



BUSD SPEC ED REOPENING TOWN HALL Q&As

	Question	Answer
1	How do the teachers feel about on campus instruction?	Mixed. Some have health conditions, some want to return, some want more information. We will continue to collect their feedback and work with BTA.
2	If we have a JBHS student and we do not choose hybrid, are we UNENROLLED in JBHS?	Hybrid and ILA are our options right now. If you have questions about enrollment, you can contact stacycashman@burbankusd.org and I will give you a call.
3	since the county is officially allowing special ed students back (up to 25% of student population) - what does that mean for when our special ed kids can go back?	The District is currently considering several models and proposals for bringing some students back prior to being able to open for all students. More information will come on this.
4	If we choose ILA for our HS student who has an aide (virtually), does he lose his aide?	No. All aide support will be provided remotely in the distance learning option.
5	Are the compliance requirements for special ed and IEPs waived due to the pandemic?	At this time, IEP compliance timelines and development are not waived. IEPs will be implemented to the extent possible, in light of the current pandemic circumstances.
6	Is there any recourse for special ed parents who are 100% against the two options available?	The District is currently proposing the two options available, but is considering all feedback.
7	What happens if we choose one option but our special ed student is not able to access the curriculum in that format and it turns out they would be in the other option? Will a change be allowed?	If the challenges are related to the student's disability, the IEP team can determine the appropriate changes.
8	What will happen for a student who is supposed to spend 50% of their time "mainstreaming"?	They will be mainstreamed in the gen ed classes to the greatest extent possible.
9	If we opt for the 100% distance learning with APEX, will my child receive her RSP services and her accommodations?	Yes, the student would still have a special education case carrier and receive some SAI, modified to reflect an independent study model.
10	I have a 7th grader at Jordan who is on an IEP. My family is in a higher risk bracket and we are not wanting to send her back hybrid but ILA will not work for her. If we choose 100 % distance will that still include Live Instruction like we are doing now?	Students will not receive live instruction in the content like they are now, but they will receive live specialized academic instruction to support their coursework.
11	To clarify, would the Special Ed Highschoolers under the Hybrid model be on campus for their services only?	In the Hybrid model, all high school students will be on campus for two days per week for all of their classes.
12	Would the district consider mental health team to assist with the changes?	Yes. We are working to provide social and emotional supports.
13	What is the plan for 100% Distance for Special Day students? Will they be using APEX?	For students who receive their instruction in core basic or fundamental classes, they will be enrolled in APEX courses that are accommodated and modified to meet their needs. Students in our specialized special day classes (Luther Bridges, JBHS ILS and BHS CBI) will not be enrolled in APEX.

14	bathroom cleaning? how often? inbetween each use?	Please see our website www.burbankusd.org for our cleaning schedule. We will be cleaning restrooms and high touch areas several times a day.
15	are they allowed to use toys/books or they will be using a chromebook in class - this is a kinder class qs	Students will have books and manipulative to work with in class. They won't be on chromebooks. There will be traditional instruction in the hybrid model. They are not allowed to use shared materials right now but our teachers are being creative and making plans to engage students during in-person instruction despite the health and safety protocols.
16	different teacher and support staff for those that choose distance learning? elementary school specifically	Depending on the numbers, there may be different teachers and service providers for hybrid and distance learning.
17	how about providing a face shield for students to practice at home prior to returning to school?	We encourage all parents to reinforce health and safety protocols - face coverings, hand washing, cover cough. We are still discussing the use of face shields and we are seeking clarification.
18	How will distance students get Speech, OT and Adaptive-PE?	These services will continue to be remote for students on distance learning.
19	Will related services be able to pull small groups of students from different classes? Will related services be able to go into classes to conduct class collaborative sessions?	Yes
20	Dr Hill sent an email today stating that the only way we could maintain our current learning model is if we do not have the hybrid model. Why wasn't that an option on the commitment form? Especially if we are hearing from parents that want to stay in the current model?	We know some families want the hybrid model. We need to better understand which model each family wants before making a final decision.
21	Can you re-clarify for those kids are in fundamental classes?	Students in fundamental classes will follow the same secondary hybrid schedule as all students.
22	I'm not really understanding the APEX program. My daughter is in the DHH program at BHS and has 2 special ed mainstream classes. Would she stay on Distance learning?	You may choose distance learning or hybrid model. If you choose hybrid, she would remain in those classes. If you chose distance learning, she would be enrolled in ILA, and APEX online courses, but will still receive support by her special education teacher.
23	It is hard doing the survey when there is no clear idea when they are going back. The survey is due Friday, will we know before then?	We will not know definitely if we can return by Friday. It depends on health conditions; however, we need your input now so we can plan.
24	I understand there is a small percentage of special needs students that would come back to school initially, but what is the criteria/qualification for the child to come back?	The District is looking at multiple proposals and models to potentially bring some students back onto campus prior to opening for all students. Students with the highest level of need and support will be prioritized.
25	If/when school repopens, will bus transportation be like before?	If school opens, our school busses will run as normal, with schedules and routes to reflect the different schedules. Less students will be on a bus, and the bus company has strict COVID protocol they follow.
26	please describe the schedule coming back with hybrid model. full day alternative days, or everyday am and pm sessions?	You can view this information on the full session that was recorded last week. It is located on the district website.

