

REOPENING



INSTRUCTIONAL & OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022

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RIALTO

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BRIDGING FUTURES THROUGH INNOVATION

WELCOME BACK!

We've Missed You!

The 2021-2022 school year presents an opportunity for the Rialto Unified School District to discover new possibilities in the wake of COVID-19. This plan will outline expectations of students and teachers in regards to safety and operational protocols. Students and teachers will return to begin the school year in a traditional setting and format under newly established safety conditions.

Rialto Unified School District will return to school in a traditional learning which will be a safe, in-person learning as we transition out of the COVID-19 pandemic. In person learning will be possible by employing safety protocols like distancing, frequent hand-washing, and wearing of face coverings. With this model, teachers have the opportunity to see their students in-person and will provide quality instruction that ensures each student achieves personal and career fulfillment. Teachers will report to work Monday-Friday and students receive live instruction with teachers daily.



“INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER, THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.”

– DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Health & Safety protocols

- Health and safety expectations will be posted at all entry areas to school campuses.
- Signs showing proper hygiene practices and what social distancing looks like, as well as floor markers will be ordered and posted at all school campuses.
- Hand sanitizing stations, with a minimum of 60% alcohol base, will be placed at entry areas to school campuses and district buildings.
- Hand washing stations will be available to elementary portable classrooms that do not have sinks. At secondary campuses, portable washing stations are placed in strategic locations.
- Classroom desks and chairs will be disinfected as needed and at the end of each day.
- Custodians will disinfect high traffic areas based on the posted daily COVID schedule.
- Any person with known exposure to COVID-19 or related symptoms is encouraged to consult their healthcare provider and must follow RUSD COVID-19 Safety Guidelines.
- Staff will be provided training and materials related to hygiene, disinfection, sanitation, and social distancing.
- Students will be provided with school expectations and norms related to health and safety protocols.
- Parents must keep their child home when he or she feels ill.
- Parents are encouraged to take their child's temperature daily before sending them to school. Students with a temperature above 100.4 °F must remain at home.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands regularly while at school.



PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- All staff, students, and visitors on campus must wear a face covering in school site facilities, including classrooms, unless wearing a face covering poses a health risk to that individual.
- Students and staff are not required to wear a mask at recess or most outdoor situations. However, masks are required in a crowd for an extended period of time, such as in the stands at a football game.
- Face coverings are not required while outdoors when social distancing is possible.
- Face coverings are not required while eating breakfast or lunch.
- One disposable face covering and one reusable face covering are provided to every student and staff member. Additional face coverings are provided as needed.
- Face coverings must adhere to the District's dress code policy.

Daily Temperature Checks

- Families are encouraged to administer a temperature check prior to their child leaving their home.
- Temperature checks will occur daily at the school site. There will be multiple entry points designated at each school. These entry points will be supervised by staff assigned to administer the temperature checks.
- For students who ride the school bus, temperature checks will occur prior to boarding the bus. Families must accompany their child to the bus stop in case a student's temperature exceeds 100.4 °F.

Transportation

- The number of students allowed on a bus will be reduced to allow for social distancing.
- Bus drivers will take the temperature of all students prior to boarding for any

extra and co-curricular activity.

- Families and students are encouraged to practice social distancing while awaiting bus arrival.
- Any person(s) riding the bus must wear a face covering at all times.
- Personal protection equipment and disinfectant is supplied to all bus drivers.
- Bus drivers follow a strict cleaning schedule.

Daily Health Screening- Staff

- Staff temperature checks will occur daily at the school site.
- Staff are required to take the health screening questionnaire daily.
- Any person with known exposure to COVID-19 or related symptoms is encouraged to consult their healthcare provider and must follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Mandates & District Guidelines for Staff Safety.
- Staff will be encouraged to practice good hygiene, including washing hands frequently. Signs promoting proper hygiene practices and examples of proper distancing will be posted on school campuses and district facilities.

Care Room

- If a student has a temperature higher than 100.4 °F or other COVID-19 related symptoms, the student will be escorted to the Care Room and families will be contacted. Each site will designate a room to be used as the Care Room.



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Classroom Configuration

- Up to 3 ft. of distancing for student desks and 6ft of distance for teacher desks, when possible. Maintenance and Operations will collaborate with school site administration to configure classrooms. Additional/extra furniture, including unauthorized furniture and appliances, in the classroom is to be removed and/or stored.

Air Quality/Fresh Air

- The current ratio between recycled air and fresh air is 70/30.
- Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) thirteen (13) filters have been installed and will be changed routinely, which increases the effectiveness of catching particles of varying sizes.
- Air purifiers are provided in each classroom and main office.

