





PROPOSED PLANS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Surrey Schools will submit its plans for September to the Ministry of Education for approval on August 21st. These plans will be finalized by the Ministry and shared publicly by August 26th.

The district has over 28,000 students in 20 secondary schools, 15 of which have more than 1300 students and the largest has just under 2000 students. The district's plans outline how schools will reduce the number of in-person, close interactions students and staff will have in a day through set cohorts/learning groups and physical distancing. Key components include:

 <p>COHORTS OF 30 AND 60 STAFF AND STUDENTS – WELL BELOW THE RECOMMENDED 120</p>	 <p>STAGGERED START TIMES, BREAK/ LUNCH TIMES, AND DISMISSAL TIMES</p>	 <p>CONTROLLED TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL</p>	 <p>MASKS REQUIRED IN ALL HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS SUCH AS BUSES AND IN COMMON AREAS SUCH AS HALLWAYS</p>
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THE NEW MODEL

JUNIOR PROGRAM STUDENTS (GRADE 8, 9)

- Students will be arranged in cohorts* of 60 students and staff combined.
- Students will have 2 face-to-face classes each term (for a total of 8 classes in the school year).
- Start times, break/lunch times, and dismissal times will be staggered from graduate program.

GRADUATE PROGRAM STUDENTS (GRADE 10, 11, 12)

- Students will be arranged in cohorts* of 30 students and staff combined.
- Students will have 2 classes each term (for a total of 8 classes in the school year).
- Students will be on a blended program with one in person class and one online class where small groups of students will attend in person one day a week.
- There will be time built into the blended program schedule to allow teachers time to prepare, deliver and support the blended program.

ADVANTAGES OF THE NEW MODEL

- + Keeps cohorts below the recommended 120
- + Allows students to take the courses they requested and stay on the graduation pathway selected
- + Staggers entry, breaks, lunch, and dismissal to ensure minimal contact
- + No more than 40% of the school will be in session for lunch on any given day
- + Provides teachers with time to attend to truly blended learning with in-service time available
- + Provides maximum contact (100%) to our junior students who need this support the most
- + Has every student attending school every day
- + Can easily be adapted to changes in pandemic stages (i.e. face-to-face classes can be transitioned online)

* A cohort is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout a school term. Within the cohort minimized physical contact should be encouraged, but a two-metre physical distance does not need to be maintained.

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