



County of Sacramento

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Schools August 28, 2020

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

School athletic teams may conduct conditioning in accordance with [SCPH Youth Sports Conditioning Guidance](#). Games, scrimmages, and tournaments are not permitted.

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

Child care may be offered at school sites in compliance with [SCPH Child Care Guidance](#), which limits cohort size to a maximum of 14 children. Targeted, specialized support and services are now permitted under [CDPH Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth](#).

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?

CDPH cohort guidance allows for the provision of “specialized services, targeted services, and support for students while schools are otherwise closed for in-person instruction...” on an individual basis or in small, stable cohorts. These services can be provided for all grade levels (TK-12) and schools wishing to provide them must abide by all tenets of the [CDPH cohort guidance](#) and [FAQs](#). Cohorts are not intended to allow for in-person instruction for all students and the number of students on a given school site should not exceed 25% of the school’s enrollment size or available building capacity.

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

No in-person extra-curricular activities are permitted at this time. This includes, but is not limited to clubs, 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.

High School Equivalency Testing

High School Equivalency Testing (GED, HiSET) may be conducted in-person on an individual (1:1) basis.

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

School personnel may not conduct home visits at this time.

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.

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

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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?

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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](#) was released on August 24. Elementary schools wishing to apply for a waiver for in-person waivers must submit a completed application to COVID19@saccounty.net at least 14 days prior to desired opening date.

Schools serving grades 7-12 in Sacramento County will not be eligible to reopen for in-person instruction until such time that Sacramento County has met CDPH criteria for doing so. It is impossible to predict when this may occur.