

What to expect during distance learning this fall.

John Swett High School

The state of California has set the following guidelines for distance learning.

Assembly Bill 77 Sec. 34

(b) Distance learning shall include all of the following:

(1) Confirmation or provision of connectivity and devices

(2) Content aligned to grade level standards

(3) Academic and other supports

(4) Special education, related services

(5) Designated and integrated instruction in English language development

(6) Daily live interaction with certificated employees and peers for purposes of instruction

What is distance learning?

"**Distance learning**" means instruction in which the pupil and instructor are in different locations and pupils are under the general supervision of a certificated employee of the local educational agency. Distance learning may include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Interaction, instruction, and check-ins between teachers and pupils through the use of a computer or communications technology.

(2) Video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the pupil and certificated employee is online interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology.

(3) The use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback.

Definitions:

* Synchronous- everyone is online at the same time interacting. Teachers and enrolled students in the course will interact live on either Zoom or Google Meets.

* Asynchronous- everyone is able to work at their own pace online.

* Fixed online class- Students are required to log in at a specific time of the school day. For our students it will be their regular class times on alternating days. Tuesday & Thursday periods 1,2,3 and Wednesday & Friday 4,5,6. Students must be present in all classes.

* Office Hours- Teachers will be available to virtually meet and support students. This is time to ask questions or get help. This will take place on Monday with a shortened day schedule and other times when staff are available.

The school year will be 180 days in a traditional public school.

Will the kids be required to be in school for those minutes that were indicated above?

State guidelines require 240 minutes for High School and 180 minutes for Continuation School. This is for instruction, which will be done via Zoom or Google Meets, and work time through a variety of different Distance Learning Platforms.



How will attendance and work be tracked?

Students will need to log into the live video classroom, Google classroom, or other Distance Learning Platform each class period. The daily and weekly schedule is listed below. Work must be completed in the class period in order to receive the attendance credit or by the deadline given by the teacher.

How will grades be given?

The school with recommendation from the State has gone back to the traditional letter grades. These grades will be logged into Aeries and be viewable to parents and students. It is important to complete all assignments and finish work in Google classroom and other Distance Learning platforms.



Are the laptops being provided per family or student this time?

The school will provide a Chromebook for each student that signs an agreement. Chromebooks and other needed materials such as textbooks will be available to families prior to school starting.

Will teachers be able to be flexible when it comes to teaching specific assignments?

It is our desire to teach the standards, but provide flexibility and support to families and students. Please reach out to the teacher or principal for work accommodations. Already existing accommodations for students with IEPs and 504 Plans still will be followed during Distance Learning.

Will students have the ability to meet with their teachers and get more personalized help with their work?

Yes. Students will meet during office hours on Mondays or communicate with teachers via email and Google classroom, and additionally as scheduled by the individual teachers.



When will we find out our student's schedule?

Class schedules will be available the week before school starts. Students will also be able to pick up any needed materials at that time. See the schedule below.

John Swett High School Schedule, Textbook, ChromeBook, and materials pick up schedule

	Monday 8/17	Tuesday 8/18	Wednesday 8/19
9 am -10 am	A-D	N-P	Make-ups
10 am -11 am	E-I	R-S	Make-ups
11 am -12 pm	J-M	T-Z	

*All pickups are by last names. All grades come at the same time.



I am concerned about the amount of time my child will be sitting in front of a computer. How much of their time will be spent on the computer?

Teachers are working on schedules and assignments that will not be completely computer based. This varies by class, but plan to spend 30 minutes 3 times a day with live or video teaching. Then, some of the assignments will also be done online through Google classroom and other distance learning platforms. Traditional school work such as activities, writing, reading assignments, and bookwork will still be used too.

Will there be any in person learning for specific groups of students? When will students be coming back on campus?

At this time there is no in person learning on site. We are not sure when we will be going back to school as we will be communicating with the State and County Health department as to when that might happen. We have made plans if we must to be 100% online for the entire school year if needed. We have also been creating plans for if we go back to school in a Hybrid model of 50% at home and 50% at school. We will continue to improve these plans and do whatever the State and County is recommending for us to do.

My child has an IEP, how will he/she receive instruction in speech, resource, or OT?



Students are still enrolled in their specific support classes such as Learning Center, SDC English, Math, Science, and History. These classes are during the regular day schedule 8:30-3:35 and assignments will be given for asynchronous work as well as meeting synchronously over Zoom or Google Meets. The case manager and

or service provider will contact you about the upcoming school year on how the services will be provided during the school day. IEP meetings will also be conducted virtually with families. Your case manager will contact you to set up these meetings.

Will my child receive counseling services?

Our students will still have access to BACR Counselors for online services and sessions just like last year. These services have not discontinued and will continue to be a video or teleconference format. We will have updated information about this once the school year begins and our counselors return from break.

What about sports and activities?

At this time Fall sports have been pushed to the Winter season. This season would begin in December if all of the safety protocols have been met within our County and State. While our students are forced to be at home for school, there will not be any activities such as sports, band, dances, etc. We will be doing as many virtual things as possible such as club meetings, parent meetings, and activities, but no in person on campus activities.

How can I get my student ready for the new school year with Distance Learning?

Create a work space for the students in the home. This might include a consistent desk, table, or area for the student to store their materials. Students will still need: paper, pencils, highlighters, pens, calculators, and folders for learning. The space needs good lighting so that they can be seen during their class meetings. If there are multiple people all working at home a set of headphones with a microphone might be a nice idea.

How can I communicate with my child's teacher and the rest of the school support staff?

Teachers are available by email. Our school webpage will have complete updated information for every teacher and every class. Their daily class schedule of which classes they are teaching will be posted on the teacher webpages as well as their syllabi for every class that they are teaching. Other support staff emails and phone numbers will also be updated on the school website for assistance in other areas.

How will I be communicated with throughout the school year from teachers and school staff?

It is very important that we have the most up to date information for you. If your email and phone number has changed, please call the office at (510) 787-1088 to update your database information. If we have this information you will receive our weekly dialers, emails, and any mailers like this one that we might send out. For the most part all communication will be electronic. Teacher and staff communication can be done on

the phone, emailed, scanned, or faxed. The office will not be available to the public. We will be scheduling appointments for those that must come in and don't have electronic communication ability. Please call the office if you are needing to physically turn something in to schedule an appointment, or wait for a call back or email communication.

Daily schedule for classes 2020-2021

	Mon	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	
A	7:30-8:25	7:30-8:25	
1	8:30-9:20	8:30-9:30	
2	9:25-10:15	9:35-10:35	
brunch	10:15-10:20	10:35-10:40	
3	10:25-11:15	10:45-11:45	
4	11:20-12:10	11:50-12:50	
lunch	12:10-12:45	12:50-1:25	
5	12:50-1:40	1:30-2:30	
6	1:45-2:35	2:35-3:35	
	Tues/Thurs	Wed/Fri	Mon
	1,2,3 live/video class	4,5,6 live/video class	1,3,5 live/video class 1st, 3rd weeks
			2,4,6 live/video class 2nd , 4th weeks
			small groups & office hours

