



Learning Options for the Remainder of the 2021 Spring Semester

As San Mateo County moves into the Red Tier, the San Mateo Union High School District will begin a phased approach to offering in-person instruction for students who want to return to campus. Students who wish to remain in 100% distance learning for the remainder of the Spring Semester may do so.

Families are asked to complete [this survey](#) no later than **March 4 at 6 p.m.** to indicate their choice for how their student will receive instruction for the remainder of the semester.

Students who opt to return to campus:



- Will receive instruction from their teacher via Zoom in the classroom.
- Will participate in a hybrid model of instruction meaning they will be on campus part of the time and at home part of the time.
- Will be placed into one of two “cohorts” or groups of students called “Cohort A” or “Cohort B.”
- Will attend in-person classes on their two designated cohort days each week. These students attend Zoom classes from home on the other days.

Students who opt for 100% distance learning for the rest of the semester:



Will attend Zoom classes from home just as they did in the Fall Semester and at the beginning of the Spring Semester.

Both options:



- Students keep their same teachers and schedules.
- Instruction will be delivered via Zoom whether the student is on campus or at home.
- Students who opt in to in-person learning will be in a classroom on Zoom while their teacher also teaches the students at home on Zoom at the same time.

Which option is right for me?

We encourage you to assess the benefits of both options as well as your personal risk when making a decision. The District is committed to taking [health and safety measures](#) outlined on our website.

A few things to consider:

- In-person instruction will not look “normal.” Students will not be able to interact with classmates and teachers in the way they used to.
- Any pre-existing health conditions in your family (both adults and students).
- Your family's level of exposure to COVID-19. Our ability to keep schools open depends on all of us. Our collective choices outside of the school day (gatherings, travel, etc.), directly impact our ability to create and maintain a safe in-person experience for all students and staff.