

Academia de Idiomas de Sacramento Language Academy of Sacramento

A Two-Way Spanish Immersion Charter School

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Greetings LAS Families,

As we prepare for the first instructional day of the 2021-2022 school year, I would like to take this time to welcome each one of our 613 Jaguares and their families! We are celebrating the beginning of LAS's 18th year and the return to in-person instruction for our students! For many weeks, LAS staff have been hard at work preparing the site and classrooms, as well as developing safety protocols to ensure the best learning environment for our students.

One resource that I would like to share is our <u>LAS COVID-19 Dashboard</u>. Here, you will find school communications regarding the return to in-person instruction, more details about the mitigation measures that are being implemented, as well resources presented during parent meetings.

In an effort to help ensure a successful Return to LAS 2021, please take time to review the following information:

Drop-Off Process

Families are asked to ensure students are prepared to exit their vehicles when arriving to the LAS campus. Due to the fact that family members will not be allowed to enter the campus, we will have numerous staff members ready to help and escort your children to their classrooms. As a reminder, the earliest students can be dropped off is 7:45am.

Pick-Up Process

Attached to this letter is a diagram that describes the pick-up procedure. For students that are not enrolled in the after school ASES program, we encourage families pick them up at the following times:

- Transitional Kindergarten: Between 12:00pm-12:15pm
- Kindergarten: 2:00pm (if they have siblings it can be after 2:30pm)
- 1st-8th Grades: Between 2:30pm-2:45pm

As you can see in the diagram, families will be asked to enter the parking lot on the staff parking lot side. Upon entry, you will be directed toward the bus loading lane if your student is in Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten. After picking up your TK or Kinder student, you will be asked to follow one lane to either pick up students in other grade levels or exit the parking lot. Families that are only picking up $1^{st} - 8^{th}$ graders will follow a different path as shown in the diagram. There will be staff present to help everyone become adjusted to this process.



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As a reminder, the latest students should be picked up is 2:45pm. We appreciate your patience during the first weeks, as we know it will take time to develop a rhythm.

Mitigation Measures at LAS

Self-Screening: As a reminder, please self-screen students before leaving your home. Students that are sick or that are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms are asked to stay home. When students arrive at school, they will be screened once more for symptoms upon entry to their classrooms. Students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms throughout the day will be sent home. It is our expectation that said students are picked up within 30 minutes. As such, please ensure that all emergency contact information has been updated.

Stable Cohorts: Out of an abundance of caution, we will maintain stable cohorts in TK-8th grades during the day. This includes during instructional, recess, lunch and physical education time. Some exceptions will be made for students that receive special education services, but in these cases additional safety protocols will be implemented.

Mandatory Staff Vaccination: 100% of staff that will be on campus are vaccinated.

Face Coverings: All staff and students will be required to wear a mask at all times while on campus. The requirement applies to all vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Please ensure that their masks are clean and that they fit the child's face covering both the mouth and nose. LAS will also have disposable masks available for students should they need one.

Physical Distancing: Planning for in-person instruction has included arrangements to provide the maximum physical distancing possible in all areas, including in the classroom, cafeteria and play yard.

Hand Washing & Sanitizing: LAS will continue to provide individual classroom and school wide access to hand sanitizer and hand washing stations.

Individual Student Materials: Students should continue to arrive with their backpacks or necessary materials to engage in daily instruction. Student will not be allowed to share materials. Please consult with your child's teacher for more details.

Traveling Out of State or Internationally: While we strongly discourage travel outside of the area, if your student <u>must</u> travel outside of the state or country before or during the school year, is it the expectation of LAS that all families follow the CDC guidance:

Vaccinated Individuals

- After travel:
 - Get tested with a <u>viral test</u> 3-5 days after travel.

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- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all <u>state and local</u> recommendations or requirements after travel.

- Unvaccinated

- After you travel:
 - Get tested with a <u>viral test</u> 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
 - If your test is positive, <u>isolate</u> yourself to protect others from getting infected.
 - If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
 - Avoid being around people who are at <u>increased risk for severe</u> <u>illness</u> for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
 - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
 - Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

As you can see, the academic success and physical health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We are certain that our LAS community will work as a team and provide each of our Jaguares with the support to have a successful school year. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or our office staff should you have any questions or need clarification.

In Community,

Eduardo de León Executive Director

