Our Community, Our Commitment

Gateway’s mission is to inspire children to lead lives of purpose and compassion through scholarship and citizenship. This mission and our values underlie our commitment to provide a robust educational experience whether on campus, in distance learning, or through a combination of the two. Gateway is more than a building; we are a community of scholars, families, and educators who love learning, work hard, and act courageously. With this in mind, we have developed the following scenarios for our 2020-2021 school year.
2020-2021 School Year Plan

The Process
Gateway is working diligently to develop a plan for the 2020-2021 school year. We are prioritizing the health and safety of our community while preparing for several possibilities.

1. **On Campus Learning**
   Students will begin the 2020-2021 school year on campus with enhanced health and safety procedures. In the event that the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency closes schools, initiates a shelter in place order, or mandates other health related restrictions, we will transition to either Distance Learning or Hybrid Learning depending on the directive.

2. **Hybrid Learning**
   Students will participate in a blend of On Campus Learning and Distance Learning. Gateway will continue to evaluate the Hybrid Learning program and implement regular modifications to ensure that students are receiving a well-balanced and academically fulfilling experience.

3. **Distance Learning**
   Students will engage in academic and enrichment curriculum through Distance Learning. Gateway will continue to evaluate the Distance Learning program and implement regular modifications to ensure that students are receiving a well-balanced and academically fulfilling experience.

The County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency has lifted the school closure mandate and Gateway has made the physical campus modifications needed to support students’ safe return to campus.

As a family, you have determined that you are comfortable with your child(ren) returning to the physical campus.

Restrictions on class size and groupings, health protocols, and Personal Protection Equipment have been lifted and allow for our full return to operations.
Scenario 1: On Campus Learning

We are preparing for on campus school operations to resume for the 2020-2021 school year. Gateway will follow specific health precautions in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements. Final decisions and plans regarding campus modifications and new protocols will be published prior to the first day of school in August.

Areas we will address

Daily Routines
- Drop off and pick up
- Schedules (recess, lunch)
- Athletics
- Field trips
- On campus gatherings
- After School Care

Campus Health and Safety
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Classroom configurations
- Room capacity

Preparing for Interruptions

In the event that the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency closes schools, initiates a shelter in place order, or mandates other health related restrictions, students will transition to either Distance Learning or Hybrid Learning depending on the directive.
Scenario 2: Hybrid Learning

In the event that health and safety restrictions impact class size and gatherings, Gateway will implement a Hybrid Learning model. This model combines On Campus Learning and Distance Learning, with a variety of direct instruction and independent learning activities.

Areas we will address

Daily Routines

- Schedule and program modifications
- Stable student and teacher cohorts
- On campus restrictions (number of cohorts, paths of travel, etc.)

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Campus Health and Safety

- Visitor access
- Classroom density
- Physical distancing
- Augmented equipment (touchless faucets, soap dispensers, etc.)

Technology

- Computer distribution
- Technology options to support classroom work, family communications, virtual meetings, and assessments
- Professional Development and training

Preparing for Interruptions

In the event that the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency closes schools, initiates a shelter in place order, or mandates other health related restrictions, students will transition to Distance Learning. Should the orders be lifted we will resume On Campus Learning.
Scenario 3:
Distance Learning

In the event that the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency has not lifted the school closure directive, we will implement an enhanced and revised Distance Learning program. The goals and aims of our curriculum continue to reflect our deeply held values and research-based understanding of how students learn.

Areas we will address

Learning
• Balance of direct teacher instruction and independent learning activities
• Specialist program design
• Grade level schedules matched to developmental readiness
• Provide learning support and enrichment

Community
• Expand our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Mindfulness programs
• Increase community within classes and between grades
• Enhance enrichment activities (clubs, after school classes)
• Ongoing community offerings (Parent Education, Head of School Coffees, Assemblies, etc.)

Program Delivery via Technology
• Technology options to support classroom work, family communications, virtual meetings, and assessments
• Enhanced hardware and software distribution
• Increased investment in Professional Development and training
• Implement best practices for communications and technology

Preparing for Interruptions
Depending on how the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency relaxes the school closure mandate, students will transition to either the Hybrid Learning or On Campus Learning model.
Virtual Camp Gateway 2020

This summer Camp Gateway will be limited to students already within (or entering) our school community to foster connections and strengthen relationships throughout the summer. We are offering an assortment of developmentally appropriate, fun, engaging, and instructional options ranging from academic support and enrichment classes to creating clay creatures or silent movies.

Camp Gateway will run weekday mornings for four weeks (June 22 - July 17), with multiple class options daily, and you can sign up for one or more weeks.

Camp Gateway is free of charge for families already enrolled in the 2020-2021 school year. Families that aren’t yet enrolled will be charged a flat-rate weekly price of $50/week per child.

Please contact Megan Eldridge, Director of Extended Programs, at megan.eldredge@gatewaysc.org, for more information.