27	Does ILA / Apex work with IEP accommodations? i.e. shortened assignments, extended time, etc.... thank you!	Yes. ILA/APEX will be modified to support students. All accommodations on students IEPs will be in place, if appropriate for online learning.
28	For the seed program, if we choose to continue distance learning does my child lose his main teacher?	It is possible that classes will need to be re-organized and teachers will change.
29	What color tier can schools return for a hybrid model? Purple, Red?	All schools in a hybrid model at the Red tier. In purple we can explore Special Educaiton small groups.
30	If we choose hybrid, is there any way to know whether they would keep the same teacher and therapists? My decision for choosing hybrid is based mainly on this...	Related Services Providers will likely not change. We don't yet know if teachers will need to change and this will be based on numbers.
31	can we opt out for speech therapy for spring semester ?	If you feel your child is not benefiting from remote therapy, speak to your IEP team about modifying your child's Distance Learning Plan.
32	My concern is that my son is put in the pilot program to begin, I would say yes if I knew January the earliest, but now until the holidays end I don't feel comfortable. I think it's a big difference when answering on the survey knowing the start date or at least the earliest.	Dr. Hill has indicated that the earliest we would open would be January, but may bring some students back in an entirely optional pilot program. If you are invited to that, you may opt out and keep distance learning. This will not effect your overall choice about returning if the District opens in a hybrid model for all students.
33	Dr Hill sent an email today stating that the only way we could maintain our current learning model is if we do not have the hybrid model. Why wasn't that an option on the commitment form? Especially if we are hearing from parents that they want to stay in the current model.	We know some families want the hybrid model. We need to better understand which model each family wants before making a final decision.
34	I feel my child's mental health will be adversely affected due to being told not to socialize with his friends. Don't play with your friends. Don't share anything. Etc Is the school prepared to handle when children have meltdowns due to being reprimanded for not immediately following these new rules?	The staff understands that students have struggled during the pandemic and we will be addressing Social and Emotional skills and support
35	What happens if my LEAP students opts out of returning before the regular ed kids come back, and his class is part of the pilot program, does he lose all distance learning in the meantime?	No, he would remain in distance learning.
37	If we choose hybrid, can we switch back to distance learning later? Or are we stuck with our decision for the remainder of year?	Once a decision has been made it will be for the remainder of the year.
38	What if your child is in a program that only has 1 teacher teaching it? Could they be assigned to a teacher who doesn't have experience with their program if we choose to stay virtual? Stepping stones specifically.	For our specialized programs, only the special teachers with the right credentials can teach the studetns, so it would be one of the three teachers at Stevenson
39	In the Apex model, will students still get the same amount of face-time with teachers who can explain material? Our soon has trouble reading meterial off APEX style slides and needs interactive explanations - will this be available?	Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) live support will be provided to students, but it won't be the same amount of facetime as now.
40	How will distance learning look like for kids in special ed. fundamental classes? Is it Apex learning or current method of distance learning with possibly different teacher?	All 7th-12th grade students would have APEX courses, including those in basic and fundamental classes.
41	How do we know if our child is in the pilot program to go back sooner? When will we be notified?	You would have been surveyed about your interest already for any Fall semester pilot. If schools aren't able to open in January, we will try to expand those brought back in small group cohorts.

