



A Caring Community, Where Students Excel

## DVA Eagles Frequently Asked Questions 2020

*In June, we conducted a parent/guardian survey as part of a comprehensive plan to determine the overall pulse for returning to school in August. After a review of the survey results, families made it clear that they wanted a choice whether or not to keep their child home while the pandemic continued to impact our community. As a result, we worked with our leadership team to develop a reopening plan incorporating input from all stakeholders with student and staff safety as the priority. Our intent has always been to bring students back to school full-time, as we believe that the ideal educational experience for most children is in class with a teacher. Having said that, we would never intentionally jeopardize the safety and health of students, staff, and our families. Our Reopening Plan remains fluid and will be updated strategically depending on the status of the coronavirus spread throughout our community in the coming weeks. It is impossible to predict what the spread may be like in our community in August.*

### Parent/Guardian Choice and Instruction

- **As a parent/guardian, what are my learning path choices for sending my child back to school?**

DVA is offering parents/guardians two choices:

DVA at School (with safety protocols)

DVA at Home (with parent/guardian support)

- **When will I have to make a final decision for my child's learning path?**

In light of the need to plan for reopening and the logistics of where and how staff will be strategically utilized, we are asking parents to make a commitment regarding which option would be best for their child. We certainly understand and will be prepared to assist families if personal circumstances require a to change their child's learning path option.

- **The Educational Choice Form will be shared on July 27 and will remain open through July 30.** This will allow us to be proactive as we finalize our staffing model and overall plans for the new academic year. Any student without a recorded parent/guardian choice on file will be automatically assigned to the "At School" instruction option.

- **Will I be allowed to change my student's learning option?**

Parents/Guardians have the option to change their selection at any time throughout the year.



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- **What can I expect if I select “At School” learning for my child?**

Students will attend classes according to their regular schedule.

Social distancing protocols will be in place, when and where feasible, but are not guaranteed.

- **What can I expect if I select “At Home” learning for my child?**

The expectations will be much more rigorous than they were in the spring.

Attendance remains mandatory and aligns with attendance guidelines at school.

Students will continue to participate daily and attendance will be recorded daily in PowerSchool.

Teachers will provide instruction based on the AZ standards, both live and through recorded lessons.

Classroom hours and office hours will be specified on a daily schedule.

Student work will be submitted according to the daily schedule for assignments, activities, and assessments determined by the teacher. Grades will be earned and posted in PowerSchool.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to support their student and to provide a home setting that is conducive to learning. Parents/Guardians will need to provide daily guidance to their learner.

## **Health and Well Being**

- **Are masks required?**

Cloth face coverings and/or face shields are required for all staff and visitors until the Arizona Department of Health Services determines that face coverings are no longer necessary or recommended.

Face coverings are required for all students.

Exceptions include when students can socially distance or are outside on playground settings with distancing. Breaks will be provided for students to remove face coverings in a safe environment.

Exceptions may be made for those who have trouble breathing or other health concerns.

- **How is DVA helping students stay healthy?**

Frequent handwashing/cleaning will be encouraged and practiced throughout the day.

Parents/Guardians should screen their child daily at home. Students must stay home if they are sick. Refer to health guidelines (Pages 28-30 in the DVA Student Handbook.)

Staff members will verify their temperature daily via a touchless thermometer. Staff members whose temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees will be sent home.



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- **As school reopens on August 17, will visitors still be allowed on campus?**

At this time we are planning that visitor access will be limited to essential visits as determined by administration.

Temperature checks will be conducted upon entry and visitors will be required to wear a face covering. Volunteers on campus and visitors for lunch and classroom will be postponed until further notice.

This decision remains fluid; we will continue to update you if things change.

- **What measures is DVA taking for cleaning and sanitation?**

Schools will be cleaned daily, focusing on major entry touch points in common areas such as doorknobs and handles, and light switches.

Custodial staff will disinfect using proper cleaning products with microfiber clothes to spray and wipe down objects.

Custodial staff report at staggered times to ensure consistent disinfecting and cleaning.

Custodial staff will wear face masks and gloves.

Water fountains are being retrofitted with touchless water bottle fillers and touchless fountains.

Sinks, soap dispensers, and hand dryers are all touchless operation.

Plexiglas sneeze guards are being placed in the front office area.

Air purifiers have been purchased for each classroom.

Ultraviolet wands have been purchased for staff members to utilize for quick disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces.

Disinfectant foggers have been purchased for use in common areas after hours.

*Please feel free to contact us at 928-314-1102 if you have further questions. Our office is open Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-3:30PM. We look forward to a great year with our DVA Eagles!*