



COVID-19 guidance and information remain fluid. We will continue to monitor and update guidance, and encourage you to check for updates regularly at:

<https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us/domain/624>

July 30, 2021

Dear Hermosa Families,

It's our great pleasure to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that this letter finds you doing well, and that your summer has been filled with time that brought you joy. Our District team has been working hard, many through the course of the break, to make sure that our schools, staff and programs are prepared to greet you on August 9. The Hermosa School Office opened this week. Our staff is here to serve you, and can be reached at 909-484-5040.

Alta Loma School District is offering two learning options for our families this year. Full-time, five day per week in-person learning is available at each site. In addition, our Alta Loma Long Term Independent Study program ALLTIS is available for families who would like to engage in an alternative model of education.

We are aware of conflicting or misleading media reports and social media posts specific to use of face masks at schools. Please know that in California, schools are required by law to follow the state health orders and guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health. The current guidance requires face coverings for students indoors at K-12 schools. Face coverings are not currently required for students outdoors, which is a departure from how we ended the 2020-2021 school year. Students with a verified medical exemption will be asked to submit an exemption request that will be processed by our district nurse team. That exemption request can be found on our website, or accessed [here](#).

July 28, 2021 CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

July 12, 2021 CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

The following is provided in order to clarify in advance expectations and protocols for the opening of the school year. We want there to be no surprises. Whether you choose to have your child(ren) participate in in-person learning on a school site, or through our ALLTIS program, we are thrilled to have you back!

- California Department of Public Health guidelines for indoor masking must be adhered to. Students who refuse to wear a face covering inside are not meeting requirements to be in a classroom, and they cannot be admitted to classrooms. School staff will contact parents or emergency contacts to pick up students in this case. Students who are not picked up will be situated in a temporary outdoor learning environment until they are picked up, and they will be provided with an individual work packet for no more than five days.
- Assembly Bill 130 indicates that the school district shall offer an alternative setting for families who are opposed to students wearing a mask while in school. If the requirement to wear a face covering is not met for five days, the student will be placed on the roster for ALLTIS. Having students actively engaged in their learning program is key.
- If you have already made a decision that your child(ren) will not wear a mask indoors at school please visit the ALLTIS program information page in order to enroll in that program prior to the start of the school year. For more information or questions, please call 909-484-5151 Ext: 102040 or email ALLTIS@alsd.org

Hermosa is so excited to welcome back ALL their Husky students! This year's theme is **Huskies Are Back On Track** and we are revved up to have a fabulous school year! Students will need to bring a backpack, a mask and a reusable water bottle for learning each day. Lunch is provided, however students have the option to bring their own lunch if they wish.

School begins on Monday, August 9th at 8:30am. Students in grades 1st-6th will enter through the front blue doors. Students in Preppy K and Kindergarten will enter through the side north gate by the north curved parking area.

We appreciate the partnership we have with our Husky families. Please reach out with any questions you may have. It is going to be a great year!

See you Monday, August 9th!
Go Huskies!



Valerie Bires, Principal, Hermosa School



Karen Hendricks, Superintendent