

Eric Stanford Principal

August 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Students of Antelope Valley High School,

I would like to welcome you to Antelope Valley High School. I am very excited to be the Principal again this year as we navigate through these ever-changing times. The 2020-2021 school year will begin in a different format than in years past with our "At-Home" Learning Model. As soon as public health conditions allow, and adequate resources are allocated by both the state and federal governments, we will return safely to campus. The staff at AV is committed to providing you an educational experience that prepares you academically and socially to thrive in this challenging world, both locally and globally.

The AVUHSD staff has been working diligently over the past couple of months to prepare for multiple scenarios as students return to school, including "At-Home" Distance Learning. Because of this work, we will be able to offer our students a robust and rigorous virtual learning environment when we start school on August 10, 2020. Our "At-Home" Distance Learning model will be vastly different from the emergency distance learning we quickly pivoted to in March when schools initially closed physically.

Since June, we have:

- Worked to develop a rigorous and engaging online curriculum
- Developed a technical support website for students and parents to receive help in accessing our online classrooms
- Worked to ensure all students will have access to a device and the internet by the start of school
- Created structures to support all students' diverse learning needs and make school fun again.

Our "At-Home" Distance Learning model will include regular attendance and participation in both live and prerecorded lessons and assignments, an emphasis on teacher-student engagement, daily interaction with peers, progress monitoring, grading, daily live interaction with teachers, challenging assignments, adopted lessons for English Language Learners and Special Education students, parent support, and ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers over the next month and throughout the school year.

As an example, an "At-Home Learning" student's week would include:

Mondays and Thursdays:

Students will attend online classes: Periods 1, 2, and 3 from home.

- Teachers will live-stream their lessons
- Assignments will be posted in the Google classroom.

Tuesdays and Fridays:

Students will attend online classes: Periods 4, 5, 6, and 7 from home.

- Teachers will live-stream their lessons
- Assignments will be posted in the Google classroom.

Wednesday:

Students will attend online classes: Periods 4, 5, 6, and 7 from home.

- Teachers will live-stream their lessons
- Assignments will be posted in the Google classroom.

Special Education:

For students receiving Special Education Services, an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) meeting must be held to determine the appropriateness of this learning model. Additional information is forthcoming.

Take advantage of being part of this great school and, when we return to campus, please encourage your student to get involved. Know that the staff here at AVHS has made it our mission to assist you in going wherever it is you want to go and remember that we are *THE* Antelope Valley High School!

Sincerely,

Eric Stanford

Principal

Antelope Valley High School



WELCOME TO ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL!

Your Administrative Team for the 2020 - 2021 School Year is:

Eric Stanford Principal John Najar Vice Principal

Lisa Schmidt Assistant Principal Arturo Gonzalez, Jr. Director of School Safety
Torray Johnson Vice Principal Chris Haggard Head Counselor

Debi Keys Vice Principal Chilis Haggard Head Co



This document contains important information you will use to be successful at Antelope Valley High School. Please take the time to read the entire document. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 661-948-8552 ext. 101 or visit us at www.avhs.org.

Antelope Valley High School realizes that too many phone messages can be overwhelming, so we will try very hard to minimize the number of School Messenger phone calls. To insure you are receiving current information for your student, please take a moment to verify that the information we have in PowerSchool for your student is accurate. You can do this by following the instructions on the PowerSchool Parent Portal page of this newsletter. Key information regarding student grades, attendance, and announcements are communicated via PowerSchool or posted to our website at www.avhs.org.

In Preparation for School:

To be prepared and successful in school, your student needs to be able to log into Power School (to get their schedule) and Google (to check mail, access Google Classroom, and attend live classes on Google Meet). Please try to log in prior to August 10th so there are no delays in starting school!

If you cannot log into Power School (parent or student) or need to register for school, please contact your School Counselor (Alpha breakdown by last name):

A – CI: Mrs. Kastner at gkastner@avhsd.org

Cm – Gom: Mrs. Cobb at lcobb@ahvsd.org

Gon – Lan: Mr. Tijani at ktijani@avhsd.org

Lao – OI: Ms. Heller at dheller@avhsd.org

Om – Si: Mr. Cincis at ccincis@avhsd.org

Sj – Z: Mr. Haggard at chaggard@avhsd.org

If you cannot log into your Student Google account: Please contact Ms. Garcia at bgarcia@avhsd.org

Student Attendance in the "At-Home" Learning Model

In preparation for the start of school on August 10, we wanted to share the update about how attendance will be taken in the "At-Home" Learning Model:

- Each day, the teacher will take attendance during each scheduled live class. (See the class schedule included in this letter.)
- Students who DO NOT log in to the class period will be marked as absent.
- Parents will be notified of any absences via the auto-dialer.
- After three (3) absences in a school week, the school staff will contact families to develop a plan to assist students in attending regularly.
- Student progress is available on PowerSchool as done in prior years. If you do not have Power School access, use the contacts listed above to get that information.
- The Wednesday Flex Day Schedule is still being developed, but your student is expected to attend each live class on Wednesdays.

