



SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

P. O. Drawer CC
Rosamond, CA 93560
(661)256-5000 Fax (661)256-1247

Governing Board
Mario Gutierrez, President
James Bender, Clerk
Sunni Hepburn
Dewine Moore
Robert Vincelette
Superintendent
Barbara Gaines
Associate Superintendent
Leanne Hargus
Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Lacey
Chief Business Officer
Robert Irving

Dear SKUSD Families,

We hope you are having an enjoyable summer. SKUSD will begin the school year on Wednesday, August 11th. We are excited to announce that we will be returning to in-person instruction!

The following guidance has been provided by the California Department of Public Health, effective for the 21-22 school year and must be followed:

- In-person instruction will be in place - No physical distancing required
- **No** blended model of instruction will be offered
- Masks are **Mandated** to be worn indoors by Staff and Students
- All sites will have a supply of masks for student use if needed. Students are encouraged to wear their own masks.
- Masks do not have to be worn outside
- Outdoor PE, recess, nutrition, - no mask required
- Indoor PE - masks **mandated**
- Transportation - no physical distancing required, masks required to be worn by driver and passenger regardless of vaccination
- Temperatures for students and staff taken before entering the building - no longer required
- No masks inside MPR - while a child is eating or drinking, once child has finished eating and is still inside - student should resume wearing their mask.
- Child Nutrition - we may return to hot meals - no more bagged lunches necessary
- Water Fountains - on campus are still to be turned off
- Bottled Water should be available at sites plus ALL students should be encouraged to bring their water bottle to school

Online Enrollment for 2021-2022 school year is open. To enroll your new student for school, go to: <https://www.skusd.k12.ca.us/domain/72>. The Enrollment Office can be found at the District office: 2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA, 93560 in the Educational Services Department.

For existing students, data Confirmation for the 2021-2022 school year is open. Please review/update any information for your student and obtain the 2021-2022 policies, procedure and forms. Go to <https://www.skusd.k12.ca.us/domain/28>.

Bus pass applications and pictures are being done at the Ed Services office, which is located at the District Office: 2601 Rosamond Blvd. The hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. They are closed for lunch

from 12 pm to 1 pm. As soon as bus passes are completed you will be called to pick them up at the transportation yard, located at 3111 Eagle Way.

We are so excited to welcome your students back to school! We cannot forget the past year and the disruption and trauma that COVID-19 caused for every student and staff member not only in our district, but across this nation. Because of this, I feel our mantra for this year must be, "*The Year of the Child*." I cannot think of a better time for us to put all of our energy and focus on each and every student in SKUSD.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gaines
Superintendent of Schools
Southern Kern Unified School District