Classroom Supplies & Electronics

- Each student will receive their own electronic device and instructional supplies to discourage cross contamination. Students are to bring fully charged devices daily.
- Digital assignments/assessments turned in through Google Classroom are highly recommended. Paper and pencil assignments are to be collected using gloves. Assignments should be graded using gloves. Assignments should then have a 24 hr waiting time before returning the paper to students.



Plexiglass in the Classroom

- Elementary school classrooms were provided with plexiglass for each student's desks. Custodians will disinfect plexiglass daily.
- Classroom staff may request plexiglass for their individual desk.

Nutrition Services

- Hand sanitizer is available and encouraged for use before meals.
- Breakfast/Lunch is served in the classroom, cafeteria, or outdoor venue.
- Physical distancing is maximized and arranged for outdoor eating as much as possible.
- Sharing food is discouraged.

Water Faucets/Water Supply

- Water drinking faucets are off limits until further notice.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottles.
- Water bottle filling stations are available at all sites.
- Each site has water bottles and/or other water supply available.

Restrooms

- Each restroom has signage promoting proper hand washing hygiene.
- Staff routinely reminds students of the importance of hand washing and good hygiene practices.

Social Emotional Support

Every school site provides Social Emotional Learning (SEL) instruction.

- Site administration has been trained in restorative and trauma informed practices.
- Counseling services are available to students and families.
- Family connection to community resources i.e, food, clothing, etc., is available.

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School/Classroom Libraries

- School and classroom libraries must have a 24-hour waiting period for used books before reshelving.
- E-books for student devices are available to elementary students.

Visitors on Campus

- Visitors are limited to the front office for business needs or for meetings that are determined to be held in-person and must follow District protocols.
- Staff are not allowed to bring children/family members onto the campus.

Staff and Parent /Guardian Meetings

- In-person staff or parent/guardian meetings at school sites are allowed and social distancing is encouraged however, virtual meetings are recommended.

Large Gatherings & Events

- Events are allowed following District protocols. Questions regarding event protocols can be referred to Risk Management.
- Indoor facility occupancy is limited to 50% capacity and face coverings are required.
- Outdoor facility (such as stadiums) occupancy is limited to 67% of the facilities' capacity and attendees must wear face coverings.
- Social distancing is required.

Independent Study Program

- Independent Study Programs are available to students whose families have determined that the student's health would be put at risk by attending in-person instruction. If a family is interested, they would contact their child's current school administration for more details. Independent Study Programs are offered at the following schools:
 - ◇ TK-5: Henry Elementary and Fitzgerald Elementary
 - ◇ 6-8: Rialto Middle School
 - ◇ 9-12: Zupanic High School

Passing Period

- Administration, teaching staff and safety officers will assist with social distancing and getting students to class.
- Face coverings are required during passing periods in enclosed areas.

Disinfecting

- Secondary staff and students will work together to disinfect classroom desks and chairs each period.
- Custodians will disinfect elementary classroom desks and chairs daily.
- Custodians will disinfect high traffic/use areas based on the daily COVID cleaning schedule.



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Physical Education

Elementary Outside Activity/Physical Education

- Playground equipment may be used. Staff must ensure that students wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after using equipment.
- Staff and students shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before touching any surfaces, athletic equipment, participating in physical education or moving from one activity to another.
- Social distancing is encouraged when staff leads students in stretching exercises or other physical activities.

Secondary Physical Education

- The gymnasium is utilized at a maximum of 50% capacity. Outdoor activities are encouraged when possible.
- Students should wear their own Physical Education (PE) clothes (do not share clothing.) It is recommended that clothing be washed daily.
- Equipment (tables, chairs, weights, etc.) will be disinfected before and after each use.
- Staff and students shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before touching any surfaces or participating in workouts.
- Physical contact such as high-fives, fist/chest bumps, and hugs are not allowed.
- Staff and students must adhere to the face covering guidelines while using the locker room.
- Students are not allowed in the Athletic Training Facility unless the Athletic Trainer is present. Students and trainer must follow face covering guidelines.

Science

Science Classrooms

- Virtual labs are prioritized over physical labs during science instruction.
- Hands must be sanitized before and after use of equipment.



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Visual And Performing Arts

General Information for Return to Music Classrooms

Choir

- Face coverings are required when singing.
- Social distancing beyond 6ft. is required
- Non-essential equipment has been removed to maximize space for social distancing.
- Each student will have their own music, either digital on laptop or personal folder.
- Piano/keyboard and accompanist (if used) should be at 6 ft. distance from students and director when possible. Only the choral director or accompanist should play or touch the piano/keyboard.
- Additional air purifiers are to be utilized.

