



**Excelsior Charter Schools**  
Central Office: 15505 Civic Drive  
Victorville, California 92392  
PH 760-245-4262 Fax 760-780-4996  
[www.excelsior.com](http://www.excelsior.com)

Hello Eagle Families!

## Excited for the 2021/2022 School Year

After not being able to have in-person, classroom teaching activities for the last year we are extremely excited to be able to have all students return for fall 2021/2022. The 2021/2022 school year is also a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation year for Excelsior. We will be seeking input from our students, parents, staff, and community members to help us best understand our strengths and growth areas. You can help by participating in surveys, focus groups, townhall meetings, etc. Our goal is to always improve in order to continue to build students who have an advantage as they transition to the workforce or college. We are honored that so many new families have chosen Excelsior. For the first time in our 26-year history we will begin the school year with a capped enrollment at our Victorville campus. We will post the random public drawing process for your review. The Excelsior North Victorville, Barstow, San Bernardino, Phelan, Ontario, Corona and Redlands campuses are still accepting new 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2021/2022 school year.

## Face Coverings

The health and safety of our students, staff, parents and visitors is the highest priority of Excelsior Charter Schools. On July 27, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released public health order mandates for all K-12 schools. This guidance outlines how we can safely provide in-person instruction for all students. The previous mandate only allowed 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of our students the opportunity to be in class together. This current mandate allows all students to return to class.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

The most recent CDPH guidance mandates that all staff and all students wear face coverings in indoor settings when students are present, regardless of vaccination status (unless an individual meets the exemption criteria also outlined by CDPH in the guidance). If an individual has a documented exemption, they must submit documentation to the school site where they will be issued a non-restrictive alternative. The use of face coverings is optional in outdoor settings for students and staff members.

Current CDPH guidelines requires all local school districts to establish protocols for educating students who willfully refuse to follow the face-covering mandate. All Excelsior students will be offered masks to wear upon entering classrooms if they don't have one. Students who repeatedly refuse the use of face coverings indoors must be excluded from campus and provided our distance learning option that does not include a daily in-person school schedule. Excelsior

---

### Board of Directors

*Terrance Stone*  
President

*Guy Burnett*  
Secretary/Treasurer

*Navid McCarthy*  
Board Member

*Alan Kay*  
Board Member

*Derek King, Ed. D.*  
Superintendent



continues to have one of the most effective distance learning platforms in the state of California. For families that choose distance learning, our history demonstrates that we can ensure that your child(ren) will receive the same high-quality education as students who are attending in-person. Our distance learning platform is so effective that over 300 families transitioned their students from other districts to Excelsior during the Governor's Stay Home Order.

## **Campus Visitation**

In compliance with the public health order all visitors to Excelsior school sites will be required to wear masks when indoors whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. While Excelsior welcomes visitors, we will also provide communication alternatives as added measures to reduce the numbers of people on our school sites. Our intent is to decrease the likelihood of infection and assist our contact tracing protocols. We highly encourage our families to attend their quarterly (Student, Parent, Facilitator) Education team meetings via Zoom rather than on campus.

## **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

Please be advised that employees are not required to be vaccinated in order to report to work. The decision to be vaccinated is completely the individual decision of staff members.

Also, please be advised that students are not required to have the COVID-19 vaccination in order to attend school. There is no process in place to require students to reveal if they have been vaccinated or not. The decision for a student to receive the vaccine is solely a parental decision.

## **Excelsior's Responsibility**

We recognize that people have strong, sometimes opposing feelings related to COVID-19. Excelsior's central focus is the education of your child and the continued improvement of our processes. Excelsior has the flexibility to comply with all safety mandates while simultaneously providing high quality distance learning, classroom, Career Technical Education and college opportunities for all students. We miss our students and look forward to another highly productive school year.

Superintendent

Excelsior Charter Schools

---

### **Board of Directors**

*Terrance Stone*  
President

Guy Burnett  
Secretary/Treasurer

Navid McCarthy  
Board Member

Alan Kay  
Board Member

Derek King, Ed. D.  
Superintendent