



Spring Break

Return to In-Person 5-Day A Week Instruction

Asynchronous Days

April 6th for all Elementary Students

April 7th for all Secondary Students

Elementary Team 1 reports in-person on Wednesday, April 7th

April 12th: All Kindergarten through 6th graders and 9th graders return who have selected 5-day a week in-person model . There will no longer be a hybrid model for K-5,6 or 9th grade.

Secondary Team 2 reports in-person on Wednesday, April 14th

April 19th: All 7th and 10th graders return who have selected 5-day a week in-person model . There will no longer be a hybrid model for 7th or 10th grade.

Secondary Team 1 reports in-person on Wednesday, April 21st

April 26th: All 8th, 11th , and 12th graders return who have selected 5-day a week in-person model . There will no longer be a hybrid model for any students.

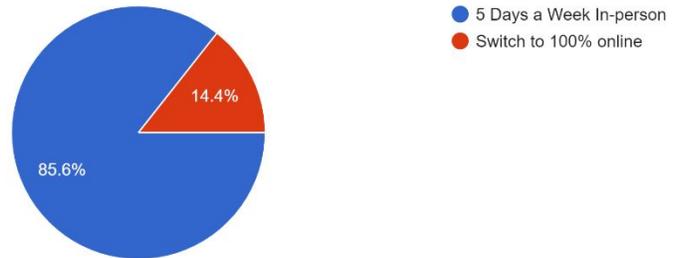
100% Online who have chosen that model will continue with online synchronous/asynchronous instruction five days a week.

Schedule contingent on barriers arriving

Return to Five-Day A Week Instruction Survey Results

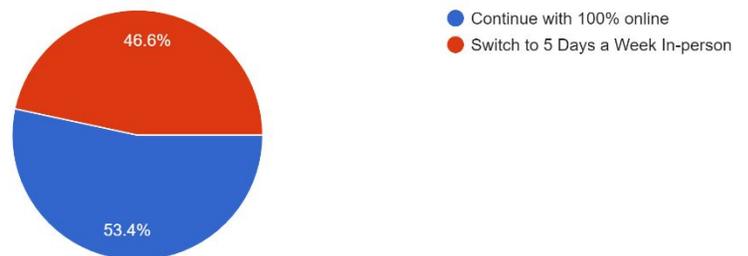
If your child is currently a hybrid student and VC is able to bring students back 5 days a week for in person instruction, which instructional method will you choose?

2,317 responses



If your child is currently 100% online, and VC is able to bring students back 5 days a week for in person instruction, which instructional method will you choose.

1,686 responses



Results for 4,003 students (VCSD Total Enrollment: 4,060)

HYBRID: 1984 hybrid students would come back 5 days a week.

333 hybrid students will switch to 100% online learning.

ONLINE: 786 100%-online students would come back 5 days a week.

900 100%-online students would stay with 100%-online learning.



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**Important facts to
remember about
the changes**

If you choose 100% online instruction, you will need to remain on this instructional method for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.

If a student in the 5 day a week in-person instructional model is quarantined, they will be able to login to online instruction until the quarantine is over.

If a student is enrolled in 5 day a week in-person instruction and they are absent, they will **not** be able to login to online instruction. They will be marked absent and provided with the work in the same manner as pre-COVID 19.

VCSD Returns to 5-Day In-Person Instruction

We have worked together to overcome many obstacles and we should be proud of all we have achieved. The Valley Central community has shown itself to be resilient, flexible and determined. Our community has been forced to make considerable sacrifices due to COVID-19 and we are grateful for your continued support and encouragement.

It is said that difficult times produce endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. We have missed our students and we know that they are also missing out on a great deal by not being in the classrooms regularly. We believe our plan can bring more students back in a safe and effective manner.

Since opening in September, the goal of the Valley Central School District has been to provide the greatest amount of in-person learning as possible. Many of our students have been in school 5 days a week since September and we have added to that number each month. Valley Central is one of the only local districts that does not have an asynchronous day, where students have no contact with teachers. We have worked closely with the Orange County Department of Health, our School Medical Director and our District Nurse Coordinator to follow all health and safety guidelines. We are confident that under the current circumstances we can safely and effectively make significant changes to our instructional plan that will greatly benefit our students and our community.

We believe that now is the time to move forward based on the following information:

- ~Vaccinations are more readily available and many of our teachers have begun or finished the vaccination process.
- ~The infection rate in our region continues to decline.
- ~The New York State Department of Health's guidelines allow for the use of trifold polycarbonate desk partitions in order to provide an extra barrier of protection. We have ordered enough barriers for all buildings.
- ~Valley Central will continue to offer 100% online instruction to those students whose parents request this for the remainder of the year. This reduces the amount of students in the buildings, as approximately 30% of our students have opted for 100% online learning.

The warm weather allows for the bus and classroom windows to remain open at all times, which assists greatly with ventilation. As the spring approaches we will be able to use our outdoor learning spaces more frequently.

In order to make this work, we all must work together and remain vigilant. We must continue wearing masks, washing hands, using sanitizer and be mindful of our distance from each other. Your cooperation and patience will be necessary throughout the remainder of the school year. As we have said numerous times, the landscape changes quickly in relation to COVID 19. If there are any new guidelines that would change our plan, we will be sure to notify you immediately. We are excited and confident that we can make the remainder of this school year a success and we look forward to working closely with you to make that happen.