

Hello CCS Community,

Putting our kids first is always the #1 priority at Challenge Charter School!

For the 2020-2021 school year, the following plan has been established based on parent and student input and collaboration with our faculty, staff, leadership, and stakeholders.

Thank you for your understanding that additional changes and flexibility may be needed as we continue to receive new, fluid direction and mandates from the governor, Arizona Department of Education, and Maricopa County Health Department.

This plan is always secondary to compliance with updated local, state, and national orders.

Please also review the school's Mitigation Plan adopted by the Challenge School Inc. Board of Directors on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Challenge Charter School 2020-2021 School Year Plan as of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**

#### **School Day Schedule Options\*\*:**

**\*\*Regardless of the selected Learning Option, all students will start in the Distance Learning option on our scheduled first day of school, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to confirm their enrollment in Challenge Charter School.**

Option 1 for on campus learning will be available to those students currently enrolled in the program beginning **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020** (per AZ Governor Executive Order 2020-44)

1. A **full time on-campus classroom learning option** available to all students according to the already established school day and school calendar: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

#### For on campus learning option:

- i. Students with a temperature or signs of illness cannot be sent to campus.
- ii. Families must be able to provide several emergency contacts to ensure their child can be picked up immediately if presenting signs of illness.

2. A **Distance Learning option\*** is also available at home during the 2020-2021 school year for:
  - a. Families who prefer and are able to homeschool full-time during the pandemic
  - b. Students who are immune-compromised, extensively ill or quarantined
  - c. Students with immune-compromised, extensively ill, or quarantined household members

\*All AZ schools 2020-2021 distance learning plans are pending approval by AZ State Board for Charter Schools/SBoEd

#### **Considerations for both options:**

- iii. There will be flexibility to transition between the learning options.
- iv. At least 24 hours advance notice will be needed to request a transition between options.
- v. With appropriate notification all students will be allowed to transition into distance learning.
- vi. A transfer to distance learning may be mandated for periods of time for a particular student, group of students, class, or the school as a whole to ensure the school's mitigation plan can be enforced.
- vii. Students cannot enroll in the distance learning option for periods less than 10 school days.
- viii. Requests for transfers from distance to on-campus learning may be waitlisted to ensure optimal campus safety and as needed for school's mitigation plan.
- ix. Distance learning students will be placed with one of our exceptional CCS teachers and be a part of a classroom community using Google Classroom, updated and engaging distance curriculum resources, "office hours" and live lesson opportunities with multiple CCS teachers.

- x. All grade level teachers will be considered your child's teacher and students will be required to transition between teachers' classrooms when needed to provide for optimal mitigation efforts.
- xi. By creating shared classroom communities with both on site and distance learners, each physical class size will be lowered to enable more distancing in each classroom.

**Additional considerations for distance learning option:**

- xii. School provided device availability based on need eligibility criteria.
- xiii. Attendance requirements for time logged into distance classroom, work completion, assessment, and grading requirements will apply. Parents will need to attest to the amount of time spent on educational activities as outlines by the teacher. There will be accommodations for time of day limitations.
- xiv. Students who choose this option will have to remain in the distance learning for at least 10 school days and at least 24 hours advance notice is needed to enroll/transition to or from on-campus learning when space is available. Students wishing to transition when space is not available will be waitlisted in the order of request while continuing to receive an exceptional classroom experience in distance learning.
- xv. Students who choose this option need a *learning guide* at home such as a family member to assist them during the school day with questions and navigating the platform. Live teacher support will be limited.
- xvi. Some on campus assessments will be required for academic needs and state guidelines with safety precautions/ alternative campus locations to ensure student safety and comfort.
- xvii. On-campus Special Education services are available to distance learners if preferred.

**Additional Considerations, Safety Measures, and Requirements for 2020-2021 school year:**

- CCS will ensure early assessment for all our learners in both platforms to determine remedial and individualized student needs.
- Please refer to the school's current mask policy at [www.challengecharterschool.net](http://www.challengecharterschool.net). Masks are currently mandatory for all staff and students.
- New unique double air filtration system:
  - Filterless Hammacher Schlemmer *Virus and Allergen Eliminating Filterless Air Purifiers* in classrooms, cafeteria, and all other shared indoor spaces. This unique technology uses negatively charged ions and has been laboratory tested to eliminate up to 97% of airborne viruses and allergens as small as 10 nanometers.
  - Continued use in each classroom of an *Austin Air Healthmate Plus Air Purifier* proven to assist with allergies, asthma, and other respiratory issues to include medical grade HEPA, Activated Carbon and antimicrobial filter components.
- By creating shared classroom communities with both on site and distance learners, each physical class size will be lowered to enable more distancing in each classroom.
- Nightly full campus cleaning and disinfectant by outside professional company
- Frequent instruction in proper mask wearing, hand washing, and sneeze/cough control
- Frequent mandatory student hand washing
- Student personal water bottle allowable use extended to the classrooms in addition to playground and cafeteria: must be marked with the student's full name
- No sharing of food or individual supplies. Limited shared supplies with frequent sanitization.
- UV-C light sanitization (260-280nm wavelength) to sanitize computers and other shared devices and supplies between uses
- Students temperatures will be taken prior to entering campus and throughout the day as needed
- Students must report to their classroom immediately upon arriving at campus

- Cohorts/classes of students will stay together as much as possible throughout the day
- Restricted common area use and frequent sanitization of shared and high traffic/touch areas
- In classroom celebrations, virtual and on-site field trips, limited/restructured large group gatherings
- Strictly enforced school medical and safety policies and guidelines
- Students with a temperature or showing signs of illness will be separated from class immediately and must be picked up with no delay
- Classrooms, campus spaces, and activities structured for best possible distancing options
- Redesigned Health Tech Office with additional barriers and precautions
- CCS will be a closed campus to volunteers and non-essential visitors
- Virtual and phone parent conferences and meetings.
- Staggered dismissal pick up schedule and other schedule adjustments as needed
- Drivers stay in cars at all times during pick up and drop off.
- Decreased recess time to ensure adequate sanitization of equipment in between classes and distance between cohorts.
- School meals will be served in individual containers
- CCS Before & After school childcare will be available as soon as possible with increased sanitization, distancing considerations, and alternative options during school closures. Children with a temperature or signs of illness cannot be sent to childcare. Families must be able to provide several emergency contacts to ensure their child can be picked up immediately if presenting signs of illness.
- School bus route transportation will be available on August 17<sup>th</sup> with increased sanitization and distance seating considerations.

Challenge Charter School has been building community and unity with many traditions over the past 25 years. We understand why they have to look different in the coming school year and commit to keep these traditions alive in innovative ways. As soon as it is safe for **all** CCS community members to participate, they will be available again.

One tradition at CCS, the highest quality of educational opportunity, will remain completely in place. We understand that this is an important year for our kids, and we are confident that we can help make it a great year with our partnership. We are Challenge Strong!