Band

- Students playing wind instruments are required to socially distance beyond 6 ft.
- Instrumentalists shall wear face coverings when not engaged in playing.
- Bell coverings should be used on wind instruments. Tubas do not need bell covers.
- French horns do not have bell covers since the musician has to place their hand inside the bell. French Horn players shall wash hands after playing.
- Water keys on brass instruments (spit valves) shall be emptied into a dry disposable towel.
- Students shall bring their own instrument to class. If using a school instrument, assign a separate instrument to each individual.
- Students shall not use instruments or equipment belonging to any other students.
- Each student has their own music stand and music, either digital on laptop or personal folder.
- Percussion instruments used by multiple classes/students will be disinfected after use. Percussionists should provide their own sticks and stick bags that can be brought to class each time or stored. If needed, school-owned mallets can be sanitized between student use.
- Individuals shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before touching any band equipment or instruments.
- Additional air purifiers are to be utilized.

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Orchestra

- Students can play their non-wind instruments wearing face coverings.
- Additional air purifiers are to be utilized.
- Non-essential equipment has been removed to maximize space for social distancing.
- Each student has their own instrument. If using a school instrument, assign an instrument to each individual when possible.
- Each student has their own music, either digital on laptop or personal folder.
- Students shall not use instruments or equipment belonging to or used by any other student.
- Individuals shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before touching any band equipment or instruments.

Theatre Classroom Setting

- Desks/chairs will be in straight lines facing forward. If tables are used, students should be spaced appropriately at tables.
- Non-essential equipment has been removed to maximize space for social distancing.
- Individuals shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before touching any band equipment or instruments.
- Outdoor rehearsals are encouraged, when weather permits, as they are the safest for participants.
- Indoor rehearsals must follow all mitigation measures such as distancing and face coverings.

Live Performances

- Outdoor performances are encouraged, when weather permits, as they are the safest for participants.
- In-person indoor performances:
 - ◊ Staff will work to keep the audience socially distanced by ticket clustering.
 - ◊ Twelve feet between audience and performers is required.
 - ◊ Restrictions are based upon capacity of the facility.
- Students, staff, and audience members shall wear face coverings and wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- Tickets are limited to manage the crowd size.
- Educate audience members on health and safety expectations through the theater program, school website, social media, online ticketing services, emails, and on-site signage.
- Require that all audience members follow a pre-marked path to enter and exit the theater to keep traffic flowing one way.
- Disinfect all public areas, set pieces, and props before and after performance.
- Do not allow audience members to linger or gather in groups before, during intermission or after the performance.
- Disinfect all surfaces and equipment in the control booth prior to use.
- Limit the number of students allowed in the control booth to encourage social distancing.
- Student performers, student support and site or District support staff working the event do not count towards occupancy limits.

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Career Technical Education (CTE)

- Priority is given to virtual investigations and labs rather than live experiences.
- Priority is given to instructional experiences that are outdoors.
- Students are assigned specific tools when necessary.
- Staff and students shall wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before touching any equipment.
- Culinary classes are assigned equipment and follow all San Bernardino County Food Handling protocol.

Guidelines at School Sites : California Department of Public Health - CDPH - K-12 School Guidance

- Face coverings are required indoors in K-12 schools, childcare facilities or programs, school buses and other youth settings regardless of vaccination status.
- Face coverings are not required outdoors regardless of vaccination status.
- Physical distancing is encouraged indoors in K-12 schools, childcare facilities or programs, school buses and other youth settings, regardless of vaccination status.

Guidelines at Non-School Sites: California Occupational Safety and Health Administration - Cal-OSHA

- Fully vaccinated employees do not need to wear face coverings except for certain situations during an outbreak.
- Employees are not required to wear face coverings when outdoors regardless of vaccination status except during an outbreak.
- Physical distancing requirements have been eliminated regardless of vaccination status, except where an employer determines there is a hazard or during a major outbreak.
- Face coverings are encouraged indoors for unvaccinated employees.
- A service area that is regularly and routinely visited by students is considered an “other youth setting” and must follow the CDPH K-12 School Guidance.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Can families request the right to have their children attend schools without masks?

Face coverings are required indoors for all students and adults in all school settings, with the following exceptions:

- Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) mandates require face coverings, however, there are some children with disabilities who cannot manage masks or who cannot wear masks safely. Parents of students with a qualifying medical condition have the right to seek an accommodation that includes not wearing a face covering.

Do masks have to be worn outdoors by vaccinated and unvaccinated people at schools?

Face coverings are not required at recess, passing periods or in most other outdoor situations. However, face coverings will be required in a crowd where participants are in close proximity for an extended period of time, such as in the stands at a football game.

What happens if students or staff members are exposed to the virus?

The District has created detailed COVID-19 guidelines for student and staff safety, including exposure protocols. A person with known exposure to COVID-19 should report it to their school site or immediate supervisor and consult their healthcare provider.

Are field trips allowed under the current K-12 Schools Guidance?

Yes, field trips are allowed, following the District's COVID-19 safety protocols.

