

Questions and Answers from Parent Survey

1. What is the first day of school?
The first day of school for students via distance learning is Thursday, August 27.
2. Will the District be providing Wi-Fi to families or advise on available discounts in the area?
The district will provide Wi-Fi where available. The district is committed to finding solutions to those outside of a Wi-Fi zone.
3. What will the ratio be with students and teachers when students can return to campus?
The ratio of students to teachers will be no larger than 13 to 1.
4. Are the students only allowed to be with that same teacher and group of kids year round, no switching?
Students will remain in their designated group throughout the school year.
5. How will my child be safe at school?
The district is committed to providing student and staff safety by following all guidelines issued by federal, state, and local entities, including orders issued by the Governor of California, the CDC, the CDPH, the CDE, CalOSHA, or VCPHD. When students do return to school for Hybrid Learning, all students and staff will be required to receive a temperature check from a school employee using a no-touch thermal thermometer prior to entering the bus or the school. Hand sanitizers will be available in various locations throughout the school and hand washing stations are being installed. Students will receive training on best practices for social distancing, handwashing, COVID-19
6. If students go back to school and have to be pretty much isolated, what is that going to do to their mental health when they can't interact with friends?
We completely understand the concern regarding the mental health of all students and their desire to interact with friends, however, we are in a pandemic with strict orders regarding safety for all. Briggs School District is committed to carefully balancing the need for student interaction amongst friends with the safety requirements currently in place for all school districts. Safety will remain priority #1. A school counselor is available to address the needs of any student requiring assistance. Our counselor is able to provide guidance and coping skills to help students. We have also invested in Social-Emotional Learning software that can provide support to all students and parents on various topics. This program is available to all students 24/7.
7. For blended learning, can we please choose the days that best fit our working schedule?
The District will do their best to accommodate working families. Right now for Blended Learning, the two options will be to either attend Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday.

8. Will students participating in Blended Learning attend a normal full day on the days they are on campus? What does the other half time look like, is there going to be digital classroom instruction?
When students are able to return to school safely, students participating in Blended Learning will participate for half a day at school and the second half of the day via distance learning. On the days they are not attending, they will be participating in Distance Learning.
9. What will Distance Learning look like? How many hours are required? Will there be a schedule for students to log into Zoom type classroom?
Students will meet with their teachers online and complete the state adopted curriculum as assigned. A schedule will be provided and students will be required to attend all classes and actively participate in their zoom meetings as attendance will be monitored by the school. Grading will return back to the way it was prior to COVID-19. The required minutes by grade level are: TK –K = 180 minutes, 1-3 = 230 minutes and 4-8 = 240 minutes.
10. Will the District be offering After School Program?
At this time the District is not able to offer After School Program because students are not to be on campus.
11. What is the school planning on doing for restroom breaks, recess and lunch?
Once students return to school via Blended Learning, staggered times for restroom, recess and lunch breaks will be utilized by grade levels.
12. Will the school provide students with laptops and textbooks for home?
Yes. The school district will provide all students with laptops and textbooks will go home as needed.
13. Will homework packets be handed out?
Homework packets will be an option for those students that are unable to receive connectivity due to their home location.
14. How will we challenge the top performers? On average, how much time should parents spend with each student to meet the nominal? Exceed?
Teachers will provide differentiation when teaching and we are working tirelessly to create the best possible schedule for each student. Teachers will be able to challenge students as well as provide further support as needed. We will utilize reward and incentives to challenge students to perform at high levels.
15. If possible, could you please have my children go to school the same days since my oldest is at Briggs and my youngest is at Olivelihoods?
We are working hard to assign siblings into same day groups.

16. Will we be informed if other children in school/class contract the virus?
If there is a positive COVID-19 case, parents will be notified about the procedures that will take place.
17. How are Kindergarteners and first graders going to follow 6ft social distancing? Not sure how that would work.
With everything, there is a learning curve. We understand that small students will need time and practice. All of the classroom desks/chairs will be spaced 6 ft. apart, desk shields will be provided for each student, paths of travel will be marked and supervision of students will be provided.
18. Wouldn't the oxygen level for the kids be affected if masks are worn all day?
According to the American Lung Association, masks are designed to be breathed through and there is no evidence that low oxygen levels occur. If wearing a mask is not ideal for your child we encourage you to register your student to participate in Distance Learning for the 2020-2021 school year.
19. Will classes start earlier this coming year to make up for the time lost?
All classes will begin on the first day of school based on the board approved school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. The first day of school is August 27.
20. What platform will you be using for the at home component of blended learning?
The platform for all students in grades TK-8 will be Google Classroom.
21. If we do online learning, will the teachers be lecturing the material via Zoom call or can the instructors record themselves lecturing and uploading it for the students? Will there be a livestream of the class available? It was really hard doing distance learning with no instruction.
Teachers are working on their mode of teaching for best delivery. Teachers will use zoom and some teachers may record themselves.
22. Do the classrooms have A/C?
All classrooms at Oliveland and Buildings B and C at Briggs have HVAC. The main building at Briggs have portable AC units that help create a comfortable classroom atmosphere, they are used as needed and are available to use when temperatures rise in Santa Paula)
23. Can students wear their own personal masks to school, or must they wear the mask provided?
Students may wear their own mask or one will be provided for them.
24. Will students be required to wear masks all day?
When students return to school for Blended Learning, (Hybrid Model) masks in grades 3-8 will be required per the Governor's mandate. All other students will be highly encouraged to wear masks.

25. Is Distance Learning the only other option? I have been contemplating homeschooling or independent studies until things return to normal.
At this time, Distance Learning is the only option for instruction outside of the school.
26. Why was the uniform policy changed?
The uniform policy was changed for the 2020-2021 school year to remove the burden of having to worry about purchasing uniforms during the pandemic. It was our hope that by removing the uniform requirement it would give parents more flexibility and options for this year. Students are still able to wear their school uniform if they choose to for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, this is a pilot program and its effectiveness will be reviewed.
27. Will all students be required to be tested for COVID-19?
Briggs School District will not test any students for COVID-19. All requests for testing will be made to outside resources.
28. Is the blending school year for the whole year or does it depend on how the cases go?
The Blended and Distance Learning model are for the entire school year unless determined otherwise by federal, state and local authorities.
29. If the students go back to school and a child from the classroom gets sick, will the classes get cancelled?
Briggs School District liaisons will work in cooperation with the Ventura County Public Health liaison to determine whether classes will be cancelled.
30. Will classrooms and bathrooms be disinfected daily?
Yes, all classrooms, high touch items such as doorknobs, light switches, handles, and bathrooms will be disinfected daily and deep cleaning will take place between student groups.
31. Can I turn in my student packet? When's the best time? Does my son still need to take an evaluation in class for Pre-K?
The schools remain closed to visitors at this time. Please call either Oliveland at 1-805-933-2254 or Briggs School at 1-805-525-7151 to schedule an appointment.