

March 3, 2021

Dear SCCS Families,

As Santa Cruz County's COVID metrics will likely place us in the red tier next week, it is my great pleasure to announce we have begun final preparations for our middle schools and high schools to join elementary in opening for hybrid learning.

Hybrid Instruction means students will attend their classes in person two days a week, split into either **A** or **B Groups** to fulfill our requirements for social distancing. Look for specific grade span schedules at the end of this message. If our County proceeds into the red tier as expected, below is our timeline for beginning Hybrid at each grade level.

- **March 15**—Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten
- **March 22**—First through Fifth Grade
- **Week of March 22**—On campus orientations at each Middle and High School with schedule specifics to come from your school.
- **April 5**—All Middle and High School students begin Hybrid Instruction

We're so excited to bring our students together after a year of distance learning. We've had months to prepare our classrooms, upgrade our systems, and refine our procedures, and we are ready to safely welcome all students.

Our safety protocols have been in place and tested since October when small cohorts returned to campus. *It is notable that with almost 1,000 students participating in small cohort programs, our protocols have allowed no on-campus transmission.* **These safety protocols include:**

- Class & campus design to support **social distancing**
- **Hand washing & sanitizing** protocols
- **Daily screenings** for fever & symptoms
- **PPE required & available** for staff & students
- Thorough daily **classroom cleaning**
- **Upgraded ventilation systems** bringing fresh filtered air into classrooms every 15 minutes
- **Our public COVID dashboard** providing transparency into all school sites
- **A fully vaccinated** staff (*thanks to Dignity Health and the County Office of Education*)

During the week of March 22nd, each middle and high school will provide an on-campus orientation and training on campus safety protocols and expectations. Look for details in a communication from your school principal and please contact your school site specific questions. For more information on our Hybrid plans, please visit our website at www.sccs.net.

As promised, distance learning will remain fully available to all who prefer it, with elementary students participating in the online academy and secondary students participating in their same classes via zoom.

Because counties are required to be in the “red” tier before secondary schools may open in Hybrid, there may be a delay to these plans if our county data shifts back toward purple. It is our intention to be ready to implement Hybrid as soon as possible.

After a year of ever changing state requirements, of uncertainty and distance, I hope you share my optimism as we start on the path back to normalcy. I want to thank all of our families for your patience and collaboration through this most extraordinary year. I hope it feels good to take this first step back. We are looking forward to seeing our students in person again!

Warm regards,

Kris Munro
Superintendent

Elementary Schedule:

TK/K: 9am—12:30pm	Monday—Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday—Friday
1st-3rd: 9am—1:45pm	A Group in class B Group at home	A & B Groups At home	B Group in class A Group at home
4th-5th: 9am—2pm			

Middle & High Schools (Excluding SC High):

Hybrid Schedule

Students **on campus 2 days a week**, divided into **A & B groups for in person** group C is **100% distance learning**.

*Harbor, Soquel, Mission Hill & Branciforte

Mon

Group A, B & C online

7:40–8:20	0 Period
8:30–9:10	1st Period
9:20–10:00	2nd Period
10:10–10:50	3rd Period
11:00–11:40	4th Period
11:40–12:10	Lunch
12:15–12:55	5th Period
1:05–1:45	6th Period
1:55–2:50	See T-F Schedule

Tue

Wed

Group A in class / B & C online

7:40–8:20	0 Period	0 Period
8:30–9:50	1st Period	4th Period
10:00–11:20	2nd Period	5th Period
11:20–11:35	Break	
11:40–1:00	3rd Period	6th Period
1:00–1:30	Lunch (grab & go)	
1:35–2:50	*PLCs, Meetings, Collaboration, Professional Development, Trainings, IEP/504 Meetings	

Thu

Fri

Group B in class / A & C online

7:40–8:20	0 Period	0 Period
8:30–9:50	1st Period	4th Period
10:00–11:20	2nd Period	5th Period
11:20–11:35	Break	
11:40–1:00	3rd Period	6th Period
1:00–1:30	Lunch (grab & go)	
1:35–2:50	*PLCs, Meetings, Collaboration, Professional Development, Trainings, IEP/504 Meetings	

Santa Cruz High:

Mon

Group A & B
Online

Tue

Group A in class
B online

Wed

Thu

Group B in class
A online

Fri

7:40–8:20	0 Period	0 Period	0 Period
8:30–9:30	1st Period	1st Period	1st Period
9:40–10:40	2nd Period	2nd Period	2nd Period
10:40–10:50	Break	Break	Break
10:55–11:55	3rd Period	3rd Period	3rd Period
11:55–12:25	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:35–1:35	4th Period	4th Period	4th Period
1:45–3:15	Teachers: PLC, Department Meetings, PrepTime, Office Hours, Student Support, IEPs/504s, SSTs Students: Interventions, Supports, Meetings, Asynchronous Work		