

FAQs: In-Person, Traditional School

SCHEDULE

Q. What will the in-person schedule be at Clovis Unified schools?

A. Clovis Unified is offering a full pre-COVID, in-person schedule five days a week at all comprehensive school sites for the 2021-22 school year. Parents should expect schedules similar to those at their child's school prior to the start of the pandemic.

Q. Is Clovis Unified offering CUSD Connect (zoom from home daily with your teachers) or Flexible Online (zoom with one teacher on a flexible schedule using Edgenuity or Accelerate Education curriculum)?

A. No. Clovis Unified is offering a full pre-COVID, in-person schedule five days a week at all comprehensive school sites for the 2021-22 school year. CUSD Connect and Flexible Online will no longer be available.

Q. What if we want to stay online? Is there an online option?

A. Families will have one online option, Clovis Online School, a dependent charter school of the district. Families wanting to remain in an online learning model must disenroll from their current school and enroll in Clovis Online School. Visit the [Clovis Online School website](#) for more information and for FAQs about transferring to Clovis Online School. There will be no online option for parents at any of our comprehensive schools. Parents/Guardians of students with disabilities who choose an option that varies from their child's IEP may be required to participate in an IEP team meeting to determine appropriateness.

Q. When will families have to decide between in-person and Clovis Online School for the 2021-22 school year? How long is the commitment? Can we change our minds?

A. The commitment form sent to all families on April 30 should be completed by May 7 to establish your child's priority for classes and schedules. If you are choosing to enroll in Clovis Online, where capacity is limited, enrolling early will help ensure correct staffing and class availability for students opting for Clovis Online School.

The commitment form will be used in the event a school site or grade level exceeds enrollment capacities to establish enrollment priority.

This priority will be used to establish students' access to schedules that may become impacted and require capping and busing. If a family later wishes to change their school of enrollment, they would follow the typical enrollment and transfer processes offered through our [Student Services and School Attendance](#) department. Once a family disenrolls from their current school to enroll in Clovis Online School, they will not be guaranteed a spot back at their current school site if enrollment capacity at that school is exceeded.

Q. Will teachers continue to utilize online platforms and Google classroom with students for in-person learning along with instructional resources they used in the classroom prior to the pandemic?

A. Teachers are equipped with all of the same educational technology tools and resources they've had to use during the pandemic and many of these same resources will remain in use to support in-person instruction into the future.

Q. Does the district have plans to help transition students back from online learning (CUSD Connect, Flexible Online or Clovis Online School) to their home school?

A. Recognizing the lasting impact of the pandemic on our students, our teachers and school leaders will implement a number of resources to assess and support the individual needs of students as we transition back to a full in person model. Emotional wellness resources and personnel, and academic intervention will be a critical and immediate element of our return to traditional school schedules.

Q. Will Campus Club be open to the community? What will the payment structure be? When will the parents be notified?

A. Campus Club's summer programs <https://www.cusd.com/CampusClub-Summer2021Program.aspx> are already open for enrollment. Campus Club for the upcoming school year will also be available in a 5-days-a-week, traditional model, open to the public. Information about fees and registration for the 2021-22 school year will be available at the [Campus Club page](#) beginning May 24.

Q. Will ASES programs and Preschool be offered?

A. Both ASES and Clovis Unified's preschool programs will be offered using a traditional, pre-COVID schedule. Preschool registration information along with any necessary class capacities, will be available in May from the District's Child Development Department. Information regarding ASES can be found at your home school.

Q. Why is there not an online option for transitional kindergarten students in the 2021-22 school year?

A. Transitional kindergarten is an optional choice for families in California, and as such there is no adopted online curriculum available through Accelerate Education, the Clovis Online School's curriculum platform.

Q. Is summer school required for all students?

A. No. Summer school is not required for all students but is an option that your child's teacher has recommended if needed. Students who have been referred as part of the Promotion/Retention criteria should work with their school's principal if they have questions. Parents interested in requesting summer school enrollment for their child can contact your school to discuss whether academic intervention over summer would be appropriate for your child's academic needs.

