

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED RETURNS TO SCHOOL FIVE DAYS PER WEEK, FULL DAY WITH IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

As COVID-19 Exceptions Sunset, EGUSD Schools Return to On Campus Learning with Updated Safety Protocols and Continued Independent Study Learning Alternatives

ELK GROVE, Calif. – June 17, 2021 – The Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees received an update to the 2021-2022 school year plan during Tuesday’s June 15th Board Meeting. District officials affirmed a full return to school with in-person full-day instruction five days per week noting that schools will be preparing information related to the start of a new school year, including arrival and dismissal times, bell schedules and other important details. During discussion, district officials pointed out that the Distance Learning exemptions afforded to school districts by the legislature during the pandemic will sunset on June 30th and Elk Grove Unified schools will resume in-person classroom instruction, and administrative staff will work with any parents interested in an alternative learning setting for their student such as enrolling in the Elk Grove Unified School District Virtual Academy for grades K-8 or Las Flores High School for grades 9-12.

Related to public health and safety, District officials noted that school settings are unique environments where multiple sets of workplace laws and public health and safety guidelines apply and stated that the District will continue to comply with any changes to Federal, State and local guidelines related to school settings. District officials also confirmed that District and school communications to inform and notify staff and families of updates will continue.

Superintendent Christopher R. Hoffman expressed optimism for the new school year stating, “We look forward to bringing everyone back together on our school campuses and having students in our classrooms. As we unify, there is never a greater time than now to focus on educational equity and fostering transformational change in support of our students and meeting their needs.”

Additional information provided in the District’s update covered EGUSD nutritional programs, before/after school programs, extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and extended learning options, which will all be available as part of regular school service offerings. The District will also continue to work closely with state organizations such as the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regarding protocols related to athletics and activities.

In response to questions about transportation, District officials emphasized that transportation services remain at the forefront of the District's priorities and that staff is working closely with state and county health officials to return to full service capacity. Until that time, Elk Grove Unified will continue to operate under current health and safety guidelines to provide all mandated services. District officials hope to soon announce the reinstatement of general education service routes. District officials duly noted that they are actively recruiting for bus drivers and are offering paid training thus encouraging those interested to apply and attend the District's virtual job fair on June 17th.

[June 15 Board Meeting and Presentation](#)

[June 17 Virtual Job Fair](#)

[About EGUSD Virtual Academy](#)

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.

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