



County of Sacramento

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Schools August 20, 2020

Athletics – Are teams permitted to practice, train, or condition?

No in-person athletic activities are permitted at this time. This includes, but is not limited to conditioning, training, practice, games, and scrimmages.

Child Care – Can child care be offered on school campus?

Child care may be offered at school sites in compliance with [SCPH Day Care Guidance](#), which limits cohort size to a maximum of 12 children. Schools may not conduct instruction or otherwise operate their school under the guise of “day care,” “child care,” “camp,” or any other allowable activity.

Counseling – Can schools provide counseling to students?

Counseling services should be conducted virtually, as much as possible. If emergency in-person mental health counseling is deemed necessary, it may be conducted on an individual (1:1) basis.

English Language Learners – Can teachers/staff provide in-person assistance for students who are English Language Learners?

Only initial English Language Learner assessments are permitted at this time. We are awaiting additional guidance from the State.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Can teams, clubs, music groups, etc. meet or practice?

No in-person activities are permitted. This includes, but is not limited to clubs, athletic teams, academic teams, performing arts, and music. Students may not participate in internships at this time.

Gatherings/Events – Can a school host a gathering, event, field trip, etc?

Schools may not sponsor, endorse, or otherwise encourage student participation in in-person gatherings or events. This includes, but is not limited to orientations, field trips, rallies, dances, senior sunrise, senior breakfast, grad nights, and graduations. If school administrators or staff become aware of plans for student gatherings or events, they should actively discourage them.

Home Visits – Can teachers and/or staff conduct home visits with students?

School personnel may not conduct home visits at this time.

Special Needs/Special Education – Can teachers/staff provide in-person instruction for students with special needs?

Only assessments are permitted at this time. We are awaiting additional guidance from the State.

Materials Distribution – Can students/families come to campus to pick up books or other materials?

Schools needing to distribute materials such as books, computers, or other equipment to students are advised to utilize a drive-thru model. Vehicle occupants should be limited to members of the same household and all occupants should wear face coverings when interacting with staff and remain in the vehicle, if practicable. Staff must maintain physical distancing of 6 feet or greater from others as much as is practicable and face coverings must be worn.

Teachers on Campus – Can teachers teach online from their classrooms?

Teachers and school staff are permitted to work on campus. All onsite employees must abide by [CDPH Guidance for Office Workspaces](#).

Tutoring – Can students come on campus for individual tutoring?

In-person tutoring is not permitted at this time.

Waivers for Elementary Schools – When can elementary schools (TK-6) apply for/be granted a waiver? When can schools reopen for in-person instruction?

The Sacramento County elementary school waiver application will be released at a later date. Decisions about granting waivers will be based on local epidemiological data. Sacramento County Public Health will not consider granting waivers for in-person instruction until at least mid-September.

Schools serving grades 7-12 in Sacramento County will not be eligible to reopen for in-person instruction until such time Sacramento County has been removed from the California Department of Public Health [monitoring list](#) for a period of at least 14 consecutive days. It is impossible to predict when that may occur.