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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year Alma Family! We are excited to welcome you all back. We have some new guidance as to how we will be able to conduct learning this upcoming school year that I would like to share with you all. Below you will find our current plan (which is subject to change as guidance from the Public Education Department and the Department of Health comes up) for when we come back to school on July 22, 2021. We look forward to seeing you!

Kayla Martinez, Principal/CAO

Many things will remain similar from when we were here in May for those that are returning with a few updates.

Procedures for school return

- 1. Arrival** – students should arrive at the school campus between 8:15 & 8:55 (no earlier please.) Students should remain in their vehicles in the drop off lane (front of the school NE lane between Armijo St. & Court Ave: where handicapped signs are) until a staff member arrives to check temperature and perform the daily COVID-19 Questionnaire. Once checked in, students may enter the building and go directly to the auditorium where they may sit and have breakfast until they are dismissed for their first class. **(DO NOT WANDER AROUND! GO DIRECTLY TO THE AUDITORIUM!)** If a student is driving themselves they may drive up in the check –in line to wait, or self-park and walk up to be checked in. **PLEASE BE PATIENT** *** please note – If you are going to be late, have an appointment, or are having transportation issues and will arrive tardy, you will need to call the front desk (541-0145) to announce your arrival at campus, and a staff member will come out to your vehicle to scan your temperature before you may enter the building.*
- 2. Items to bring** – students should only bring their Chromebook and necessary school items daily to school. Please refrain from bringing any unnecessary items. Purses or personal lunch bags and water bottles are also acceptable. Masks are still mandatory for **all** students at this time while on school grounds! *Mask guidance will be updated as new guidance comes in from the PED and DOH.
- 3. Passing periods** – since Alma d’arte does not have a bell system, students will be dismissed by class over the PA system. This process will be done every passing period to avoid congestion in hallways and classrooms and to ensure safer social distancing.
- 4. Bell Schedule** – We will be running an A/B schedule that we will hand out a copy of with the schedules. **There will not be a Virtual Friday this year.** We will be running our school week as normal, in-person, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- 5. Classes** – Students are required to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols. In each classroom each teacher has set up desks/tables which are socially distanced. Students must follow all classroom rules and regulations at all times. Classrooms are equipped with plexi barriers and air purifiers to provide additional precautionary measures against COVID-19. All students are encouraged to use sinks and sanitizer stations to keep hands clean. Please refrain from socializing closer than 3 feet and do not make contact with each other. **We know it has been awhile since most of you have seen each other but hugging, handshakes & other forms of social contact are not encouraged.**



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Virtual Learning Option – We will be returning to school regularly and have the expectation for all students to return to in-person learning. If your family has an extenuating circumstance and would like to discuss the option for virtual learning for your student on a short-term basis, please contact Ms. Martinez at 541-0145 to make those arrangements.

6. **Bathroom breaks** – Students will be allowed to use restrooms as needed during class times. Please remember that you should **ALWAYS** wash your hands when using the restroom! Passing periods are quite short and students are asked to go directly to class. All students are permitted to use restroom facilities as needed, however restroom breaks will be limited to no more than 4 at a time per restroom to keep with social distancing and sanitation guidelines. (In any case, this procedure has flexibility as in “when you gotta go, you gotta go.”)
7. **Lunches** – During lunch period students will be dismissed from classes via the PA system to avoid any congestion in hallways or lunch line. Once dismissed, students will enter the auditorium and proceed to the lunch line to collect their daily meal. Please remember that you must remain 3 feet apart. Once you receive your meal please find a seat either at a cafeteria table indoors or somewhere on the school front yard. Students will not be permitted to leave campus. (This includes going to Pioneer Park.) Once you are finished with your meal, please dispose of any trash in the proper receptacles and **WASH YOUR HANDS!** *****Student are permitted to order meals from DoorDash, UberEats, Postmates, etc. However meals must arrive on campus by the designated lunch time. Classes should not be disrupted nor will the student be allowed to take lunch during classes or past the designated meal time. Ex: if lunch is at 12:00 noon, then you must place your orders for delivery no later than 11:30 for arrival to school by lunch time. *All meals should be paid for in advance on any ordering app and will not be paid for or are the responsibility of the front office staff. If this ends up becoming a nuisance, then this privilege will be discontinued.***
8. **Water Fountains** – Alma has recently been equipped with two new touchless filtered water bottle fountains for student use. (One located at the end of the hall downstairs in the main building and another upstairs near the restrooms on the 2nd floor main building) Students are permitted to bring water bottles for personal use.
9. **Daily Dismissal and pick up** – We will be practicing a staggered dismissal daily via the PA system. Once dismissed students are asked to leave the building and wait outside the school to be picked up. Please do not wander in the school, and refrain from going in and out of the building. Again this is to minimize the flow of traffic. Designated pick-up area is from the North corner of Armijo St. and the front of the school on Court Ave.

Important Dates to Remember:

July 20th – Schedule and Chromebook/Hotspot Pick up for returning students.

July 21st – Orientation and schedule and Chromebook/Hotspot pick up for new students.

July 22nd – First day of school.