

Welcoming our Students: 2021-2022 School Year Community Forum

Morgan Hill Unified School District
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Our Presenters

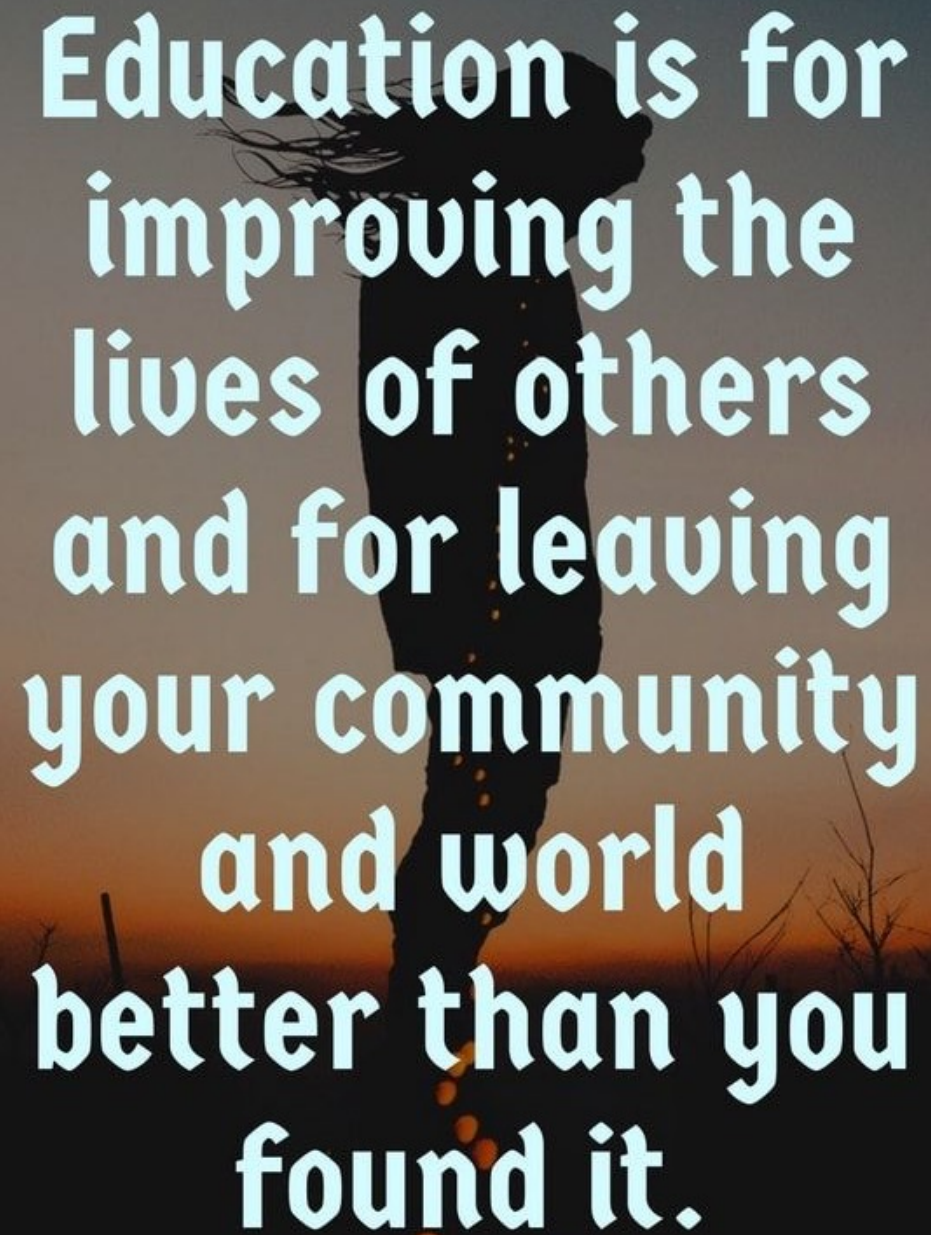
- Dr. Camen García, MHUSD Superintendent
- Pilar Vázquez-Vialva, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
- Fawn Myers, Assistant Superintendent Human Services
- Kristin Stonehouse, Covid-19 Designee

Purpose & Agenda

- Welcoming Our Students to the 2021-2022 School Year
- Overview of Health & Safety Measures
- Educational Options
 - AB 130: Independent Study
 - AB 104: Retention, Grade Change, Graduation Requirement Exemptions
- Address Questions



Health & Safety at the Forefront: Moving Forward with Learning and Educating





Education is for
improving the
lives of others
and for leaving
your community
and world
better than you
found it.

