

**Central School District**  
**Reopening Schools Plan August 2020**

In collaboration with staff, Central Teachers Organization (CTO), Classified School Employees Association (CSEA), site leadership, parents, and the community, Central School District (CSD) established essential objectives in preparation to begin the 2020-2021 school year. Central School District is committed to ensuring that it fulfills each of these objectives by developing a comprehensive school re-opening plan that outlines how we will resume school operations in August.

The District is committed to:

- Safe and healthy protocols and procedures that are consistent with guidelines and recommendations from state and local health agencies which will protect students and staff.
- The highest quality instructional program for all students regardless of circumstances.
- Flexibility and adaptability as circumstances change and in consideration of the needs of each student.
- Consistent access to programs and services to support student learning and health.
- Returning to our traditional school model of instruction as soon as it is safe.

The District also understands that issues (known and unknown at this time) and revised state and local guidelines will need to be addressed regarding the safety of students and staff as schools reopen. A decision to move to another learning program/schedule may become necessary. **All programs and schedules are subject to change.**

Certificated staff will report August 3<sup>rd</sup>- August 7<sup>th</sup> for five days prior to students reporting. Each site will have time allocated for professional development, site-based meetings and classroom/instructional prep time. During this time all staff will be trained on safety protocols and cleaning procedures, instructional platforms (See Saw, Office 365/TEAMS), and expectations for the Blended Learning and Distance Learning programs. The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The District asked staff and parents to complete a *Reopening of Schools* survey in June. The District considered the meaningful input from these surveys, state and county guidelines for reopening schools and recommendations from several stakeholder groups that included teachers, support staff, administrators, parents and community members. CSD developed four (4) programs to provide as many options as possible for our families and to be prepared for full distance learning instruction as needed; Distance Learning, Blended Learning Program, Central Alternative Remote Education (CARE) Program, and Central Homeschool Online Independent Course for Education (CHOICE) Program.

These varying instructional programs are designed to address the continuously changing conditions of COVID-19 as California emerges from its stay-at-home orders. The District commits to remaining flexible and ensuring that plans are in place to quickly adjust to the instructional program that will most effectively keep students and staff safe. **We will begin the 2020-21 school year with the Distance Learning Program on August 10, 2020. The Blended Learning Program is not available at this time.**

1. **Distance Learning Program** - All students in the district receive instruction from their classroom teacher(s) during normal school hours Monday – Friday. Using Seesaw (elementary) and/or Office 365/TEAMS (middle) teachers will deliver virtual instruction to their students throughout the school day. Laptops will be checked out for students who do not have a device at home. Middle school students will follow their normal school schedule signing in with their teacher for each period of the day except for elective which will become a designated study hall/silent reading session. Elementary students will receive instruction from their assigned classroom teacher throughout the day with a daily one hour of study hall/silent reading session as assigned by the teacher. Both elementary and middle school schedules will observe regular lunch and recess schedules. Videos may be used for PE, music and other instruction as appropriate. Early release Wednesdays (elementary) and late start Fridays (middle school) will be observed.
2. **Blended Learning Program (not available at this time)** - With safety measures and social distancing in place at our schools, students will return to school to be taught in person by their teacher(s) Tuesdays through Friday for three (3) hours a day and complete follow up course work at home for the rest of the instructional day. This blended learning small class model will allow for social distancing and limit exposure to COVID-19. Students will be divided into two (2) cohorts (Cohort A, Cohort B) with Cohort A attending the first three (3) hours of the day and Cohort B attending after lunch for the last three (3) hours of the day. Cohort B will be doing at home learning assignments assigned by the

teacher the previous day while Cohort A is learning in the classroom, and vice versa- Cohort A will complete at-home learning while Cohort B is in school. This program allows the school to meet all social distancing requirements while still providing in person instruction, accountability and student services such as counseling and intervention four days a week. Mondays will be an *at-home* learning day so that teachers can participate in required school meetings and professional development. Every effort will be made to assign family members to the same cohort, and CSD is currently working on a childcare option for students to attend during their *at-home* learning time through our Kid Central Child Care Program. Please see sample school schedules for this program in the appendix.

When students physically return to campus, staff and students must adhere to safety guidelines established by the District. All District guidelines were informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, County Superintendent of Schools, and other state and local agencies. These guidelines or directives are subject to shift and change as further protocols are received. Students will wear face masks. Staff will wear face masks or clear face shields, which allow for their voices to project and for students to have the ability to see their teachers' face in classroom interactions, unless otherwise determined by the Superintendent/designee. In addition to these protective measures, all staff and students will adhere to health screenings and temperature checks at the beginning of the school day. Classrooms will be sanitized between cohorts and students will continue to have their own desks and supplies wherever possible. Social distancing of six feet will be practiced through reduced classroom occupancy, one-way pathways through halls and stairways, protocols and signage established in offices and other spaces, as well as modifications in instructional schedules. The District will provide consistent reminders about personal healthy hygiene and students will receive reminders and opportunities to wash hands throughout the day.

3. **Central Alternate Remote Education (CARE) Program** is a learning platform for students whose families are seeking a bridge to returning to school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This online program offers our students a structured education from a CSD teacher while the student works remotely from home. The online learning program is an option for families who can supervise and support their child's online learning from home, but want learning facilitated by a credentialed teacher. This program will be offered by CSD for students who meet the requirements of Assembly Bill 77 and until all restrictions due to COVID-19 are lifted. The offering of this option is dependent upon enrollment and staffing.
4. **Central Homeschool Online Independent Course for Education (CHOICE) Program** is a blended online learning program for students who are seeking flexible, individualized education with the parent serving as teacher. This blended online program offers students a high-quality, tuition-free alternative to the traditional classroom-based learning experience through virtual classroom sessions. CHOICE participants check in with a certificated CSD teacher twice a month so that student progress can be monitored. **(Program is full. Complete the CHOICE Interest Survey to be placed on the waiting list.)**

While there is no way to predict exactly how the 2020-2021 school year will unfold, CSD is preparing to implement a plan and protocols that will support student and staff safety, as well as provide the highest quality instruction possible regardless of the circumstances. Although at this time we believe that reopening our schools under the above plan is the best approach to meet our objectives given the current regulations and trends of the COVID-19 virus, we remain committed to returning to our traditional school program (all students all the time) as soon as possible.