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## Important Update for the 2020-2021 School Year Student Learning Opportunities

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Salt River Schools has been thoughtful and deliberate in developing a series of learning tracks designed to accommodate families during this unprecedented time. Input from stakeholders in the medical community has played a valuable role in determining options to provide meaningful learning opportunities while complying with current Community, state, and CDC guidance.

We have developed the following student learning opportunity tracks:

### PHASE 1 Remote Learning

#### Description

Students will attend school remotely five days a week and stay connected with their classroom via online and physical learning materials.

#### Learning Environment

Students will learn remotely from home, while staying connected with their school.

#### Student Instruction

Students will receive instruction from their assigned teacher and will follow school grade-level requirements.

#### Family Considerations

- Childcare for five days
- Internet Connectivity when technology is deployed
- Stay connected with school

### PHASE 2 Hybrid

#### Description

Students will have a combination of two days of in-person instruction with three days of remote learning at home.

#### Learning Environment

Students will be divided into small groups (cohorts). Classrooms will be arranged to ensure social distancing.

#### Student Instruction

Students will attend class in person for two days and receive instruction and guidance remotely for the remainder of the week.

#### Family Considerations

- Child care for three days
- Internet Connectivity
- Stay connected with school

### PHASE 3 In Person

#### Description

Students would be physically attending onsite classes when it is deemed safe to do this.

#### Learning Environment

Students would remain divided into smaller groups. Classrooms would remain arranged to ensure social distancing.

#### Student Instruction

Student would attend in person for five days a week while continuing to practice social distancing and other safety precautions.

#### Family Considerations

- Continue to stay connected with school

*Beginning August 3, our Food Services team will provide pre-packaged breakfast and lunch meals to students enrolled at Salt River Schools (ECEC, SRES, or ALA). These meals can be picked up weekdays from 10–11:30 a.m. at the ECEC student drop off area. This service will continue as long as students are learning remotely.*

## Parent Choices for Student Learning Opportunity Tracks

All Salt River Schools will welcome back students on Monday, August 3, to begin our PHASE 1 student learning opportunity track in a remote environment. We will continue to monitor the local COVID-19 situation to determine when it is best to offer in-person learning.

### What's next?

Beginning the week of July 27, educators at Salt River Schools will reach out by phone to caregivers and explain how the PHASE 1 remote learning opportunity track will work. You will be asked to verify your mailing address and other information.

School-issued technology (laptops), will be available for all SRES and ALA students beginning the week of August 3. We are working to provide all students with this technology ASAP to ensure dynamic learning environments regardless of whether students are in class or at home.

Please visit our website for information about how to collect your student's school-issued technology: <https://tinyurl.com/SRStech2020>

### Alignment with MPS

Salt River Schools has worked to align our student learning opportunity plan, as well as our 2020-2021 academic calendar (available at [www.SaltRiverSchools.org/calendar](http://www.SaltRiverSchools.org/calendar)) as much as possible with Mesa Public Schools. The goal of this alignment is to provide as much continuity and consistency for the numerous families with children in both school districts.

Salt River Schools remains committed to providing excellent instruction in a healthy, equitable learning environment. Meeting the needs of our families and Community contributes to the overall success of students.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we navigate this "new normal" in our schools. Please continue to visit our website at [www.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://www.SaltRiverSchools.org) for the most updated information.

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