Student Requirements & Expectations

While participating in the "At-Home Learning model, students are required to:

- Attend all virtual sessions by period (see attached calendar)
- Check all Google Classrooms on a daily basis for class and assignment information
- Submit all assignments in a timely manner





ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT HOLIDAY AND GRADE REPORTING CALENDAR 2020-2021



August 10th: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ("At-Home" Learning Format)

September 2nd: Back to School Night: Format TBD

September 7th: Labor Day: NO SCHOOL

October 9th: End of 1st quarter – View student progress in PowerSchool

October 21st: Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development

November 11th: Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL

Nov 23rd – 27th: Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

Dec 16th – 18th: Minimum Days for FINALS

December 18th: End of 1st Semester. Report cards mailed home.

Dec 21st - Jan 8th: Winter break - NO SCHOOL

January 11th: 2nd SEMESTER Begins (Format TBD)

January 18th: Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL

January 27th: Back to School Night – Format TBD

February 3rd: Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development

February 12th: Lincoln's Birthday – NO SCHOOL

February 15th: President's Day – NO SCHOOL

March 19th: End of 3rd quarter – View student progress in PowerSchool

March 22nd – 26th: Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

April 7th: Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development

May 31st: Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

June 1st – 3rd: Minimum Days for FINALS

June 2nd: Graduation – 6:00 pm - AVHS Mays Field

June 3rd: Last Day of School – Report Cards mailed home.





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Start Time	End Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Classes		Thursday	Friday
				7:30 -			
7:30	8:50	Period 1	Period 4	8:05	Period 1	Period 1	Period 4
		Log-in to Class Virtually	Log-in to Class Virtually	8:05 - 8:15	Break	Log-in to Class Virtually	Log-in to Class Virtually
				8:15 - 8:50	Period 2		
8:50	9:00	Break		8:50 - 9:00	Break	Break	
9:05	10:25	Period 2	Period 5	9:00 - 9:35	Period 3	Period 2	Period 5
		Log-in to Class Virtually	Log-in to Class Virtually	9:35 - 9:45	Break	Log-in to Class Virtually	Log-in to Class Virtually
				9:45 - 10:20	Period 4		
10:25	10:35	Break		10:20 - 10:30	Break	Break	
10:40	12:00	Period 3	Period 6	10:30 - 11:05	Period 5	Period 3	Period 6
		Log-in to Class Virtually	Log-in to Class Virtually	11:05 - 11:15	Break	Log-in to Class Virtually	Log-in to Class Virtually
				11:15 - 11:50	Period 6		
12:00	1:00	Lunch/ Transition Time		11:50 - 1:00	Lunch/Transition Time	Lunch/ Transition Time	
1:00	3:00	Office Hours	Office Hours	1:00 - 3:00	Online Access to Teachers, Meetings, Professional Development	Office Hours	Office Hours
3:00	4:20		Period 7	3:00 - 3: 35	Period 7		Period 7



Home of the Mighty Antelopes?



Our Food Services Division has appreciated the opportunity to provide meals to families across the Antelope Valley during the school closure and the summer. When school reopens on Monday, August 10th under the "At-Home" Distance Learning model, we will only be able to provide meals to students currently enrolled in the Antelope Valley Union High School District. Meals will be served at each of our 8 comprehensive high schools from 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm Monday- Friday.

Students or a parent/guardian may pick up a meal at any of the District's high schools. Students will receive lunch and the next day's breakfast at their current eligibility rate. A recognizable form of school identification is required.

Please visit <u>www.AVfood.org</u> to renew your lunch application for the 2020/2021 school year.

Powerschool Parent Portal

STAY INFORMED! Download the AVUHSD app today!



To download on your Apple or Android device:

- 1. Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play on your device.
- 2. Search for AVUHSD and download the Antelope Valley Union High SD app.

The AVUHSD App will give you full access to your student's grades, attendance, and you will be able to contact your student's teachers by e-mail through this App. The App also provides the latest information from the district and school site as well as resources for you and your student.

You can update your information through this App (PowerSchool)! Once logged into your PowerSchool account, select Enrollment 20-21. This is located on the menu bar to the left of the screen. Follow the prompts from there to:

- > Register your student
- > Update contact information
- > Update emergency contacts

Should you have any other questions regarding your student, please feel free to contact us at (661) 948-8552.