42	do you have enough social emotional support for kids who might need	We are doing our best to provide these resources. I would reach out to your IEP team or case manager to get support if your child is struggling so they can connect you with resources.
43	If we choose to continue in the current distance learning model and not select the hybrid or ILA option, how can we have our voices heard?	The District has noted the feedback and is exploring all options.
44	Is the staff, teachers receiving Covid Testing? If so, how often?	We are not doing testing at this time. Staff is submitting a screening form and temperature reading if they are working on a site.
45	If some kids have special Ed and some have gen Ed how is that going to work with kids with IEP? Also I have 3 kids in different schools, how long are the classes going to be?	The schedules will be different for elementary and secondary, so this answer really depends on the grade level.
46	What is the best way Parents can document for the child's IEP team their belief that their child has fallen behind academically, socially and/or functionally? Can they keep a journal or log (e.g., date, time attended, subject, describe student behavior)? Can the district provide a sample log to parents of special education children? Can parents videotape their child's behavior and keep a log that way? For parents who received progress reports indicating that progress could not be reported on annual goals because of school closure, will the district provide compensatory services to make up the services lost? Will the district conduct assessments during the spring to determine whether students will be offered ESY (summer school) during 2021? Will the district expand ESY (summer school) services during 2021 to include special education students who may have suffered lost learning in social situations or functional situations? Will the district offer after-school tutoring for students who have suffered lo	If parents have concerns about their child's academic progress, they should discuss this with their case manager/teacher and IEP team. Plans for supporting students who have struggled during this emergency time will be made once schools are fully open and the full extent of the need can be determined. In the interim, the District is offering a Learning Loss Remediation after school intervention program with credentialed teachers. Students have been participating this fall, and for spring, case managers and teachers are referring students based on their informal assessments of need.
47	Stacy Cashman, i am asking if hybrid model starts, if we choose to continue online class, is the child going to be assigned to a different teacher than the current one?	I don't think we can guarantee teachers at this time until we get the commitment forms back, staff, and student numbers. We would always strive to keep them with the same teacher but we have to wait until after we have received commitment forms to see what changes will required.
48	If a student finishes this year in ILA, will there be any obstacles to returning to JBHS in fall 2021?	No
50	Someone asked above about the detailed description of hybrid. Mr. Hill responded to the hybrid model was described clearly in the general session. However, I'm not sure if it was addressed whether hybrid would look different for special day classes. If they are already a small group (10 or fewer) then they wouldn't need a reduced day, correct? They could have their normal hours. Is that a possibility?	At this time, the plan is for students in Special Day Classes to also follow the hybrid schedule.
51	How much lead time would we get before a return to school so we can frontload our kiddos?	This is based on public health guidance, but the District will give as much notice as possible, at least a couple of weeks.
52	if you choose to come back and it didn't work can we go back do distance learning?	If the challenges are related to the student's disability, the IEP team can determine the appropriate changes.

53	Why can't we just keep the online system we have at the moment? Why do we have to open back up before August 2021?	Distance learning isn't ideal for many students. If the District is allowed to open in a hybrid model, we want to offer that opportunity for those that want it.
54	sorry but in my specific case is difficult , because my twins dont understand what is going on...they are part of the Sed pre school program. will they be allowed to return if they cant use any face protection?	Face coverings are required, but for students who can't wear them, the District will determine if reasonable accommodations can be made while following public health regulations and maintaining safet for staff and students.
55	Where do seniors that attend ILA graduate from?	They will graduate from ILA, but the District is currently researcing options.
56	What happens if we choose one option but our special ed student is not able to access the curriculum in that format and it turns out they would be in the other option? Will a change be allowed?	If the challenges are due to their disability, the IEP team can make a determination if a change is needed.
57	There is no spot on the survey to put that your student is on an IEP if we choose distance learning so how will APEX know that our students are on an IEP	We will pull that information from AERIES
58	I'm confused if we are attempting to bring special ed students back before January or not?	We have been trying to develop a plan to bring some special education students back prior to January, but it is still in the works.
59	if a student in high school contracts covid, does the entire school close because of passing periods?	We are still waiting for public health guidance.
60	the survey is only for semester jan - may right? will there be another for next fall?	yes
61	My 7th grader has choir as an elective. Willl she be able to still keep that and how will that work if i choose ILA?	Yes, students at ILA may have up to 2 electives at their high school of residence.
62	I'm still confused if you are trying to bring special ed students back before January or not. One staff comment said dr hill said January but this conversation said some students may come back and also some students are getting related services NOW in person? Very confusing. please clarify.	Unfortunately, this is still not set in stone. We are awaiting information as to what is possible and are preparing accordingly.
63	For the SEED program, if we opt for hybrid we wouldbe kept in our current am or pm program, the timing would not be switched correct?	We will try to keep them in their current AM or PM, yes.
64	Currently there are lunch clubs at Jordan on Zoom, will these continue virtually for distance learners to get social interactions?	I would email the Jordan staff on this one. We encourage as much social engagement as possible on Zoom.
65	So we have to have to complete the survey by Friday, have no idea if our child is in the pilot program, and whatever we choose is what we need to choose for the rest of the year? I feel there needs to be more flexibility with children with IEPs. Never before has anyone experienced what school would be like during a pandemic, and now put into account all of the disabilities. Please think about being more flexible, thanks.	Thanks for the feedback. We know it is challenging and Dr. Hill indicated we would review after we get more information from the survey.
66	ATTN STACY CASHMAN - What happens if my LEAP students opts out of returning before the regular ed kids come back, and his class is part of the pilot program, does he lose all distance learning in the meantime?	If there is program to bring some students, like LEAP student, back to school prior to the school re-opening and you opt out, your student will remain on distance learning.
67	So the question is I have child with IEP who has 6 periods. He's in Gen Ed and special Ed, how would you implement his classes	Please reach out to the administrator at your site and they will be reviewing schedules. They need to get information from the commitment form and review data before they will be able to look at schedules.