– Marian Wright Edelman



Guides: Booklet and 'What to Expect'



 **MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2021-2022 Safety Measures for K-12 Schools

Updated July 27, 2021

Based on COVID-19 California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, we are reopening school for full-time instruction, five days a week as indicated by the following guidance

 MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
**FALL 2021 BACK TO SCHOOL:
WHAT TO EXPECT**

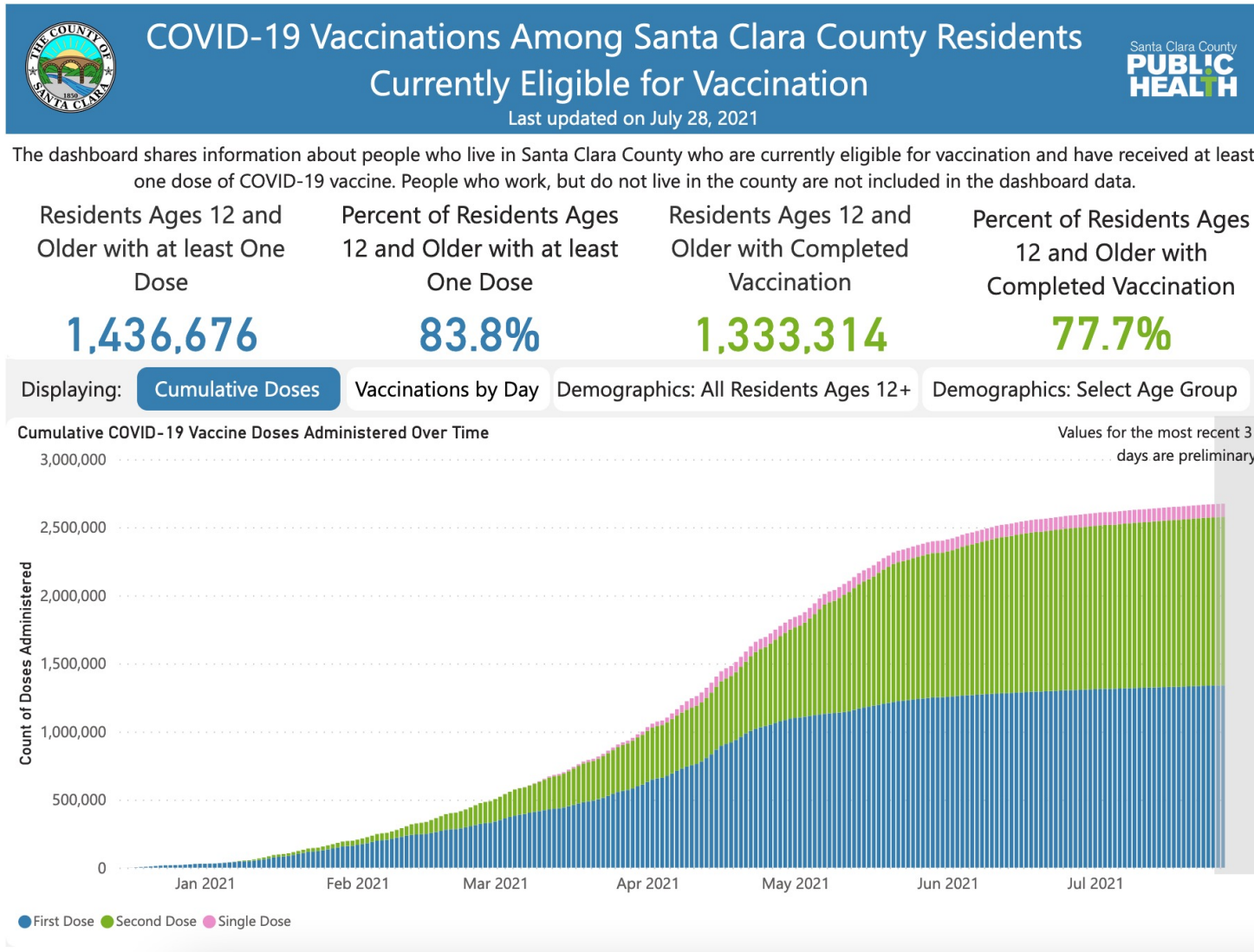
Based on the most recent CDPH guidelines, Morgan Hill Unified School District is welcoming students back in-person on August 12th for full day, five days a week of instruction. Below you will find information on what to expect upon returning to campus in the areas of health and safety, Independent Study (AB 130), and new legal updates for retention, grading, and graduation exemptions (AB 104). For a complete list of answers to the most Frequently Asked Questions, please [click here](#).

