



Re: School Reopening for In-Person Instruction Dates

October 22, 2020

Dear Grimmway Academy Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited to announce that we are now able to have students back on campus for in-person learning! Grimmway Schools was recently approved for a waiver from the Kern County Department of Public Health Services (KCDPHS). While we were in the consultation period with the health department, Kern County moved into the Red, or “Substantial” risk level which allows schools to reopen (effective Oct. 28) for in-person learning under strict health guidelines, including safe distancing of 6 ft.

When will Grimmway Schools Reopen for In-Person Instruction?

We will begin a phased reopening for in-person instruction beginning next Thursday (10/29) and Friday (10/30) with our Kindergarten students *only*.

The following is our phased reopening schedule for all students:

THURS 10/29	FRI 10/30	MON 11/2	TUES 11/3	WED 11/4	THURS 11/5*	FRI 11/6*
•Kinder “A”	•Kinder “B”	•K - 4th “A”	•K - 4th “B”	•All students distance learning for campus deep cleaning.	•All Grades A •K - 8 “A”: GA Arvin •K - 7 “A”: GA Shafter	• All Grades B • K - 8 “B”: GA Arvin • K - 7 “B”: GA Shafter

* 5-8 reopening is pending installation of air purification systems in the respective classrooms.



How will I know which A/B cohort my child is in?

What this means is that both Grimmway Academy Arvin and Grimmway Academy Shafter will be able to allow students back on campus for in-person instruction under our A/B Hybrid model which allows approximately half of each class to be on campus per day.

Site leadership is currently working on assigning students who will return for in-person learning to either “A” or “B” tracks. This will be based upon the number of students who will be returning for in-person learning, which is based upon the survey sent out last week.

Your respective school site will notify you which cohort your child is on, “A” or “B” by early next week. We will make every effort to ensure that siblings attend on the same days. Details are contained in the Grimmway Schools Reopening Plan (Click [HERE](#)).

Will it be safe for them to return?

We will not open campus until we are confident that every measure we can reasonably take to ensure a healthy and safe learning environment for your children and our staff have been taken. Our teams have been working tirelessly on our health and safety plans since school began in August in order to be prepared once school reopens.

We will review all of the health and safety protocols during the information meeting on Monday.

I have many questions, who do I ask?

Health and Safety protocols will be reviewed, and we will answer your questions during the **Grimmway Schools Reopening Information Meeting on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 pm.** This meeting is for all parents of both GA Arvin and GA Shafter. Here are the details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92866434450>

Meeting ID: 928 6643 4450

One tap mobile

669-900-9128

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Individual school sites will follow on Tuesday and/or Wednesday with school site-specific meetings to discuss the logistical details of reopening for in-person learning, including daily schedules, drop-off, pick-up, meal distribution, etc.

We at Grimmway Schools are aware of how challenging - and at times frustrating these past few months have been for you and your children. We have appreciated your patience and look forward to finally having your child, our scholars back on campus.

With gratitude and optimism,

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Guiding Documents

- (a) CDE Guidelines (Click [HERE](#));
- (b) CDPH Guidelines (Click [HERE](#)); and
- (c) Assembly Bill 77(AB-77) & Senate Bill 98 (SB98) (Click [HERE](#))
- (d) CDPH Guidance for Cohorts (Click [HERE](#))
- (e) Grimmway Schools Health and Safety Policy (Click [HERE](#))



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