

LA CANADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RE: LCUSD Reopens for TK-2 Students on a Hybrid Schedule

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La Canada Unified School District will reopen for TK-2 students whose parents indicated at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year that they wanted their children to return for on campus, in-person instruction once there was an opportunity to do so. Other families indicated their interest in a year-long Virtual Learning Academy and will remain in distance instruction.

On November 5, 2020, the District received Elementary School TK-2 Waivers for reopening for all three of its elementary campuses, La Canada Elementary School (LCE), Palm Crest Elementary School (PCR), and Paradise Canyon Elementary School (PCY).

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, LCE will reopen 9 classrooms, PCR will reopen 7 classrooms, and PCY will reopen 9 classrooms. Prior to the TK-2 reopenings, the District has reopened classrooms for its Special Education Special Day Class students at PCY, PCR, and at La Canada High School 7-12. Special Education Resource classrooms have also opened at the elementary schools for grades Kindergarten through Third.

LCUSD has implemented an AM and PM schedule for the TK-2 reopening. Each class contains no more than 12 students. The District is closely following all of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requirements and recommendations. Prior to coming to campus, families are required to perform a Health Pre-screener. Once on campus, 6' of social distance is maintained between pupils, students have their temperatures taken upon arrival, and hand sanitizer is provided. All students are required to wear masks and frequent hand washing will take place. The classroom cohorts do not mix. Students have designated bathrooms and assigned recess zones. High touch surfaces are cleaned frequently and during the hour between the AM and PM cohorts, all reopened classrooms are thoroughly cleaned in anticipation of the next cohort.

LCUSD is excited to welcome its youngest learners back to campus for in-person instruction. The District is grateful to its teachers and staff whose return signals them as heroes for meeting the needs of our students most challenged by distance learning.