progress, social interaction, and emotional health of their children who are currently on Zoom. We also wanted to give parents enough time to get daycare, carpools, and home schedules in place well before the start date. Parents said that a week's notice would not be enough. We looked at November 30th as a start date at first, but wanted to make any roster changes or schedule changes before reopening the campus. There was also concern about opening so close to a major family holiday. We believe that December 7-8 is a good time to start that lets us fade in and adjust over the winter break if needed.

Q: Some schools are partially back now and others aren't coming back until January. Why aren't all schools in CUSD starting on the same date and have the same schedule/plan?

A: Each of the 34 schools has different student populations with different needs. Some schools have 30% Hybrid, while others have 30% Online. Each school has different teacher choices, different building footprints, and different issues to work through. This is why CUSD and the Governing Board let schools decide because a "one plan/schedule fits all" approach was not going to work. All schools will be fully back on campus by January 19th.

Q: Why did the schedule change and why are all students (Hybrid & Online) on an AM or PM track?

A: We have grade levels with varying numbers of students that want to stay online. 2nd grade for example is 50/50 while 1st grade is 75/25. We also had to match up student's choices with teacher choice which added another level of complexity. By splitting all students into either an AM or PM track it solved issues in TK, Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 5th Grade. It also lets us lessen the number of students who will need to change teachers, which is currently at 18%. We also listened to parents and teachers who felt that the previous schedule was inequitable for students who chose the Hybrid model when it came to minutes with a teacher. The new schedule is equitable, but more importantly, allows us to plan for the future. We can easily pivot if we get more Online or Hybrid requests. This schedule allows us to modify in the future to avoid another schedule or roster changes. Another advantage of the new schedule is that the class sizes are much smaller for all students. Parents and Teachers have asked for smaller classes in surveys and at meetings. This schedule allows Hybrid classrooms to be between 9 and 19 students and Online to be 14 and 20 in each AM or PM Sections. Students get more individual and small group time per day with their teacher when the class is half to a third the usual size.

Q: How does the TK and Kindergarten Schedule work?

A: To avoid roster changes, teachers moving rooms, and breaking up the K Teacher teams the numbers allowed us to create TK/K classrooms where the teacher does both Hybrid and Online separately. If your child will be Hybrid they will remain with their teacher and come to campus at their current AM/PM assigned time. If your child is Online they will also stay with their teacher, but will be online with them at the opposite time they are currently assigned to. For example, Mrs. Leath who is an AM teacher will teach her Hybrid students in K2 in the AM and then her Online students via Zoom in the PM. We were able to do this type of schedule in TK/K because our class sizes are very small and the Hybrid/Online split was perfect to split classes.

Q: As a parent of a Hybrid AM/PM student, what will school look like starting December 7th and 8th?

A: To be honest the school that closed on March 13th is not the school students will be returning to on December 7th or 8th. First, the number of students will be around 200 in each AM or PM session. Last year we were at 835 students on a daily basis. Students and faculty will need to have their temperature taken and COVID questions asked as they come on campus. Classrooms will be set up with students sitting 6 feet apart and social distancing enforced. Masks for all students and employees. Recesses will be just for a snack, and to get out of the classroom for a few minutes. Lunch and Breakfast will be grab and go after an instructional block, with no on-campus lunch or breakfast. Visitors and Volunteers cannot be on campus as we want to limit the number of people to maintain social distancing and lessen contact between people. Modified arrival and dismissal plans for parents dropping off and picking up. We understand there are many changes, don't worry! We will do everything possible to have our Bud Rank fun, spirit, and events when allowed. We hope in the late winter or early spring to have sports, drama, cheerleading, rallies, and clubs when it is safe to do so. We will also continue to have music, intervention, student council, etc. after we move to the new schedule on November 30th. On November 30th we will start with the new schedule and possibly new teacher. All students will remain online the week of November 30th and adjust to the new schedule/teacher. On December 7th and 8th students will return to campus on the Hybrid Learning Model.

Q: What happens if my student gets sick? Is it true they will be quarantined for 10 days from school?

A: CUSD will be following Federal, State, and County guidelines for sick students. They have identified the following symptoms we will use to determine if a student is sick and needs to be sent home. They are:

- **Fever or Chills**
- **Cough**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing**
- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle or Body Aches**
- **Headache**
- **New Loss of Taste/Smell**
- **Congestion or Runny Nose**
- **Nausea or Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Repeated Shaking/Tremors**

Students with one or more of these symptoms will be immediately removed from class and will wait for parent pick up in the Satellite Health Office. These students will need to quarantine at home for 10 days or until they have a negative COVID test and have no symptoms. Siblings will also need to quarantine 14-24 days or test depending on the situation. Students who are on a home quarantine or waiting for test results will be able to Zoom in with their teacher and classmates at their normal Hybrid time. Work can be accessed online and hard copies available for pick up in the office.

Q: There are a lot of changes and a lot more information now than when I submitted the October Parent Survey from the District. I am rethinking my choice for my student now, will there be a new survey?

A: We are going to ask parents first to confirm the choice they made in October to double-check we have the correct information and then ask if they would like to change from that October choice. We cannot guarantee we will be able to make all the requested changes. To tell you the truth, we won't know if we can until we get all requests from families. We will do our best to accommodate requests and the new schedule gives us the flexibility to make some moves.

Q: The October Parent Survey stated that our choice is for the remainder of the year. Is this true in the Bud Rank plan?

A: Yes and no. It is all about the numbers now and the numbers later in the year. Some grade levels are full and some online teachers are already full. If we get a request to change after the December return, it will all be dependent on our numbers in that classroom and grade level. We know this makes it difficult for parents to think about Hybrid, but want to start at a later date. With 744 students and 30 teachers that creates a lot of variables to know exactly what January and beyond will look like. Parents who chose hybrid or online in October currently have that spot in our plan, it is the parents who change or wait to change that could create an issue. We hope this second survey will allow us to meet the needs/requests of every family, but we have to be honest that not all can be granted.

Q: When and where is the new survey?

A: In the email from your teacher that this was attached to there is a survey link. The survey is online and there will be one for parents who chose Online and those who chose Hybrid on the October Parent Survey. Please fill one out for each of your children. AE and Edgenuity with Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Wendorff, or Mrs. Macias' parents do not need to fill out this survey and will not be emailed a link. The survey has a quick turnaround, please complete by Friday, November 6th at noon.

Q: When will we know the schedule, teacher placement, AM or PM placement, bus schedules, etc.?

A:

11/4 - Daily Bell Schedule released to parents.

11/4-11/6 - Last call Confirmation Survey for parents for Hybrid/Online. Parents may enter waitlists for Online/Hybrid if their choice is changing.

11/9-10 - Rosters and AM/PM information released to parents.

11/23-27 Thanksgiving Break

11/30 - New Rosters & AM/PM schedule in effect. All students remain online for the week.

12/7 - 3rd-6th First day of Hybrid & Online Continues

12/8 - TK-2nd First Day of Hybrid

12/21-1/4 Winter Break

Bud Rank has already reached out to families that are eligible for bussing and will be hybrid. Transportation will be in contact with pick up and drop off times later in November.

Q: Will there be more information and answers for parents?

A: Look for information in the weekly Raven Reporter, which is emailed to all parents on Fridays. We will continue these FAQ emails over the next month to explain plans and answer questions we are getting from parents.