



MT. DIABLO
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020-21 School Year Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers)

When will MDUSD schools reopen?

We have been working hard to reopen this school year. On March 16, our Governing Board approved this new reopening timeline by a vote of 5-0:

Beginning March 25, 2021, Preschool through 2nd grade and SDC classes will have an option to return to their school to attend In-person Learning Support sessions.

Beginning March 29, 2021, students in grades 3-12 will have an option to return to their school to attend In-person Learning Support sessions. A 100% distance learning model will continue to be an option for all families.

What can MDUSD say about the fall (next school year)?

MDUSD fully plans and expects to offer an in person option next year. The current school year agreements with unions expire in June 2021, and afterwards, union agreements will be back to "normal" (pre-pandemic status). By then, we expect that all staff will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated and that local health metrics will have improved. MDUSD is certainly considering plans to add distance learning as an option for all families, in addition to our usual options of homeschooling, independent learning, and home and hospital.

Will MDUSD adopt the CDC's new 3-feet physical distancing recommendation?

In reality, the CDC's revision, which was announced on March 19, and which the California Department of Public Health adopted a day later, has come too late to redo reopening plans one more time, with less than two months left in the school year. MDUSD and several unions would have to renegotiate changes to reopening plans and gain approval from our school board. This new guidance will inform our planning now and going forward, but it will not change what has already been planned.

How are our neighbors doing—can we see which school districts in our area have reopened?

Use California's [tracking map](#) to determine who is open, and who is not.

Will schools be safe?



We have taken a number of precautions and have implemented a number of safety measures to keep our campuses safe. View our reopening plan at mdusd.org/2020-21 for more details on what has taken place, and what can be expected at our campuses.

What about air conditioning and ventilation systems?

Clean, circulated air is very important. By Monday, March 22, all of our air conditioning systems will have a [MERV-13 filter](#) installed.

Will transportation be provided in a hybrid model?

Yes, it is our goal to provide transportation during a hybrid model.

Is the amount of instructional time in a hybrid model the same as in distance learning?

We will attempt to keep both models very similar in their amount of instructional time.

Will there be play time and recess in the hybrid model?

Yes, but students will have recess with their classes, and not with the entire school site.

Will there be stable cohorts in Middle and High School?

Yes, we will make every attempt to keep cohorts together.

Are there laptop devices available for my child? What about internet?

Please communicate any technology needs to your child's [school site](#), as schools will be hubs for technology distribution. We won't hold back from distributing all available resources. | [Devices and Tech FAQ](#) |

For affordable internet rates, see the district's [internet partnership page](#).

Is childcare available during distance learning?

MDUSD is collaborating with childcare providers located on school facilities offering supervision options to students.

The district's CARES Expanded Learning Program at Title I schools will offer a combination of distance, hybrid, and in person services based on the school model offering online activities (i.e. enrichment, recreation, STEM, nutrition, physical activity, academic intervention), videos for students at the CARES After School Youtube Page, and meals during the after school hours on in-person instructional days.

Families may also find additional support for locating childcare services here: www.cocokids.org/find-child-care/

Are meal services continuing during distance learning?

Yes, meal services are continuing! Find out when and where:

[Food and Nutrition Department Page](#)

Are immunizations still required during distance learning?



Yes, despite beginning the school year with distance learning, immunizations are still required. Find out more about required immunizations [here](#).

How do I get help from my teacher, counselor, or administrator during the school year during distance learning?

During the school year, teachers, counselors, and administrators are available to answer questions and to provide support. Teachers will be hosting, “virtual office hours,” each day and can be reached by email. Counselors and administrators can also be reached by email. Additional information on how to contact staff is located on [school websites](#).

How do I update my contact information?

Parents may contact their [school sites](#) or [Student Services](#) for updates to contact information, including phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts, and district communications language preferences.