



July 10th, 2020

Edge Students and Support Persons,

Hello Edge family! Thank you for your patience as we work through our ever changing landscape in the state of Arizona. As you know, last week Governor Ducey made an Executive Order delaying in-person learning until August 17th. While we are hopeful that in-person learning will be able to start on August 17th, we also recognize that may not be realistic based on the continued increase in COVID-19 cases in Pima County and across the state, and thus the start date for in-person learning may be moved again by the Governor.

Edge High School has decided to start **all learning, both in-person learning and distance learning on August 17th**. This decision was made from the perspective of ensuring that we have systems, policy, protocol, and supports in place to adequately support both in-person learners and distance learners.

This week we published our Reopening Guidelines for In-Person Learning which can be found on our website at the link below. This document details safety protocols put in place to keep students and staff as safe as possible. We encourage you to study it and engage with us if you have questions or concerns.

<https://www.edgehighschool.org/reopening-guidelines-for-in-person-learning-2/>

Students and their support persons will have two learning options available to them.

Option 1: 100% distance learning

In addition to text book based curriculum, Edge High School has utilized on-line curriculum for over 15 years. Students choosing this option will work from home and have access to Edge's online curriculum. Devices will be provided to students who need them. Real time classroom instruction will be conducted utilizing Zoom and Google Meet. Additionally, for some subjects, recorded lessons will also be available.

Students doing distance learning will be tasked to work on their courses during specific times of the day that would align with their class schedule if they were attending school in person. Classes will be consistent with real time instruction and will utilize approved online programs with assessment tools.

Option 2: Hybrid In-person learning with some distance learning

In order to appropriately social distance per Center For Disease Control guidelines for schools, half the student body will attend classes in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays, while the other half attend in-person on Thursdays and Fridays. On days when students are not attending in-person, students will be doing distance learning from home. Students will be assigned a dedicated Chromebook for them to use at school and at home.

Real time classroom instruction will be conducted utilizing Zoom and Google Meet when students are distance learning. Additionally, for some subject areas recorded lessons will also be made available.

How to select your learning option?

In order to help us plan accordingly and meet the needs of individual families you will be asked to select a learning option to start this school year. A request form will be made available on our website beginning on Monday, July 20th. You will be able to change your learning option for any reason up until August 10th. Once school begins on August 17th, there will be defined intervals to transition from one learning option to the other, if so desired.

Have questions or concerns?

We welcome the opportunity to answer questions and hear your concerns. You can email me at robp@edgehighschool.org. Additionally, I will make myself available for video conferencing with students and support persons every Monday and Wednesday from 3PM-4PM until school starts on August 17th.

Please know that the safety and well-being of students and staff are always a priority, now more than ever. Every decision we make will be with that in mind. Please follow our social media accounts and check our website for any updates related to the start of the school year.

Thank you for choosing to:

BE YOU. WITH US. AT EDGE!

May you have a joyful rest of the summer and stay safe!

Respectfully,

Rob Pecharich
District Principal