



HOLBROOK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3



Greetings Roadrunners!

We, at HUSD #3, hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during these difficult times. The staff at HUSD#3 have been working diligently to develop a strategic plan for SY 20-21. It is our mission to ensure we offer a safe, healthy and educational environment for all Roadrunners for SY 20-21.

The Holbrook School District has updated the District 12-Point Back to School Plan. The update includes:

1. Phase I (virtual learning) extension up to September 14, 2020 when health metrics will be re-evaluated.
2. Requirement for school waivers for all students returning to on-site learning.
3. Suspension of White Mountain and Navajo Area Junior High League sport for the fall semester.
4. Ongoing analysis of HUSD #3's participation in AIA sports for the fall semester.

The Arizona Department of Health Services has developed metrics for reopening schools safely ([ADHS HEALTH METRICS](#)). HUSD #3 will utilize the health metrics to assist in making decisions throughout the pandemic. Metrics are broken into three categories and ALL three metrics MUST be met to open schools safely:

1. Reduction to 100 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 individuals over a two-week period.
2. Two consecutive weeks with COVID-19 percent positivity below 7%.
3. Two consecutive weeks with hospital visits for COVID- like symptoms below 10%.

At this time Navajo County only meets two of the three indicators which precipitates the recommendation for delaying the opening of on campus instruction ([COUNTY BENCHMARKS](#)).

As a result, HUSD #3 will postpone Phase II with a re-evaluation date leading up to September 14, 2020. In the meantime, HUSD #3 will continue in Phase I (virtual learning).

In addition, Governor Ducey has issued an executive order EO2020-41 ([EO2020-41](#)) that requires each district to provide free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the day. The free on-site learning opportunity begins on August 17, 2020 and will continue through the duration of school closures.

The free on-site learning opportunity will be limited based on capacity and staffing available. HUSD #3 teaching staff are currently assigned to virtual teaching responsibilities; therefore, regular classroom instruction will not occur. Rather, each school will provide a communal space to allow students to be in a safe and productive environment to continue their virtual coursework.

On-site learning opportunities will give preference to students with special needs, English Language Learners, children in foster care and students that qualify for Title I indicators I and



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II. In addition, on-site learning opportunities will include supervision, access to technology, access to internet capabilities, and food service programs. On-site learning supervision may be teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students in need of distance learning access.

The HUSD #3 12-Point Back to School Protocols will be utilized during the free on-site learning opportunity including physical distancing, use of face masks, health screenings, sickness response, sanitation protocols, socialization protocols, etc.

Parents must sign up for the free on-site learning opportunity by Friday, August 14, 2020 at 1 pm to begin on August 17, 2020. Students must report by 8 am and remain at the on-site learning opportunity venue throughout the day with exceptions due to illness or pre-arranged pick up times. Capacities will be limited based on staffing; therefore, daily opportunities for attendance may be limited based on the number of students that request to attend. If requests exceed capacity, attendance may be limited in the number of days a student may attend each week. Priority will be given to special education, English Language Learners and students qualifying for Title I indicators I and II.

Finally, parents will be required to sign a waiver of liability for students to be provided on-site learning opportunities. The waiver is required by the District insurance carrier as an acknowledgement that there are inherent risks associated with being in public settings, such as school systems, during a pandemic. The Holbrook School District has a mitigation plan to reduce these inherent risks; however, it must be acknowledged that schools are communal environments and even with the strictest precautions there is a level of risk that a child may become ill and the potential for that illness to be spread into the home exists. Waivers may be found on the website or parents may request a waiver to be mailed or emailed to the parent.

Be safe, be healthy and Thank you for being Roadrunners!