68	if a child or teacher contracts covid/class is closed will education cease or move to how it is currently?	It would move to distance learning.
69	If parents believe they need it to support their child's learning, can parents receive training under the IEP's related services?	Related services are an IEP team decision and based on a student's unique needs identified in his present levels and goals. This is a question for an individual IEP team.
70	some have been able to retrieve a doctor note regarding masks from their child pediatrician stating as long as they social distance they may not need to wear mask at all times, but in common places. is that something the district would consider	Public health is indicating we cannot have students without face coverings in class with other students. We are working on this issue, getting more information from public health and other districts, and will most likely need to work through this on a case by case basis.
71	What about the child who does 1/2 day SpEd and 1/2 day General Ed already, how does that translate with the hybrid model or the NEW Distance a learning that is different from the current model?	This really depends on whether they are elementary or secondary. Contact your school principal/administrator or Tamara Schiern directly for an answer to this.
72	If we go full distance learning - will that mean dis-enrolling from the Burbank School District and re-enrolling in APEX?	No. You will remain with BUSD - APEX is a curriculum that we use.
73	Are the ILA/APEX teachers BUSD teachers?	Yes
74	IF HYBRID, HOW WILL THE INTRADISTRICT PERMIT PLAY ROLES	You would remain enrolled in your school of residence (whichever school your permit is granted for).
75	How does FACTS look like as Hybrid? If student chooses distance will they get a new teacher? Will both student groups severe and more functional stay together with return to school?	Students/classes may have to be re-arranged. We will know more once we have all the survey results.
77	What happened if don't have any information about how is your child case manager?	You can email your principal or teacher and they can assist you.
78	what will be the procedure in the event our child has to quarantine die to being exposed. what will they do about their in person instruction classes. how will these absences be handled. and would they still receive the adsense or is their a way they can still complete work while in quarentine	They would be excused
80	What temperature is classified as a fever that would prevent them from attending school?	100.4 or above
81	My student is in a kinder gen ed class with an IEP and we are experiencing an increase in behavioral challenges due to distant learning. If we choose to switch to homeschooling, would we still receive our IEP services?	Students enrolled in private home schools do not receive IEP services. They can receive a Private School Individual Service Plan. Please contact Ms. Schiern for more information.
82	Will middle school students be able to take their elective that they are currently in?	Probably, yes
83	can we choose teacher and not the model? our teacher is great and it would be most beneficial to stay with the teacher	Unfortunately, no
84	What is the Special Ed web page?	https://www.burbankusd.org/sped
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86	How are you preparing for kids that don't have a sense of boundaries? The easy answer is to keep them home, but then they'll get pulled out of their class and disrupt their schedule? so please expand on how this is going to be tackled? If you're planning on opening in November we should be able to have more answers.	All behavioral supports and structures will be in place when students return, including high adult to student rations, behavioral programs, reinforcements, etc.
87	children won't be able to play with each other?	Children may play outside, but not on play equipment, and keeping physical distance.