Q. Will instructional models be consistent across schools?

A. All comprehensive schools in the district will have similar, full five-day-a-week schedules for the new school year. This was not the case in 2020-21 because of the widely different needs of unique school communities when schools first opened or developed schedules last fall. Because individual sites were allowed to develop plans that maximized in-person options for their unique community, these unique plans sometimes resulted in differing hybrid schedules.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

Q. Will temperature checks still be required?

A. Temperature checks and other health and safety requirements will be in place for as long as they are required by health and safety officials. Right now, we are planning for the possibility that daily health screenings will remain a part of required safety protocols, but that on campus temperature checks will not be a part of the school day. If requirements for schools change as COVID conditions improve, we will update plans accordingly.

Q. Will students and staff be required to wear masks during the 2021-22 school year? Will face shields be allowed in lieu of masks?

A. We're tired of masks, too! But for now, they continue to be required by local, state and national health officials in order for us to hold in-person classes. Face coverings and other health and safety requirements will be in place for as long as they continue to be required for our facilities to be open. As a result, we are planning for the possibility that face coverings may be required and would schedule additional mask breaks and similar opportunities for students to have time without face coverings during the school day. If requirements for schools change as COVID conditions improve, we will update plans accordingly.

Q. Will social distancing of 3ft or 6ft be required next year? Will we limit the number of students per class?

A. The current 3 ft of distancing required between students in classrooms, and six feet of distancing in other on-campus settings are included in our staffing and facility plans for the coming year. State health officials have not announced plans to change these distancing requirements, but as COVID conditions and vaccination rates improve these requirements may also be changed, in which case we will revisit this topic.

Q. Will parents, visitors or volunteers be allowed on campus? Can parents walk students to or pick-up students from class?

A. Yes, parents will be provided opportunities to volunteer and visit campus with details of check-in procedures and required health screening shared by individual school sites prior to the start of school in August.

Q. How will lunch-time work?

A. Clovis Unified has received a waiver that will allow all students to continue to receive no cost breakfast and lunch at school during the 2021-22 school year. A la cart items will also be available for purchase at secondary schools. Students will use their school cafeteria for meals and meal schedules will be based on physical distancing requirements in place at the start of the school year.

Q. What about recess?

A. Recesses will be held with supervision. Schools will communicate specific recess plans to parents prior to the start of the school year.

Q. Will the same symptom rules be in place for quarantine and contact tracing requirements?

A. Our trained contact tracing teams will continue to follow required quarantine and isolation procedures. With recent changes from the state on required physical distancing between students in classrooms (to 3ft) we have requested that the quarantine guidelines (currently at 6ft) be updated to all be consistent at 3 ft for students.

Q. Can school nurses complete COVID-19 test for students with symptoms?

A. We are currently exploring options to expand COVID-19 testing options for students, and currently school health offices can refer families to locations offering no cost COVID-19 testing.

Q. Will rapid COVID testing be available through the district?

A. Rapid COVID testing for all students will not be available through the district, but school sites can provide a list of testing sites for families to access.

Q. Will there still be a Care Room?

A. Schools will continue to have a separate space for students who present with COVID symptoms while on campus so they can be cared for while waiting for parents to pick them up.

Q. What will happen in the fall if we have another spike in cases? Since schools will not be doing any distance learning is there a plan in place for a new government shut down of schools?

A. Improving COVID vaccination rates and treatments for the virus help protect against future shutdowns, but there is no certain guarantee against future requirements for schools. As a result, Clovis Unified will remain prepared to use an online instructional model currently in place in case a classroom or school must close due to positive COVID cases during the current school year.

Q. What are the safety protocols for bus riders?

A. Clovis Unified buses will operate home-to-school routes for all students qualifying for district transportation. On the bus, students can expect enhanced ventilation and sanitizing, required face coverings, and reduced numbers of riders per bus.

Q. Do we need to send supplies with our children, such as sanitizers and extra masks?

A. Schools will have a supply of hand sanitizer for student use as well as extra masks. However, if masks are still required as part of the health and safety guidance in Fall, each student is encouraged to bring their own mask.

