

**Scholars@Home Q&A**  
**Sulphur Springs Union School District**

The below questions were asked at the Scholars@Home Informational Meeting on May, 20, 2021. **Questions** will be added as they are received.

**Question:** Where will the Scholars@Home Program be based out of?

**Answer:** The Scholars@Home Program will be based out of Mint Canyon Community School. Therefore, students in this program will be enrolled in Mint Canyon Community School in this virtual program. Students will have the ability to participate in assemblies, special events and field trips that are offered at Mint Canyon.

**Question:** Could we start the Scholars@Home Program in the beginning of the school year and once the vaccine is available, have the option to go back to in-person instruction?

**Answer:** Yes, the option will always be available to return to in-person provided there is space available at the school site being requested.

**Question:** If we decide to switch to the Scholars@Home Program toward the beginning of the new school year, how would that work?

**Answer:** Contact Imelda Saavedra at [isaavedra@sssd.k12.ca.us](mailto:isaavedra@sssd.k12.ca.us) to request or submit an **Intra-District Transfer**.

**Question:** Do you know when the first day of school will be for Scholars@Home students?

**Answer:** August 12, 2021. This is the same start date for in-person and Scholars@Home students.

**Question:** Will children be required to wear masks for in-person instruction when they go back to school, since currently there are no vaccines for children under 12 years old?

**Answer:** Currently, masks are required. If the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health changes that requirement, the District will adjust as well.

**Question:** If a student only gets 3/4 of their work done, but makes it up the next day, will they still be marked absent? What if they have a 504 that gives them extra time to complete assignments?

**Answer:** Students must (per state law) complete the required work for each day to receive credit for that day. The teacher will work with students and parents to assure the amount is appropriate for each child. Any student on a 504 would continue to receive those accommodations.

**Question:** If we start TK, are we guaranteed a seat for kinder at our home school?

**Answer: If a family decides to place their student in the Scholars@Home program for TK, they would be able to transfer back to their home school as long as space is available. You would need to contact the Pupil Services Department at 661-252-5131.**

**Question: When is the deadline to turn in the Intra-District Transfer?**

**Answer: There is no set date, but there is the potential for spaces to fill up, so the sooner a family has decided to join the program, the sooner their spot can be secured.**

**Question: How will this work for kindergarten students? Is the parent responsible for teaching the child and following a set curriculum?**

**Answer: For all grade levels the instruction will be provided as a partnership between the teacher and child's parents/guardians. The parent/guardian will be the main provider of the instruction being supported by the teacher with lessons and progress monitoring.**

**Question: How can I change the program I have signed up for?**

**Answer: Contact Imelda Saavedra at [isaavedra@sssd.k12.ca.us](mailto:isaavedra@sssd.k12.ca.us) to ask if space is available in the program of choice.**

**Question: For those of us on the fence about at-home versus in-person instruction, what are the latest protocols put into place at the schools sites in the Sulphur Springs Union School District to reduce COVID transmission risk?**

**Answer: The District has not only put in place all the required safety protocols, but has had the Department of Public Health (DPH) visit on a regular basis and continues to get glowing reviews from DPH for the protocols in place.**

**Question: Part of what we are hoping for is flexibility in scheduling. Even if attendance is taken based on daily completion of assignments - will students be held to a specific time frame for what is considered a completed day?**

**Answer: No, the required work needs to be completed each day, but when it is completed during the day is flexible.**

**Question: If our child is currently enrolled for in-person instruction, would there be an option to switch to Scholars@Home, if needed?**

**Answer: Yes, if there is space available families can transfer into the Scholars@Home program at a later date.**

**Question: Are there going to be daily zoom meetings?**

**Answer: Teachers may provide some instruction online. Teachers are available to answer questions as well via email and phone on a daily basis.**

**Question: Will there be random or regular covid testing done at the school for both staff and students?**

**Answer: There are no plans at this time for Covid-19 testing at school for staff or students.**

**Question: I completed the survey, is that enrolling my child in the Scholars@Home Program?**

**Answer: No, the survey shared your interest in the program. Completing the [Intra-District Transfer](#) form and being approved transfers your child into the Scholars@Home Program.**

**Question: Can the Intra-District Transfer form be submitted via email?**

**Answer: Yes, the [Intra-District Transfer](#) form can be scanned and sent via email to Imelda Saavedra at [isaavedra@sssd.k12.ca.us](mailto:isaavedra@sssd.k12.ca.us).**

**Question: Will early release be on Wednesdays?**

**Answer: The district calendar currently has the one hour early release day each week returning to Tuesdays, minimum days will return to Thursdays when indicated on the calendar.**

**Question: Will the Scholars@Home students have a zoom teacher like currently?**

**Answer: Scholars@Home students will have a teacher who will work closely with the student's parents/guardians to support the educational process. At this time, there are no plans to provide the 2.5 hours of live instruction on a daily basis.**

**Question: Once the vaccine becomes FDA approved, will it be a required vaccine for students?**

**Answer: We have not heard anything from the state as of this date regarding requiring Covid-19 vaccinations for students.**

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Josh Randall at [jrandall@sssd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jrandall@sssd.k12.ca.us) or 661-252-5131.