

September 4, 2020

Dear Parents,

Last week we were excited to announce that the health metrics surrounding COVID-19 in Pima County are improving. Assuming the metrics continue to improve, we are still targeting September 21st as the date when we will move to the next phase of opening schools - the hybrid phase.

The purpose of the hybrid phase is to welcome students on campus, but physically distanced as much as possible and/or keep them in the same groups throughout the day. This is made possible by the reassigning and restructuring of classes and teachers.

Under the hybrid phase, parents who did NOT choose the Vail Innovation Center for the first semester will have two choices for their students:

Hybrid - Partially In-Person/Partially Remote (with modified schedules)  
Brick to Click\* - Remote Instruction Connected to Your School

These two options will look a little different at each level.

*Vail Inclusive Preschool: See note below\*\**

**Elementary:**

Hybrid: 4 days of on campus learning, a shortened school day, one hour of at-home learning each of the 4 days, and independent learning on Fridays

Brick to Click: teacher contact 3 days a week, including live lessons for Language Arts and Math on Fridays. Brick to Click is ideal for families who are not yet ready to come back to school on campus or who have the support at home to continue learning remotely.

**Middle School:**

Hybrid: 2 days of on campus learning, a shortened in-person school day, and one hour of at home learning each day. Students will follow their class schedule from home on the at-home learning days with Friday serving as an independent learning and office hours day.

Brick to Click: students will follow their class schedule from home 4 days a week with Friday serving as an independent learning and office hours day.

**High School:**

Hybrid: 2 days of on campus learning for a full day with 3 days of at-home learning.

Brick to Click: students will follow the same daily schedule as their peers. Fridays will serve as an independent learning and office hours day for all students.

Smaller schools of choice like Civano, Esmond Station, Pantano, VAHS, and Vail Blended may have different scenarios.

We will make every effort to keep students in the same family on the same schedule.

You will be receiving further communication about the specifics of each option from your students' principals on Wednesday, September 9th. If you are ready to make your choice for the hybrid learning phase now, please feel free to do so [here](#).

You will be able to make and/or change your selection through Sunday, September 13th when the survey closes. Please also visit [School Opening - Hybrid Learning Information on our District website](#) for more information.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at: [newschoolyear@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:newschoolyear@vailschooldistrict.org)

Again, thank you for your patience and support as we work to develop sustainable plans for each phase of learning. We are grateful for our community.

John Carruth  
Superintendent

*\*During the hybrid phase students will not be able to move between Brick to Click and in-person learning unless in the case of illness or the need to quarantine. Further, students who choose Brick to Click will be asked to remain in Brick to Click for the duration of the hybrid phase.*

*\*\*This survey does not apply to students at Vail Inclusive Preschool. If you have not received a call from your child's VIP teacher, please call the VIP office.*