

**What is the deadline for applying?**

In order for the District to purchase and receive materials prior to the start of the school year and in order to form classes and have time to hire necessary personnel, parents have until Monday July 13th to enroll in Frontier. Parents can apply here:

[Frontier Academy Form](#)

May I apply after the start of the school year?

Enrollment will be considered after the start of the school year; however, we anticipate that the program may not have space for new students as we will staff only for the number of students who are enrolled by July 13th.

May I withdraw from the Frontier Virtual Academy and return to an in-seat classroom during the current school year?

Yes, however; the District cannot guarantee class space will be available in the school you were last enrolled. We do not anticipate this will be an issue in most cases and will inform parents, during the enrollment process if this is likely. If space is not available at your school of last enrollment, we would find space at the next closest school to your home that has available space.

If we wish to return to our school of last enrollment, in 2021-2022, will a space be available?

In most instances, yes. However, if a grade level becomes impacted during your student's time enrolled in Frontier, we would enroll your student in the next closest school to your home that has available space.

How will the program be staffed?

In order to provide distance learning, the District is essentially creating a new school. RUSD Frontier will be staffed with California credentialed teachers.

What curriculum will be used?

The District will be purchasing/implementing the K12 learning management platform offered through Fuel Education.

We have selected this program as it is a California State Standards-aligned program specifically designed for blended and personalized learning. The program provides age-appropriate physical materials in combination with digital content and tools.

Will my child be provided with a computer?

If requested, a student may check out a District Chromebook. The District's online curriculum will be accessible via any laptop device. Although IT support will be available, we will only be able to assist with hardware owned by Rescue Union School District.

Will attendance/participation in daily scheduled instructional meetings, with a teacher, be required?

Yes. Students will be required to participate in daily instructional meetings with their teachers. These video conference meetings will occur within the Fuel Education K12 platform. This regularly scheduled meeting time will be solely determined by the teacher between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Students who are not present for instructional meetings will be marked absent. All compulsory attendance rules apply to students enrolled in Frontier and students with chronic absences will be referred to the School Attendance and Review Board (SARB).

Will my student be required to participate/complete daily independent learning activities and assignments?

Yes. Participation in daily independent learning activities is required and will be tracked through the Fuel Education/K12 Platform. When a student does not participate and/or complete assignments, we may be required to report them as absent.

Will parents need to provide direct support to their students?

Yes. While some students will be able to effectively manage their learning, some may not. Parents of children in younger grade levels should be prepared to provide considerable oversight and support to their students in partnership with the assigned teacher. Students of all ages will need their parents to be closely monitoring their access and progress. In addition, teachers and administration will be in close contact with parents should a concern regarding progress emerge.

Will school counseling and English learner services be available?

Yes.

What special education services will be provided to students with disabilities?

The nature of these services are individually designed and thus we would contact you to discuss what would be provided.

What will an elementary student day look like?

[K-2nd Sample Schedule](#)

[3rd-5th Sample Schedule](#)

What will a middle school student schedule look like?

[Middle School Sample Schedule](#)

Will middle school students have access to electives?

Middle school elective options will include Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Art, Computer Science, and Physical Education. Following the close of the enrollment period on July 13, parents will receive additional information about the courses and will sign up for their chosen elective. These courses will be graded as pass/fail and will not be regularly monitored by the teacher. Parent support and monitoring of these classes is required.

Will Middle School Students have the opportunity to be on the accelerated Math Pathway?

Yes, students will have the opportunity to enroll in accelerated math classes in 6-8th grade.

Will students be able to take Band?

Band will not be available to students enrolled in the Distance Learning School.

Will Frontier Students still be able to participate in after school extracurricular activities that are being offered, like Cross Country or other sports?

Yes, students will be able to participate in **after school** activities that are being offered and are compliant with social distancing guidelines.

Will students be required to come to school each week to meet with small groups or teachers?

Students will not be required to meet in person with teachers or small groups. Individual teachers may offer some in person activities but these will be optional.

How often will teachers offer in person activities and small group meetings?

Each teacher will work with families and students to offer in person activities for students. On average, students will be given 3 to 4 opportunities a month to attend onsite activities with small groups of peers.

Will meals be available for students eligible to receive Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch?

Yes. Details will be provided at a later date.

How will students be assessed and graded?

Students will be assessed using Fuel Education's curriculum-based assessments and using Districtwide screeners and standards-aligned interim assessments. K-5 students will receive a standards-based report and students in grades 6-8 will receive a letter grade report card.

Will we still be informed of happenings at our school of last enrollment or neighborhood school?

Yes. You will receive all school-wide communications from your school of last enrollment or neighborhood school while enrolled in Frontier.

If all district schools are mandated to close due to COVID again, what will the students in the Traditional model use?

We continue to see the COVID-19 situation change. Due to ongoing developments, the district is currently working on the instructional model that would be utilized for distance learning in the event schools are mandated to close by either El Dorado County Public Health or the Governor. Fortunately, since we will already have students and teachers using the FuelEd distance learning platform, and also due to additional money we are receiving for COVID related expenses that has to be spent by December 2020, we will be in position to pivot quickly and to utilize the same platform for the rest of our students previously in the traditional model. This platform will provide the backbone, but teachers will also provide daily live instruction, student work will be graded, and assessments will be given for progress monitoring purposes along the way. We know we had originally said we would not use the same platform if we had to close, but we are grateful that we will now be able to use it to give our students consistency and give our parents one main place to access lessons and materials should it be necessary.

If your questions were not answered above and you would like to receive a phone call, please email Amy Bohren at abohren@rescueusd.org with a good contact number.