WHAT TO EXPECT: HEALTH & SAFETY

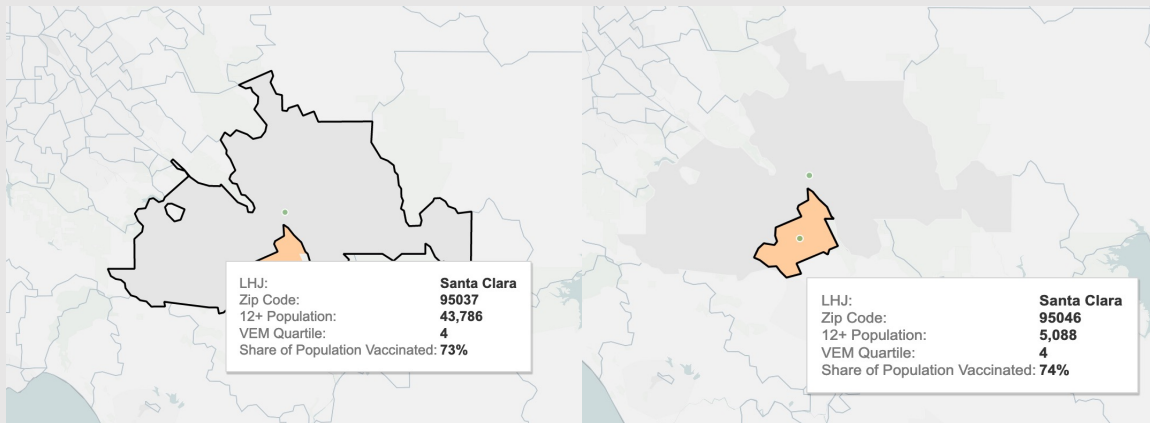
-  Masks will be required indoors for staff and students regardless of vaccination status. Masks are recommended for outdoors, but remain optional.
-  Hand washing/hand sanitizing stations are installed on every campus. Hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray, and/or cleaning sprays are available in every room and common areas. Clear barriers are installed in front offices and high traffic areas.
-  Per CDPH, there is no minimum physical distancing requirement consistent with the [CDC K-12 School Guidance](#). The teacher and students will optimize classroom space.
-  Air filter systems have been upgraded to the highest grade the system will allow at each site.
-  Staff/students with symptoms such as a runny nose will be asked to go home and remain home until at least 24 hours have passed without the symptom (if fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication), and/or a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis (ie., allergies), a chronic underlying condition, or a negative COVID-19 test.
-  All sites will offer voluntary weekly testing for staff and, as needed, for students.
-  Parents, students, and staff will [self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms](#) and stay home if they are sick.
-  Students will be provided breakfast and lunch at no cost to our families. Breakfast will be distributed in bags; lunch will be pre-plated items. Seating outdoors is encouraged.
-  Students and drivers will wear masks on the bus. Windows will be open to maximize ventilation.
-  The District's COVID-19 Designees will be responsible for contact tracing with Santa Clara County Public Health and will advise on isolation or quarantine measures. Please see the [FAQs](#) for more details.
-  The schools' bell schedules and student rotations will mirror pre COVID-19 conditions.
-  Visitors are encouraged to call or email, whenever possible, to minimize interactions. All offices across the District will be open, and visitors will wear face masks upon entering. A process for school volunteers is under review with an update by October 1st.

[CLICK HERE FOR MOST CURRENT CDPH GUIDANCE](#)

