

Stanwood-Camano School District

Family Communication

September 18, 2020

We've received some questions regarding the move to a hybrid model. We will try to provide as many answers as we can. Most of the questions were generated from elementary school families, but the answers may still apply when we move our older students into a hybrid model.

1. Will my student stay with the same teacher if I select the hybrid model or Continuous Learning?

Approximately 20 percent of students appear to be selecting distance learning. As a result, approximately 20 percent of our teachers will become distance learning teachers. Therefore, students who select hybrid and currently have a teacher who stays with distance learning will transition to a new teacher. Likewise, students who select distance learning and currently have a teacher who becomes a hybrid teacher, will also need to transition to a new teacher. At this point, we anticipate that about two-thirds of our students will remain with their current teacher.

2. If we go back to all Continuous Learning 2.0, will my child have to switch teachers again?

No. Students will stay with the teacher assigned on October 5 when we begin the hybrid model.

3. If we move to Step 3 in which all students move to a hybrid model, what happens if my student has a teacher from another building? Will my student have to go to a different school? Will the district be providing transportation?

The district will do everything possible to keep Continuous Learning students with their current teachers if we move to Step 3 (hybrid model for all students). We will balance classes and follow agreements made with our teachers' association. If we move to Step 3, parents may be given the option to stay at their neighborhood school or stay with their current teacher in a different school. Transportation will be provided if the district requires a student to attend a school other than their neighborhood school.

4. What is the protocol if there is a student or staff member who has a confirmed case of COVID?

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID that person will isolate for the period of 10 days from the positive test result. Before returning from school, they must be symptom-free and not have a fever for 24 hours. The health department will determine who was deemed to be in close contact, who will need to quarantine and for how long. A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet (2 meters) of a person with COVID for about 15 minutes.

5. My child currently attends in the afternoon two days per week. Will this continue if he/she attends a hybrid class?

The afternoon sessions will still be available for small groups of students who previously have been served in person, but only for grades 4-12. Group sizes may be increase to 10-12 students.

6. What metrics are being used and what level do they have to keep at or below?

The following metrics are used by the Health Districts to determine our ability to reopen schools in a hybrid model:

- Rate per 100,000 of newly diagnosed cases over a two-week period.
- This number must be between 25-75 and either flat or trending downward.
- It is currently at 43.5 in Snohomish County and 8.3 in Island County.

7. When will a final decision on hybrid versus remote learning be made?

Our decision to phase in elementary level students into the hybrid model has been made. We are meeting with Dr. Spitters on Tuesday, September 22. The decision to transition to the hybrid model will only change if there is an increase in cases or the guidance from the health district changes. We are waiting for further direction from the health district regarding our secondary schools.

8. If the hybrid model is actually started, what if the metrics go back up above that level? Would things then switch back to all remote learning again?

If the metrics go back up, we would discuss the situation with the health district and then decide if we should move back to Continuous Learning 2.0. Students will remain with the same teachers as they had during the hybrid model.

In closing, please know that these decisions are not made lightly by the district. Likewise, we recognize how difficult this decision is for families. Our decisions are based solely on the recommendations from health authorities because safety is our number one priority followed closely by what we feel provides the best education for our students.

Thank you for your continued support.