



NAVAJO COUNTY
ACCOMMODATION DISTRICT
"Creating an Enriched Educational Environment"

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The Arizona Department of Health along with the department of Education created benchmarks for schools to determine how to open schools safely. Navajo County Accommodation District will utilize these benchmarks to guide our reopening. The Benchmarks/Metrics are broken into three categories:

- Reduction to 100 cases per 100,000 individuals over a two week period.
- Two consecutive weeks with percent positivity below 7%.
- Two consecutive weeks with hospital visits for COVID- like symptoms below 10%.

At this time Navajo County only meets two of the three indicators causing a delay in school opening. The county has a dashboard that will be updated each week reflecting the current status. The dashboard can be found at <https://reports.mysidewalk.com/2544451fac>. With this information, NCAD will not be returning to on campus classes on August 17th as originally planned. We have created a plan with three different phases. The main focus of each of these phases is the health and safety of students and staff. In addition to the information below, there is a Mitigation document that discusses the actual health and safety protocols that will be followed.

Phase 1 - Distance Learning with on-site learning opportunities for state required populations and students on probation

- Teachers assigned to Distance learning
- Onsite student population limited due to staff assignments. As of August 17th student population will be 8. The number and current health conditions will be assessed each Thursday to determine a change.
- All students who come onsite will sign a waiver
- No visitors on campus. Phone or virtual visitation only (except registration).
- All visitors will need to call the office for any accommodations or appointments.
- Masks/face coverings are required for all staff, students and visitors

Phase 2 - Blended Learning with on-site learning opportunities

- Teachers will have distance/onsite learning assignments
- Onsite student populations will be limited to maintain safety protocols
- Students will attend 2 of the 4 school days onsite. The remaining days will be done through distance learning.
- All students who come onsite will sign a waiver
- NO visitors on campus- by appointment only. All visitors will need to call the office for any accommodations.
- Outdoor pick up only.
- Masks/face coverings are required for all staff, students and visitors

Phase 3 – Full onsite learning for all students. Details on how this will work, will be released when it is determined that the health and safety criteria have been met.

To assist each teacher and student with accountability, a learning contract is being created for each student. The contract will outline expectations for attendance and classwork. The contracts will address the following:

- Students will be accessing School-PLP. This is the same computer program that they use in the classroom. If your child does not have access to a computer or internet, then paper packets will be made available to them. Students will work with their teachers to set up individual learning goals. In the meantime, students should do their best to complete at least 4 lessons each day in order to graduate in a timely way.
- In addition to the coursework requirements through School-PLP, students will be required to attend a video class at 9:00am each day (Monday-Thursday). This required class along with the required lessons in School-PLP will go towards student academic credit and attendance requirements. Students who are not able to log in to the video chat will be sent a recording of the class and should call their teacher to have a discussion after viewing the video.



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- During distance learning, your student will need to attend a daily check in during the teacher's scheduled office hour. Each teacher will share their schedule. Teachers will be able communicating with students by video chat, phone or text message.

We are offering limited free on-site learning opportunities starting August 17th. Governor Ducey has issued an executive order EO2020-41 (EO2020-41) that requires each district to provide free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the day. The free on-site learning opportunity will continue through the duration of school closures.

- **At NCIS, the free on-site learning opportunity will be limited based on capacity and staffing available. On-site learning opportunities will give preference to students with special needs, English Language Learners, children in foster care, and students who are on probation.** The on-site learning opportunities will include supervision, transportation and food service programs. On-site learning supervision may be provided by a teacher or a paraprofessional.
- Health and safety protocols will be utilized during the free on-site learning opportunity. These will include physical distancing, use of face masks, health screenings, sickness response, sanitation protocols, socialization protocols, etc. A full mitigation plan is posted at
- Students must sign up for the free on-site learning opportunity. Students approved to attend must report by 9 am and remain at the on-site learning opportunity venue throughout the day with exceptions due to illness or prearranged pick up times. Capacities will be limited based on staffing; therefore, daily attendance may be limited based on the number of students that request to attend.
- **Finally, parents will be required to sign a waiver of liability for students to be provided on-site learning opportunities.** The waiver is required by the District insurance carrier as an acknowledgment that there are inherent risks associated with being in public settings, such as school systems, during a pandemic. Navajo County Accommodation District has a mitigation plan to reduce these inherent risks; however, it must be acknowledged that schools are communal environments and even with the strictest precautions there is a level of risk that a child may become ill and the potential for that illness to be spread into the home exists. Waivers may be found on the NCIS website or parents may request a waiver to be mailed or emailed to them.