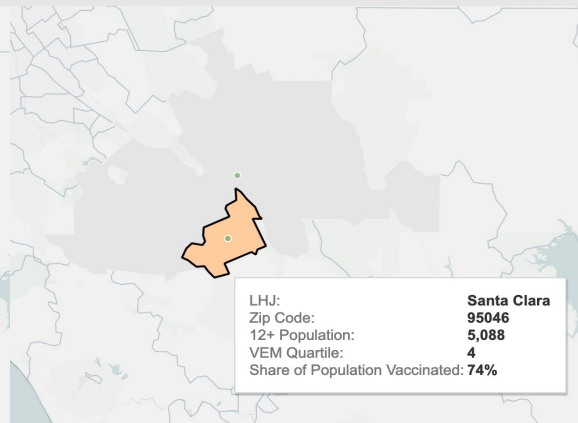
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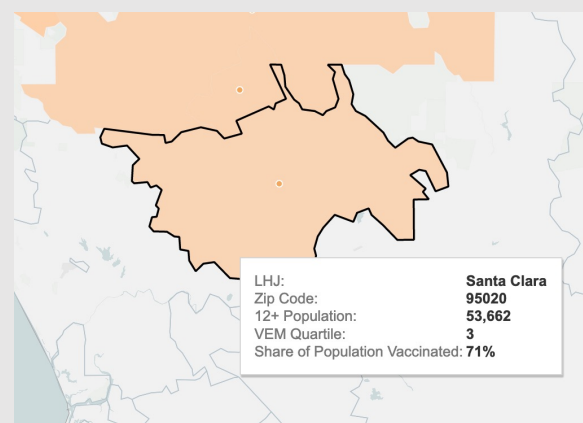
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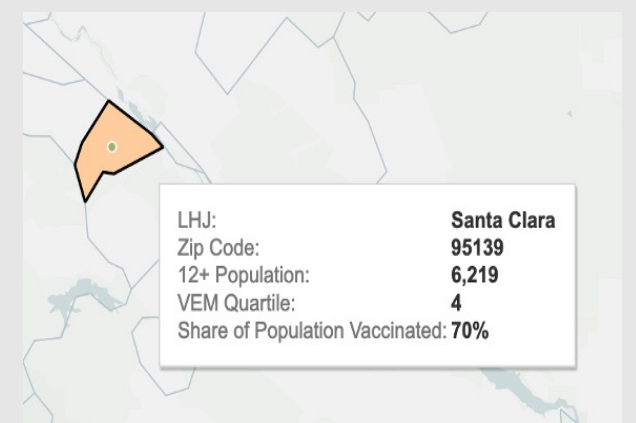
Morgan Hill 95037:
73% fully vaccinated



San Martin 95046
74% fully vaccinated



Gilroy 95020
71% fully vaccinated



Martin Murphy & Los Paseos 95139
70% fully vaccinated



LET'S CONTINUE TO
MAKE PROGRESS!
PLEASE GET
VACCINATED!

Based on the
most recent
CDPH
guidelines,
we are
opening:

- Full day, five days per week of in-person instruction

or

- Independent Study is an option for any student in grades TK through 12 whose parent/guardian determines that their health would be at risk for in-person instruction. Students in Independent Study will learn away from campus using an online curriculum (not hybrid or Zoom)

Health and Safety

Daily Symptom Self Screening at Home - staff, parents/guardians, and students will monitor for any [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and stay home when sick

Masks - universal masking indoors in all TK-12 school settings, regardless of vaccination status; recommended (but optional) outdoors

Physical distancing - no minimum, per CDPH and CDC; spread out indoors as much as possible

Ventilation - fresh air circulates through enhanced filtration system approximately two hours prior to students entering the buildings; filters changed quarterly; windows and doors open, when possible

Maximize use of outdoor spaces

Health and Safety

Food Service - breakfast and lunch served FREE OF CHARGE for all students; items will be packaged for individual distribution; students encouraged to eat outdoors.

Transportation - students and drivers will wear masks on the bus; windows will be open to maximize ventilation; while waiting at the bus stop outdoors, masks are recommended, but optional.

Visitors and volunteers - visitors wearing masks will be welcomed in all offices; at this time, to reduce the number of possible exposures, employees only will interact with students throughout each campus; by October 1st, the District will evaluate whether volunteers may return.

Health and Safety

Testing - voluntary weekly testing is provided for all staff and, as needed, for students

Hand hygiene - emphasis on keeping hands clean with outdoor hand washing stations and hand sanitizer available in all classrooms

Cleaning - daily cleaning; disinfecting and cleaning supplies available in all classrooms for use, as needed

Health and Safety

Quarantine/Isolation - District COVID designees work with County Public Health on each positive case, including contact tracing and notification

Anyone with SYMPTOMS will be sent home immediately; isolation area at each campus for students awaiting pick up

VACCINATED close contacts may continue to attend school or work in-person and self-monitor for symptoms

UNVACCINATED masked close contacts may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they are asymptomatic and undergo twice weekly testing during the 10-day period following exposure

UNVACCINATED unmasked close contacts will quarantine for at least 10 days



AB 130: Independent Study



What is Independent Study?

Independent Study (IS):
Students in the district will complete academic work away from the school campus. IS includes live interaction and limited synchronous instruction. IS is not hybrid and does not have an in-person instructional component.

Who is eligible to enroll in Independent Study?

All students in grades TK through 12 whose parents/guardians determine that their health would be at risk for in-person instruction are eligible to enroll in Independent Study.

