

2021-2022 School Year Plan

In-Person Learning: Health and Safety

How will the school maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school staff?

Pinecrest Academy of Nevada will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school staff by following all recommended CDC protocols. Cleaning procedures include regular cleansing of high touch surfaces throughout the building and daily cleaning of classrooms with disinfecting spray.

How is the school addressing key CDC recommendations including:

- **Use of face coverings:** Pinecrest Academy will require face coverings in accordance with SNHD and CDC recommendations to include students and adults. All students and adults may remove masks while eating and while outside the school building.
- **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:** Students will sanitize hands upon entering the school building or classroom and will wash or sanitize before eating, after playing outside, and after using the restroom. Teachers and staff will remind students to cough or sneeze into their elbows and sanitize hands after using facial tissues to blow noses. Weekly reminders will be sent to families encouraging them to keep children home from school if they display any signs or symptoms of illness or fever. Signs will be placed around campus and in bathrooms to remind everyone to wash hands and sanitize.
- **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:** Cleaning procedures include frequent cleansing of high touch surfaces throughout the building and daily cleaning of classrooms with disinfecting spray. Teachers will include students in the classroom cleaning procedures to the greatest extent possible including frequent opportunities for hand sanitizing and wiping down high-touch surfaces. We will ensure that custodial services regularly change air filters and clean air ducts.
- **Contact tracing:** Pinecrest Academy administration and staff will work with the SNHD to follow contact tracing recommendations and notify parties of exposure and need to quarantine.
- **Diagnostic and screening testing:** Pinecrest Academy will follow SNHD and CDC guidelines for diagnostic and screening testing as applicable.
- **Efforts to increase access and awareness to vaccinations:** Pinecrest Academy will continue to email staff and community of availability of vaccinations and vaccination sites when made aware of them.
- **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:** Pinecrest Academy will follow CDC and SNHD recommendations for providing accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies. A virtual learning option is available for students who have a documented medical need for not attending in-person learning.

In-Person Learning: Student and Staff Wellbeing

How will the school meet students' social, emotional, mental and physical health needs and provide access to a safe and inclusive learning environment?

Pinecrest Academy will provide a 7-hour instructional day for students to learn in-person, interact with peers on all levels of learning, attend specials classes to provide social, emotional, physical, and creative outlets, have recess each day and a lunch for social time, and have access to before- and after-school programming for additional learning, social, and physical opportunities. A social worker is also available for students in need of additional assistance. Teachers and administrators are also available to students at all times on campus.

How will the school support educator and staff well-being?

Pinecrest Academy recognizes and celebrates contributions of all staff on daily, weekly, and monthly basis to boost morale and encourage collegiality. Teachers have common prep and lunch time with grade levels to promote relationship-building and comradery. Staff events throughout the year also promote a positive climate. Social workers can be brought in from other schools if there are urgent matters on a larger scale to address with staff members, and

every staff member has a certain number of days of paid time off to take when needed in addition to their contracted or regularly scheduled days off.

In-Person Learning: Accelerating Student Learning

How will the school address the impact of COVID-19 on students' opportunity to learn, including implementing strategies for accelerating learning, effectively using data, and addressing resource inequities?

- I-Ready assessments will be administered in August to determine baseline and identify specific areas to target for each student's improvement.
- Intervention and enrichment groups will be formed based on i-Ready baseline data and spring SBAC data (if available).
- Master schedules are built with school-wide intervention blocks included in the instructional day.
- Additional staff have been hired to provide interventions for students demonstrating learning loss and below-grade level achievement and will work across the school campus to address students' needs.
- I-Ready and ST Math have been purchased to provide individualized additional support and learning paths on computer programs to supplement classroom instruction.
- All students have access to a mobile device at school and at home if remaining virtual.
- Students in need of a Wi-Fi hotspot to support virtual learning from home will have access to a hotspot provided by Pinecrest Academy.
- All students have access to the school library and to the online library, myOn.

Distance Education: Students unable to participate in person

How will the school ensure that any student who falls into the one of the categories listed below is able to participate in distance education that meets the requirements established for a Path Forward Programs of Distance Education?

- **Students who have documentation from a medical professional related to a condition that would be compromised by attending school in-person**
All students have access to a mobile device at school and at home if remaining virtual. Students in need of a Wi-Fi hotspot to supporting virtual learning from home will have access to a hotspot provided by Pinecrest Academy. All students have access to the school library and to the online library, myOn. Students will access classes and lessons online through the Zoom virtual platform and will participate in live instruction every day via Zoom. Students will complete and submit assignments via Google Classroom and online platforms.
- **Students who are quarantined on the advice of local public health officials**
All students have access to a mobile device at school and at home if remaining virtual or if quarantined. Students in need of a Wi-Fi hotspot to support virtual learning from home will have access to a hotspot provided by Pinecrest Academy. All students have access to the school library and to the online library, myOn. Students will access classes and lessons online through the Zoom virtual platform and will participate in live instruction every day via Zoom. Students will complete and submit assignments via Google Classroom and online platforms.

Distance Education: Emergency Closure

How will the school ensure that all students are able to continue to learn through distance education in the event that school must be closed due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic or another major emergency that necessitates the closure of school?

Pinecrest Academy will follow the same procedures implemented in the 2020-2021 school year. Each student who needs a mobile device may check one out from the school. Each student who needs a Wi-Fi hotspot may check one out for the school. Students will access classes and lessons online through the Zoom virtual platform and will participate in live instruction every day via Zoom. Students will complete and submit assignments via Google Classroom and the Colegia platform. Devices will be deployed, and materials given to families through the carloop system to ensure safety, ease of delivery, and expediency in the event of a major emergency that necessitates the closure of school.

Distance Education: Supporting Students

How will the school ensure continuity of services, including access to necessary technology and resources, special education and EL services, and nutrition services, for students participating in distance education?

Pinecrest Academy will follow the same procedures implemented in the 2020-2021 school year. Each student who needs a mobile device may check one out from the school. Each student who needs a Wi-Fi hotspot may check one out for the school. Students will access classes and lessons online through the Zoom virtual platform and will participate in live instruction every day via Zoom. Students will complete and submit assignments via Google Classroom and the Colegia platform. Devices will be deployed, and materials given to families through the carloop system to ensure safety, ease of delivery, and expediency in the event of a major emergency that necessitates the closure of school. Lunch service will continue to be delivered through the carloop system each week for students to pick up their lunches. Students with an IEP will receive all services via Zoom through remote live instruction based on the Distance Learning Plan included in their IEP. Students in need of EL support will receive services through small group intervention time via Zoom.