



Return to In-Person Instruction

Update as of January 7, 2021

Cambrian School District is continuing to prepare for the return to in-person instruction in 2021 when we are able to do so safely based on Santa Clara County returning to the Red Tier for 2 weeks. For more information please see the [CSD Update 12.4.20](#) and [CSD Update-12.17.20](#) for specific details. Currently, Santa Clara County remains in the purple tier as of January 7, 2021. The steps below outline the next steps as preparation for students returning to in-person instruction in a hybrid model when the county moves into the Red Tier.

When we return to in-person instruction there is a need for flexibility in order to address the County Public Health requirements with regards to various situations such as those individuals that may be impacted by a quarantine due to being a close contact and/or COVID-19 positive case.

When would we return to in person instruction?

1. Santa Clara County would need to be trending down in COVID-19 cases for 14 days before we move into the Red Tier. The status of tier is updated on Tuesdays. You can access the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Data Dashboard [HERE](#).
2. Then Santa Clara County would need to remain in the Red Tier for an additional 14 days.
3. Once the above two criteria are met we would transition and communicate new return dates for students with the first group being (TK-2nd grade) being on the first Monday after 14 days in the Red Tier.
4. While all of us do not know when that will happen, it is good to know the timeline we are working with for returning to in-person instruction.

We also know that bringing students back will be a phased and deliberate approach and that not all students who want to return will be able to do so.

What day will my student attend in-person?

1. All students will be placed in cohorts for designated days for in-person instruction. The cohorts will be determined by each school site team (teachers/site principal). You will receive communication from your child's school site in advance of returning to in-person.

What happens if my student can not attend on their designated in-person day?

1. When students who are not able to attend their in-person assigned cohort days due to related COVID-19 quarantine, contact tracing requirements and/or are not ready to return to in-person instruction, students will Zoom with their class for live synchronous instruction during that specified time.
2. While the expected instructional school day for the hybrid model is from 8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for grades TK-5 and 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for grades 6-8, it is intended to provide teachers the discretion and flexibility to create the learning plan within that time frame that is most developmentally appropriate for their students. All teachers will use Zoom with students who cannot attend on their designated in-person cohort day. Zoom during in-person is not intended to accommodate family travel or distance learning for the remainder of the school year.



Timeline for In-Person Instruction 2020-21

| Phased in Approach- Return to In Person Instruction | Subgroups and Grade Levels |
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| Special education services and targeted in-person instruction may happen while in the purple tier under Specialized Targeted Cohort guidance as per California Department of Public Health. | All Special Education classrooms will return to in-person instruction one week prior to their general education counterparts in order to support students adjusting to the new routines and procedures for their classrooms. |
| When Santa Clara County has been in the Red Tier for two weeks we will communicate new return dates for students with the first group being (TK-2nd grade) being on the first Monday after 14 days in the Red Tier. | TK-2nd grade |
| After TK-2 returns to campus grades 3-5 will return. | 3rd-5th grade |
| After 3-5 returns to campus grades 6-8 phased in to return. | 6th-8th grade |

Given the current circumstances, the changing local state and local health orders, and the *Governor's evolving Safe School's for All Plan, Cambrian School District continues working to provide you with as much certainty as possible. However, as clearly demonstrated by the ever-evolving facts this pandemic has created, our plans will always be contingent on the direction provided by state and local health officials.

* [Governor's Safe School's for All Plan, Released December 30th](#)

- Governor Newsom indicated that new California Department of Public Health guidance for schools would be released on Friday, January 8, 2021
- Updates will be provided to the Board as to the progress with Governor Newsom's Safe Schools for All Plan with the Legislature when known