



San Fernando School #35

P.O. Box 80
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 10, 2021

San Fernando School District #35, in consideration of COVID19, the flu season and Pima County Health Dept., has made the decision to begin in-person learning on October 12, 2020 as a hybrid model. This means that we will follow an A, B pattern of students upon returning to school. This model will be extended until the end of the 4th quarter, May 20, 2021. This is the hybrid plan:

Group	Days in School	Grades	Distance Learning Days
A	Monday & Tuesday	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Wednesday, Thursday Friday
B	Thursday & Friday	K, 1, 2, 3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

We understand that some parents/ guardians may not be in favor of the decision of the hybrid model of learning. Such decisions as these are never easy. We've analyzed our internal operations, redesigned our schedules, protocols, and instruction. This has not been an easy task.

We know that if we were to have an outbreak, chances are this school would be closed for a period of time, and a return to distance learning would most likely happen. We understand the risk that parents may face with their children and, the risk that staff members may face. We have taken into consideration that substitute teachers are difficult to find, especially for rural areas. The school has made as many precautions as possible for students returning to school, such as desks for the younger students and new tables for the older students, all spaced 6 or more feet apart. We are following the 3 Ws:

Wear a Mask

Walk 6 feet apart

Wash hands frequently

These are the realities of the situation. We at San Fernando wish more than ever that all students could return 5 days a week and we could carry on as if there was no pandemic. As that is not the case, we feel that returning to school with a hybrid model of learning would be best for your children's and staff's safety. Sometimes, it is better to go slow than rush.

If there are any questions, as always, please call the school (520) 823-4243. We are always happy to help.

Sincerely,

Tracy Banker-Murtadza, Head Teacher