



Re: Schedule Update for the Week of 11/30 – 12/4

November 20, 2020

Dear Grimmway Academy Families,

I hope you and your families have remained safe and healthy throughout these challenging times of the past several months. Just a reminder – both schools are closed next week for Thanksgiving vacation. As we look ahead to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, just a reminder that there will be no in-person classes, distance learning, or child supervision for the entire week.

There is an update on the schedule for the week immediately following Thanksgiving (11/30 – 12/4). Given a potential uptick in the positive COVID rates nationwide that is predicted as a result of gatherings during Thanksgiving, **Grimmway Schools has decided to make the week following Thanksgiving a “buffer week” where all instruction will be provided remotely, and all scholars will be required to stay at home and engage remotely.** In addition, child supervision will not be offered, however meals will still be distributed. The meal distribution schedule will be made available next week.

We are making this schedule revision out of an abundance of caution and as a preventive measure. While we strongly encourage all families to follow the CDPH guidance during the Holidays ([HERE](#)) to avoid congregate settings and mixing of households, we are also cognizant that the traditional dynamics of Thanksgiving may make it a challenge for some to adhere to the guidance. If you will be in a congregate setting and/or mixing households, we recommend that you adhere to all CDC recommendations for mitigating the spread of COVID, especially relating to safe social distancing, face coverings, and self-monitoring symptoms ([HERE](#)).

An update on the COVID-19 Positivity Rate in Kern County

As Kern County, like the rest of the State of California, begins to see an uptick in positive test rates, it is likely that Kern will move from the Red “Substantial” Tier, back to the Purple “Widespread” Tier.

For clarity, schools that have opened while Kern was in the Red “Substantial” Tier **do not** have to close if the County moves back to the Purple “Widespread” Tier. The metric for closing the school and returning everyone back to distance learning is an outbreak of a 5% positivity rate over 14 days for all staff and students who are on site in person learning. If that happens, the CDPH requires the school to shut down for in-person learning.

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That being said, we are also closely monitoring the data in the communities our schools serve and will make adjustments as needed over the next few weeks.

The chart below displays the revised school schedule through Friday, 12/13. As we are closely monitoring the data in both of the communities we serve – in particular, the 14-day COVID positivity rates – we will make revisions if necessary.

Monday (11/23)	Tuesday (11/24)	Wednesday (11/25)	Thursday (11/26)	Friday (11/27)
No School	No School	No School	Happy Thanksgiving! (No School)	No School
"Buffer Week"				
Monday (11/30)	Tuesday (12/1)	Wednesday (12/2)	Thursday (12/3)	Friday (12/4)
Remote Learning: All Cohorts (Regular Daily Schedule)	Remote Learning: All Cohorts (Regular Daily Schedule)	Remote Learning: All Cohorts (Regular Daily Schedule)	Remote Learning: All Cohorts (Regular Daily Schedule)	Remote Learning: All Cohorts (Regular Daily Schedule)
Monday (12/7)	Tuesday (12/8)	Wednesday (12/9)	Thursday (12/10)	Friday (12/13)
Regular Daily Schedule: All Cohorts <u>COHORT A</u> : In-Person Learning Resumes	Regular Daily Schedule: All Cohorts <u>COHORT B</u> : In-Person Learning Resumes	Remote Learning: All Cohorts (Regular Daily Schedule)	Regular Daily Schedule: All Cohorts <u>COHORT A</u> : In-Person	Regular Daily Schedule: All Cohorts <u>COHORT B</u> : In-Person

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving next week and reflect upon all that we are grateful for, I want to take this opportunity to share how much we appreciate your decision to send your child to Grimmway Academy. These past several months have been uniquely challenging for all of us. Your patience, grace, and support have been important elements in fueling the dedication we all have to our promise of providing as rich and rigorous an educational experience as possible for your child – to build the requisite habits that are vital to eventual success in college and career.

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While we are always striving to be more effective and better at what we do, rest assured that we begin each day with a dedication to ensure as safe an environment as possible while we strive to deliver on our promise to you.

We at Grimmway Schools are deeply grateful and humbled by your trust in us. Although sometimes it seems as if these difficult times are endless - this too, shall pass. I will not say that we will eventually return to “*normal*” – what I instead will say is that in the not-too-distant future we will begin our period of “*better than before.*”

Happy Thanksgiving to you, your family and your loved ones.

With gratitude and optimism,

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Guiding Documents

- (a) CDE Guidelines (Click [HERE](#));
- (b) CDPH Guidelines (Click [HERE](#));
- (c) CDPH FAQ (Click [HERE](#));
- (d) CDPH COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year (Click [HERE](#));
- (e) Assembly Bill 77(AB-77) & Senate Bill 98 (SB98) (Click [HERE](#));
- (f) CDPH Guidance for Cohorts (Click [HERE](#));
- (g) Grimmway Schools Health and Safety Policy (Click [HERE](#))

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