Parents/Guardians wanting to enroll their child in the Independent Study option need to complete the [2021-22 Independent Study Learning Options form on Survey Monkey.](#)

Who provides instruction in Independent Study?

Morgan Hill has three different Independent Study options, all which are full-time online:

- **TK** Independent Study students will receive their instruction from the Santa Clara County Office of Education and/or partner districts as available.
- **K-5** students will work on computer-based lessons with brief daily instruction with an assigned teacher through an approved vendor (Calvert)
- **6-12** students will receive an MHUSD case manager who will monitor their progress on assigned online curriculum (Edmentum)

How soon can a student be enrolled in Independent Study?

Parents/guardians and students who select Independent Study will meet with the school counselor or administrator, sign an Independent Study agreement, and be enrolled within 5 days of the agreement.

Once a student has been enrolled and attending Independent Study, a parent/guardian may request that their child return to in-person instruction. The student will return to in-person instruction within 5 days in a school that has space available, which may or may not be the student's original home school.

What is the process to enroll students with Special Needs in Independent Study?

Parents/Guardians will submit an [2021-22 Independent Study Learning Options form on Survey Monkey](#) and also contact their child's resource teacher and administrator to schedule an IEP team meeting.

AB 104

Retention
Grade Changes
Graduation Requirement Exemptions

What is AB 104?

AB 104 is new legislation that provides the following three areas of relief for students who may have been adversely affected during the 2020-21 school year by circumstances beyond their control:

- Retention
- Grade Changes
- Graduation Requirement Exemptions

Who may request retention?

- Any parent/guardian of a K-11 student during the 2020-21 school year may request a retention conference to determine whether retaining their child to repeat their past grade level is in the best interest of their child. To be eligible for a conference, students must have received deficient grades (D, F, or no pass) in half or more of their classes during the 2020-21 school year.
- The conference will include:
 - The parent/guardian and student
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
 - School Administrator

What is discussed at the conference?

Specific interventions and supports;

Access to courses during the 2020-2021 school year in which the student received a deficient grade, some other form of credit recovery, or other support;

Consideration of the student's academic data and any other information relevant to whether retention is in the student's best interests, academically and socially.

Do the conferences have a timeline?

The conference is to occur within **30 days** of the parent/guardian written request.

The decision whether to retain is to occur within **10 days** following the conference.

Who do I
contact if I
would like
to schedule
a meeting
regarding
retention?

To schedule a conference to discuss retention, contact your school administrator.

For general information or questions about retention, please contact your school administrator or Glen Webb, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the Educational Services Department webbgl@mhusd.org or 408-201-6000.

Who is affected by the ability to request grade changes?

- **High School students** enrolled in the 2020-21 school year may request a grade change to convert a letter grade to Pass/No Pass for any grade earned during the 2020-21 school year.
- This also applies to incoming ninth grade students whose June of 2021 grades will determine their high school eligibility for extracurricular activities.

What are the advantages of requesting grade changes?

Grade changes will not adversely affect a student's GPA but may improve it.

Pass/No Pass grades are not included in the GPA calculation.

GPA can affect class standing, honor roll, athletic eligibility, CSU/UC qualification

Are there limits to what grades can be changed?

Transcript grades (semester) that were earned in 8th-12th grade during 2020-21

The number of grades converted to Pass/No Pass is not limited

Any grade (A, B, C, D, or F) can be converted to Pass/No Pass

Is there a downside to changing grades?

CSU will accept Pass/No Pass grades and not let those grades affect transcript evaluation.

The legislature has highly encouraged but not required UC system to do the same.

The California Department of Education has posted a list of colleges that will accept Pass/No Pass grades ([List Here](#)), but the list is not exhaustive as not every college has responded. You are encouraged to contact your college(s) of choice to find out if Pass/No Pass will negatively affect your transcript evaluation.

Additional information from [UC here](#) and from [CSU here](#)

How do I apply for the grade change?

You must fill out and submit this form to your school by the deadline of August 15th*. [Link to form](#)

A hard copy of the form is also available at your school site

*as August 15 is a Sunday, we will accept the application hand delivered through close of business on Monday August 16, or postmarked by August 15.

Did MHUSD graduation requirements change?

No. Morgan Hill Unified School District has not changed their graduation requirements. However, students who were negatively impacted by the 2020-21 school year may be eligible for graduating with the state minimum requirements. Eligible students will be contacted by their school counselors to review options.



Question and Answer

Additional Questions?



HAVE ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS?



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!