



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear RUSD Families,

We are very excited to welcome our students back to school, either in person or virtually! It has been too long! We know this has been an incredibly difficult situation. We deeply appreciate your partnership and can't wait to see you on August 11.

This letter is to provide you with important information regarding the start of the year. We will also post this letter on our webpage in case you need to refer to it again at a later date.

Specific information has been sent separately to families participating in Frontier Academy. You should have received it in your email. If you have signed up for Frontier and did not receive the message from Amy Bohren and Michelle Winberg, please let me know so we can be sure to send it to you.

The final schedule for students in the Hybrid model

- [Hybrid schedule for students in grades TK-5](#)
- **AM Session**
- **8:55 - 11:30**
- **11:30 - 11:50 (Grab and Go Lunch)**
- **105 minutes of Fuel Ed Instruction at home**
- **PM Session**
- **105 minutes of Fuel Ed Instruction at home in the morning before coming to school**
- **12:35 - 3:10**
- **3:10 - 3:30 (Grab and Go Lunch)**

- [Hybrid schedule for students in grades 6-8](#)
- **AM Session**
- **8:00 - 10:46**
- **10:46 - 11:06 (Grab and Go Lunch)**
- **105 minutes of Fuel Ed Instruction**
- **PM Session**
- **105 minutes of Fuel Ed Instruction at home in the morning before coming to school**
- **11:29 - 2:15**
- **2:15 - 2:35 (Grab and Go Lunch)**

You will receive word about which session your child will be in by the end of this week.

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent

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Parent Training for Fuel Education

Because we are utilizing the Fuel Ed platform as the basis of the at-home learning whether your student is in Hybrid or Frontier Academy, we wanted to provide parents with an opportunity to receive training in the Fuel Education platform so you can help your child navigate the system. We invite and encourage you to put the following date/time/agenda on your calendar so that you are ready and equipped for the year.

Hybrid Parent Training for Fuel Education on August 5 for parents of K-5 students

3:30-5:15 pm

Zoom link for training: <https://k12.zoom.us/j/92341156775>

Link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LUMWRm1kPE2UZWxANvMaFkVowhbcVodDhcRbF1HvqllURFcmzVBQVJONktYSktaUowyTogwMVI2Ry4u> (we won't be able to see the survey results, it is for the trainers to guide their training!)

Hybrid Parent Training for Fuel Education on August 6 for parents of TK students

August 6 from 4:00-5:00 pm

<https://k12.zoom.us/j/91537520466>

Information about the Hybrid Model

Students in the Hybrid model will be provided with a comprehensive education that includes a combination of in class and virtual instruction. Students will be provided a combination of in-person and virtual instruction totaling no fewer than 240 minutes per day. Teachers will provide instruction focused on grade level California Content Standards and will utilize the Fuel Education platform, existing adopted curriculum, and other instructional platforms to provide synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

On Campus Portion of a Student's Day

Elementary students in the hybrid program will be with their teacher to experience in-person comprehensive instruction. Teachers will provide approximately 140 minutes of instruction in English language arts, math, science and history. Class size will be 10-15 students. They will have a short recess with their cohort, and at the end of their day there will be an additional 20 minutes for students to pick up their "Grab N' Go" lunch and breakfast for the next day before they leave.

Middle school students in the hybrid program will attend three of their classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the other three on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on a rotating schedule on Fridays. Each period will be 50 minutes. In order to provide all students and staff with appropriate social distancing, each class size will be reduced to 10-15 students.

Asynchronous Portion of a Student's Day

The asynchronous portion of a hybrid student's day is organized into an online course structure that divides content into lessons and units. The Fuel Education curriculum is an engaging and rigorous, media-rich curriculum that actively engages students through the use of quality digital courses in the core subjects of math, science, and language arts. The built-in course customization tool assists the



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teacher and allows for greater versatility in customizing lessons and allowing for differentiation. Parents/guardians will receive real-time access to their child's assignments, grades, teacher feedback, and announcements that help create the unique partnership necessary between the student, teacher and parent/guardian for the student to succeed.

Meal Services for 2020-2021

Our Food Services Department will be offering a meal program for our families, but unless we receive a waiver from USDA that would allow continuous free meals, we plan to offer breakfast and lunch meals based on student eligibility in both learning scenarios this school year. Students participating in the hybrid model will be able to take a "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch each day. Please remember to submit a meal application for your family. This is a confidential process, but important so your child can begin to receive these meals seamlessly at the start of the year. If your family does not qualify but you would like to still participate in school meals, please deposit funds in your child's account, either online or you may mail a check to our food service office with a note to deposit into their meal account. Please also include your child's name on the note section of the check.

Revised School Calendar

Lastly, attached is this year's revised calendar. In order to provide our teachers additional time to learn how to utilize the Fuel Education platform and to plan for the changes faced this year, we are making the first four Wednesdays of the year complete Distance Learning days: August 19, 26, September 2, & 9. Teachers will provide live, synchronous learning for the first hour of each of those Wednesdays, and then assign three hours of asynchronous work at home through Fuel Ed for the rest of the four Wednesdays. Students will remain home these days.

This year, the minimum days posted on the calendar that are scheduled for report card preparation, parent teacher conferences, Halloween, and the day before Christmas break will also be full Distance Learning days. Teachers will provide live, synchronous learning for 120 minutes each of these days, followed by 60 minutes of office hours, and the rest of the day students will participate in asynchronous learning at home through Fuel Ed. Students will remain home these days. Please refer to the calendar for the actual dates. Remember that some are just for middle school, some are just for elementary students, and some are for all students.

RUSD Compact for 2020-2021

On the first day of school, your child will bring home important paperwork for you to read, fill out, and sign. A new piece is the RUSD Compact for 2020-2021. We are indeed very excited to welcome our families back to school, and we also want to make sure we are doing all we can to ensure the safety and well-being of students, teachers, and staff. We are asking each family to sign a compact signifying your commitment to partner with us to make this a safe, productive year. Watch for it in the first day folder. Thank you again for your patience, support, and partnership. We appreciate our families and can't wait to start our year!

Sincerely, Cheryl Olson

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent

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