Q. Will devices be available to use/required daily? Will those devices need to be shared?

A. Schools will have devices available for student use as was the case prior to COVID. When supplies or devices need to be shared among students, hand washing will be enforced as well as cleaning of shared supplies. Students may also bring their own device to school when it is needed for classroom instruction.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Q. How will Special Education programs be impacted during the 2021-22 school year?

A. Clovis Unified's Special Education programs will be offered in-person, on-campus in a full, five-day-a-week setting.

Q. Will my child have to wear a face-covering/mask?

A. Face coverings and other health and safety requirements will be in place for as long as they are required by health and safety officials. Right now, we are planning for the possibility that face coverings may be required and would schedule additional mask breaks and similar opportunities for students to have time without face coverings during the school day. If requirements for schools change as COVID conditions improve, we will update plans accordingly.

Q. What if we want to stay online? Is there an online option?

A. In the 2020-2021 school year, Clovis Unified is returning to in-person, on-campus, five-day-a-week instruction and will no longer be operating the distance learning program that was set up due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For families who may want the option of online programming, Clovis Unified does operate an online, independent studies charter school, Clovis Online School, for grades kindergarten through 12th grade. However, because such a change would constitute a change in placement and because under California law a student with an IEP can only participate in independent studies if the student's IEP team determines it to be appropriate, any change of a student's placement to Clovis Online Charter School must be done through a student's IEP team. Families wanting information regarding the Clovis Online School should visit the [Clovis Online School website](#) for information and FAQs about transferring to that school. Students who attend Clovis Online School will no longer be enrolled in their current school.

CONTACT TRACING & QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

Q. Is contact tracing going to change from 6ft to 3ft for quarantine requirements?

A. Our trained contact tracing teams will continue to follow required quarantine and isolation procedures. With recent changes from the state on required physical distancing between students in classrooms (to 3ft) we have requested that the quarantine guidelines (currently at 6ft) be updated to all be consistent at 3 ft for students.

Q. If my student is fully vaccinated and gets exposed, will they be required to quarantine?

A. Anyone who is fully vaccinated is no longer required to quarantine, unless they are themselves exhibiting symptoms. Once a fully vaccinated individual, after presenting with symptoms has been symptom-free for 24 hours, he/she may return to school.

Q. If a student is in quarantine, will they be considered absent or an excused absence? Will they present a medical certificate to come back?

A. If a student is required to quarantine as a result of exposure to COVID-19 they will be marked with an excused absence. If a student contracts COVID the student must wait the 10 days following the first day of symptoms and can return when symptom free. As health and safety guidelines change, we will keep parents notified.

Q. How will instruction for a student look like if they must quarantine?

A. Our pre-COVID independent study process will be in place to support any student who must miss class(es) because of quarantine.

ATHLETICS, CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Q. Will athletics and co-curricular activities be offered next year? What will they look like?

A. Yes, athletics and co-curricular activities will be offered at comprehensive schools. At this time, we expect athletics and co-curricular activities to follow traditional schedules. Health and safety protocols will be followed according to local health and safety guidelines.

Q. When will parents know if they can attend school events?

A. We plan on parents being able to attend events. School sites will communicate any protocols that must be followed based on the local health and safety guidelines at that the time of the event.

Q. Will there be back to school night?

A. Yes. There will a back to school night for each of our schools. More details will come from the school site as their BTSN approaches. Health and safety protocols will be followed according to local health and safety guidelines.

FAQs: Clovis Online School

Q. If we enroll at Clovis Online School for the 2021-22 school year, can we come back to our comprehensive site if things don't work out?

A. Clovis Online School is a dependent charter school. If you decide that you want to return to the district and a comprehensive site, you can present your elementary or intermediate school child for enrollment at your resident school. Because you have left your seat at your current comprehensive school site by enrolling at Clovis Online School, your student will be subject to space availability. If space is available at your local school, your child would be enrolled. If the school or grade level is at its enrollment capacity, then your student may be overflowed to a different school until space becomes available. High school students will need to meet with Student Services and School Attendance prior to enrollment in order to determine if they are eligible to attend a comprehensive school. For high school students, school eligibility is based on credits and grades earned at Clovis Online School and the ability to transfer those grades to a comprehensive site.

