



ESTANCIA MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

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Hybrid Q & A

What if I'm not ready to send my child to in-person learning?

Parents may enroll student in the Estancia Online Learning Academy (OLA).

Why can't my kid just log on with the teacher like he's been doing?

Teachers will be focused on delivering instruction to students physically present in the classroom. Unfortunately, the sound and video recording systems necessary to teach in-person and online are not available. As you will have noticed during the distance learning your child participated for the last number of months, the teacher stands or sits very closely to their laptop, which is being used as a recorder. During in-person instruction, the teacher will be socially distancing from the students in the classroom and be unable to always be right next to the computer while teaching. For this reason, students not returning for in-person instruction will need to enroll in OLA to ensure they receive high quality instruction.

Why can't the students have off-campus for lunch anymore?

Students are screened for health and well-being upon arriving on campus. Once here, they attend the majority of their classes with the same group of students throughout the day. This is to minimize cross contamination among and between students and staff. Keeping students on campus is another way to minimize the risk of additional exposure that may occur off campus.

What happens if students don't stay in their cohort or don't social distance at lunch?

Unfortunately, students who do not follow the rules for staying in their cohort or social distancing will have to eat lunch in detention. Because we are all so excited to return to in-person learning, we think our students will do a great job following the rules. Students will be allowed to eat lunch in their grade level cohort.

What happens if a student won't wear their mask?

Unfortunately, the Public Education Department (PED) requires all students except those with a documented medical exemption wear a mask. This is to keep other students and teachers safe from possible exposure to Covid-19. While we all have different opinions about masks and all of the rules that have been imposed on us, wearing a mask is an expectation that will be enforced. For that reason, a student who refuses to wear a mask will be sent home. Repeated offenses will result in the student being moved into the OLA program.

How will I know if my student is coming in on a Friday for extra help?

Teachers will notify the students directly. Remember, students can also ask their teacher for extra help via a conversation, email, or by visiting the district website, clicking on Estancia Secondary Schools, and then clicking on the High School or Middle School Academic Support Request link on the right side under the EHS announcements. The High School link is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhHCgKtZzm5uL-YHBqEBEKckv7b_DY-Bw_9jE8t3j-39Vamw/viewform

The Middle School link is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfc9rrp77T84tbfQznNUvdKK0Xj6lOvtWcu55Nflx5ByAo-jQ/viewform>

What's the scoop on Athletics? When will we know if we are having sports?

Athletics are gearing up to begin competition on February 22nd. We are awaiting final word from the PED on what guidelines will be in place for events.

What are the plans for graduation this year? What about prom and stuff like that?

The district is working with seniors on graduation plans now. Make sure your senior stays in contact with the Senior Class Sponsor, Mrs. Pope, for details. Because of the current Public Health Orders and the directions given to districts by the PED, assemblies, dances, prom, etc. are still on hold.

What about class parties?

Class parties are allowed during A and B Day with social distancing within the class.