

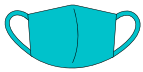


MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FALL 2021 BACK TO SCHOOL: WHAT TO EXPECT

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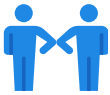
WHAT TO EXPECT: HEALTH & SAFETY



Masks will be required indoors for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. Masks are recommended for outdoors, but remain optional.



Hand washing/hand sanitizing stations are installed on every campus. Hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray, and/or cleaning sprays are available in every room and common areas. Clear barriers are installed in front offices and high traffic areas.



Per CDPH, there is no minimum physical distancing requirement consistent with the [CDC K-12 School Guidance](#). The teacher and students will optimize classroom space.



Air filter systems have been upgraded to the highest grade the system will allow at each site.



Staff/students with symptoms such as a runny nose will be asked to go home and remain home until at least 24 hours have passed without the symptom (if fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication), and/or a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis (ie., allergies), a chronic underlying condition, or a negative COVID-19 test.



All sites will offer voluntary weekly testing for staff and, as needed, for students.



Parents, students, and staff will self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if they are sick.



Students will be provided breakfast and lunch at no cost to our families. Breakfast will be distributed in bags; lunch will be pre-plated items. Seating outdoors is encouraged.



Students and drivers will wear masks on the bus. Windows will be open to maximize ventilation.



The District's COVID-19 Designees will be responsible for contact tracing with Santa Clara County Public Health and will advise on isolation or quarantine measures. Please see the [FAQs](#) for more details.



The schools' bell schedules and student rotations will mirror pre COVID-19 conditions.



Visitors are encouraged to call or email, whenever possible, to minimize interactions. All offices across the District will be open, and visitors will wear face masks upon entering. A process for school volunteers is under review with an update by October 1st.

[CLICK HERE FOR MOST CURRENT CDPH GUIDANCE](#)



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WHAT TO EXPECT: INDEPENDENT STUDY

All grades, TK through grade 12, may request to enroll in Independent Study



Morgan Hill will have three different Independent Study programs:

- TK Independent Study students will receive their instruction from the Santa Clara County Office of Education
- K-5 students will work on computer-based lessons with brief daily instruction with an assigned teacher through an approved vendor
- 6-12 students who enroll in Independent Study will have an assigned MHUSD certificated staff who monitors student progress on completed online curriculum.



- The TK schedule will be determined by the Santa Clara County Office of Education.
- The K-5 schedule will include daily live instruction in all core subjects. Each subject will include 15 minutes of direct instruction followed by independent or guided practice. The school hours are similar to a traditional school day.
- The 6-12 academic program is completed independently and the hours will vary; once a week, students will attend a synchronous session during regular school hours.

WHAT TO EXPECT: RETENTION, GRADING, & GRADUATION (AB 104)

AB 104 is a new legislation recently signed into law that includes the following provisions and rights:

1. Parents/Guardians (Educational Rights Holder) of students who were enrolled in grades 8-12 during the 2020-21 school year may request to have a letter grade earned for a course changed to a Pass or No Pass on the student's transcript. (All courses taken during the 2020-21 school year qualify for the grade change to Pass / No Pass.)
2. Any student who was enrolled in 11th or 12th grade during the 2020-21 school year and who is not on track to graduate in four years is exempt from local district graduation requirements that are beyond the state-minimum graduation credits and course requirements.
3. Parents/Guardians may request a retention conference if their child received a D, F or No Pass grade in half or more of their classes. (Parents wanting to consult on retention may contact the Educational Services Department, 408-201-6070 or email webbgl@mhusd.org)



Per the legislation, districts may not accept requests for a grade change after 15 calendar days from the date the application is posted on our website. The deadline has been determined by Santa Clara County Office of Education as August 16, 2021.

MHUSD will post an application to request a grade change on the district website and also email the application to all families and students by Friday, July 30th.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ON INDEPENDENT STUDY AND AB 104 CLICK HERE](#)