Q. If I am on a transfer (inter district, intra district or open enrollment) and I enroll in Clovis Online School, what will that do to my transfer?

A. Prior transfers used to enroll at your current school are no longer in effect when you enroll at Clovis Online School charter as. If you opt to try to return to a comprehensive Clovis Unified school at a later date, you will need a new transfer to do so. Keep in mind that transfer students must be in good standing (grades, attendance and behavioral choices), have a valid reason for the transfer, and there must be space at the requested school for transfers to receive approval.

Q. If we enroll at Clovis Online School for the 2021-22 school year, can we continue to play sports at our comprehensive site?

A. No. Site-based cocurricular programs like athletics and visual and performing arts offerings are only available to the site's enrolled student body. If choosing online instruction, students are able to participate in cocurricular opportunities that may be offered through the Clovis Online School.

Q. What type of curriculum is Clovis Online School using?

A. Clovis Online School will use the standards-based curriculum called Edgenuity in grades 7-12 and Accelerate Education (AE) in grades K-6. This curriculum was the basis of the Flexible Online instructional model offered during the current school year. Direct, teacher-led instruction via zoom and various supplemental materials are offered to support student learning. This model **is different** than that used in CUSD Connect during the current school year.

Q. Is Clovis Online School like the CUSD Connect program that was offered at the comprehensive sites during the 2020-21 school year?

A. No. These programs are not the same. Clovis Online School and Clovis Unified comprehensive school sites will not offer CUSD Connect for the 2021-22 school year.

Q. What happens if the restrictions lift (wearing face coverings, social distancing, etc) from the CDPH and we want to enroll our student back to in-person learning at a comprehensive school site?

A. If a family wants to re-enroll in a comprehensive school site mid-year, it would require that they apply to enroll as a new student. As such, enrollment will be based on space availability at the school.

Q. Does Clovis Online School offer a daily face-to-face, on-site learning environment?

A. No, Clovis Online School is a virtual, non-classroom based charter school. There will be periodic requirements for the student to attend a face-to-face meeting with their teacher on the campus but daily instruction is conducted virtually online.

Q. If my senior enrolls in Clovis Online, what is the latest date he/she can transfer back to their high school so they can graduate with their class?

A: All high school students must have appropriate grades and credits to be considered for a return to a comprehensive site. This means that a high school student must have progressed enough in his/her current classes to be able to transfer to the same class at a different school and align with the class is in its current progress. It is highly recommended that the latest any high school student should seek to transfer from Clovis Online School to attend a comprehensive site is at the semester break. Any later time in the school year could create difficulties in maintaining academic progress and student grades. Students are able to transfer no later than April 19, 2022, but will have to complete projects and final exams given at their comprehensive site. If this option is chosen, it is at the possible cost of the student's grades and grade point average.

Q. What does Clovis Online School look like?

A. Clovis Online School is a non-classroom based independent study charter school. Clovis Online School is a K-12 school that requires students to be independent learners. Students must be able to work on their own and be able to meet via zoom or in person as required by the teacher. Students will be assigned courses based on their individual intake with their counselor. At that time, the student and parent will go over with the counselor the academic record of the student and go over the expectations for the school. The counselor will assign the student with a teacher and courses. The courses will mirror those at the comprehensive site, if they are available.

Q. Are Clovis Online elementary students required to be online at a certain time each day or is the program completely flexible?

A. Elementary students will be required to be online on a daily basis, at a specific time, that will be assigned by their teacher. Students will receive direct instruction from a credentialed teacher during scheduled times, which will be determined by your child's teacher.

Q. Are Clovis Online classes a single grade level, or a group of grade levels combined?

A. Students receive instruction by grade level, though a single Clovis Online School teacher may instruct multiple grade levels.

Q. If a student takes Clovis Online School their senior year, do they still graduate with a diploma from their home school?

A. No. Each year, students graduate from Clovis Online School. Clovis Online school holds a graduation for their students to honor this accomplishment.