



Dear Sonora El Families,

July 22, 2021

We look forward to welcoming students and staff back in-person, 5 days a week, for the 2021-2022 school year! The first day of instruction is Aug. 25th.

We want to make you aware that AB/SB 130 requires SEDS to notify parents and guardians of enrolled students that they have the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or independent study for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note: Independent Study will not look or be the same as past “distance learning” instruction.

Conference

Parents and guardians have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the various options for learning. The conference may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person. *If you wish to request a conference for your pupil, please contact Mr. Boyles at (209) 532-3159 cboyles@sesk12.org by Aug. 5th, 2021.*

Procedures for Enrolling, Disenrolling and Reenrolling in SEDS’s Independent Study

To enroll in SEDS’s Independent Study for the 2021-2022 school year, there must be an agreement in place for each student. The agreement must be signed by the student’s parent, legal guardian, or caregiver. For students with exceptional needs, the individualized education program (IEP) or 504 must specifically provide for independent study and/or SEDS’s Independent Study before the student can begin participating.

If you wish to have your student return to in-person instruction *during the school year*, you may provide notice to the contact information provided below, and your student will be returned to in-person instruction no later than five instructional days after we receive the notice. Students may re-enroll in Independent Study at any time during the 2021-2022 school year by providing notice to Mr. Boyles. (contact information below).

Instructional Time that a Pupil Will Have Access to as Part of SEDS’s Independent Study

- For transitional kindergarten through 3rd grade, there will be a plan to provide students opportunities for daily synchronous instruction.
- For grades 4 through 8, there will be a plan to provide opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction.
- Live interaction means interaction between the student and the teacher, aide or other personnel and may include peers; this interaction may be in person, by internet or phone.
- Synchronous instruction means classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered by computer or phone and involving two-way communication between the student and teacher.

If you are interested in the SEDS’s Independent Study for your pupil or pupils, or wish to schedule a conference with staff, please contact us at the phone number or e-mail address below:

(209) 532-3159
cboyles@sesk12.org

Thank you, and have a great rest of your summer!