



**Roseland Public Schools**

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Dear Roseland School District Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to share information with you about the upcoming 2020-21 school year for our PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, including students at Roseland Elementary, Sheppard Elementary, Roseland Creek Elementary, Roseland Accelerated Middle School, Roseland Collegiate Prep, and Roseland University Prep.

While we know that school will need to look different next year due to the ongoing health concerns related to COVID-19/the coronavirus, we are looking forward to welcoming students back to campus in the fall. As we plan for their return, the health and safety of our students is our first priority. We are utilizing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, Sonoma County Public Health and the Sonoma County Office of Education to develop our school reopening plans.

**Elementary and Middle School Students (Grades TK/K-8):**

For fall 2020, students in grades TK/K-8 will have two learning pathways. The first learning pathway is the **Hybrid Model**. In this model, each class will be divided into two cohorts. Each cohort will attend school on campus for two full school days a week. The remaining three days a week, students will participate in Distance Learning. The Hybrid model was developed in order to reduce class sizes to 12 – 16 students, which will help us maintain social distancing practices.

The second learning pathway is the **At Home Learning Model**. This option is for parents/guardians who prefer to keep their child(ren) at home five days a week, and not send their students to school on campus. The At Home Learning Model can include full time Distance Learning with a teacher providing ongoing instruction and support, or a new Home School option where parents act as the teacher.

Elementary/Middle School Hybrid Model	Elementary/Middle School At Home Learning Model
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students attend school 2 full days a week</li> <li>• Students participate in Distance Learning 3 days a week</li> <li>• Students will be assigned a cohort/specific days to attend school on campus</li> <li>• Every effort will be made to keep siblings on the same schedule</li> <li>• Class cohort sizes will be reduced to 12-16 in order to maintain social distancing in the classroom.</li> <li>• Completion of Distance Learning assignments is required. Students will be graded on their work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students learn at home 5 days a week</li> <li>• Students do not attend school on campus</li> <li>• Parents choose one of two options to support At Home Learning:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students participate in Distance Learning every day and complete assignments directed by their teacher OR</li> <li>○ Students participate in a Home School option where the parent acts as teacher.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Completion of assignments is required. Students will be graded on their work.</li> </ul>
<p><i>The schedule for the hybrid model is still being developed, and we should be able to inform families of specific days for school attendance in the coming weeks.</i></p>	<p><i>If you would like more information about the At Home Learning Model, and which option is best for you (Distance Learning or Home School), please call the Roseland School District Office at 707-545-0102.</i></p>

**Special Day Classes (PreK-6)**

Students who are enrolled in a Special Day Class (SDC) will attend school on a different schedule than the Hybrid Schedule mentioned above. If you have a child enrolled in an SDC class, you will be receiving an additional communication related to your child's schedule. You can also call Special Education Services at 707-545-0102 ext.4229 if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's educational program.

## High School (Grades 9-12)

For the fall of 2020, high school students will attend school on a Hybrid Model. The Hybrid Model in high school differs from the elementary and middle school model and is described below:

### High School Hybrid Model

- Half the students are on campus at a time with social distancing and an alternating schedule.
- The high school hybrid model will have students attending class either in the morning or afternoon 2 to 3 days a week depending on electives and individual student needs. We have also decided on a 4-period hybrid schedule for students which means the entire semester is condensed into 1 quarter, this schedule allows students to focus on only 4 classes while most of their time is off-campus. Then, during quarter 2 they will take other 4 classes, so by the end of Semester 1 they have completed all 8 classes.

When students are not on campus, they are participating in Distance Learning. Completion of Distance Learning assignments is required. Students will be graded on their work.

*The schedule for the Hybrid Model is still being developed, and we should be able to inform families of specific days for school attendance in the coming weeks.*

*If you feel that Hybrid Model will not work for your high school student, please contact your school principal.*

### Health and Safety Procedures

The health and safety of our Roseland District students and staff is of the utmost concern. The following health and safety procedures, based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Sonoma County Public Health, will be followed when students return to school campuses:

- Small class size cohorts of 12-16 students, with social distancing measures in place
- Additional social distancing measures for breaks, recess and meals
- All students and staff who are sick will be required to stay home
- If a student is identified as sick during the day or upon arrival, a special care room will be available for the child to be picked up
- Daily extensive cleaning and sanitization of all school campuses/classrooms
- Scheduled and frequent handwashing/use of hand sanitizer throughout the day
- Visitors to school campuses, including parents, will be limited in order to reduce virus exposure
- Parents/guardians will be notified if a COVID-19 case is identified within a classroom or school community

Additionally, guidance regarding face masks and daily temperature checks/health screening is still being developed. However, we do know that:

- Face masks will be required for all staff, as well as students age 13 years old and older
- Face masks may be required for students age 12 years old and younger; however, a final determination on this has not yet been made. We will update families as soon as a decision is made.
- Daily temperature checks may be required for all students and staff. The district is procuring no-touch forehead thermometers in order to prepare for this.

### Other Key Information:

- In order to help prepare campuses for students' safe return, the first day of school has been delayed by one week. The new first day of school will be **August 18**.
- The availability of afterschool care (Boys and Girls Club) is still being determined and will most likely need to be limited in scope, due to social distancing and group size requirements. We will update parents/guardians about this topic in the next few weeks.
- Completion of Distance Learning assignments while students are not present on campus will be required.
- An important survey was emailed to all parents/guardians of elementary school students (grades PreK-6). **It is essential that all parents/guardians of elementary students complete this survey** so that we can make sure to save a place for your child in the learning pathway of your choice. If you have not yet completed the survey, please make sure to do so as soon possible by clicking on the link for the school your child(ren) attend(s):

- Roseland Elementary: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z22RJWG>
  - Sheppard Elementary: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JN5WNSZ>
  - Roseland Creek Elementary: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z77J6S7>
  - Special Day Class Survey for grades PreK-6: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/53FPNXJ>
- We will need to be prepared to quickly transition into a full Distance Learning model at any time, should the County Department of Public Health deem it is necessary for us to return to Sheltering in Place.
  - We will return to a normal schedule of students on campus 5-days a week when the County Department of Public Health deems it is safe to do so. The time frame for this is not yet known.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this important information related to the reopening our schools. We endeavor to act as partners with you and provide the best possible education for your child(ren) under these difficult circumstances. While the health and safety of our Roseland District Community is our number one priority, we recognize that students learn best at school with their friends. We are looking forward to having your child(ren) return in the fall.

We will remain in contact with you and update you soon as additional decisions are made, particularly related to hybrid schedules/days of attendance for your child(ren), and additional safety protocols, such as the potential requirement for face masks for all students.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Roseland School District Office at 707-545-0102.

Sincerely,

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