

October Newsletter

A note from administration...

We are off to a great start here at DATA and we appreciate all of the communication and support from our parents and students. We have received so much positive feedback from parents regarding their child's learning. We are proud of the group of students we have, the brilliant teachers that are guiding them, and the dedicated parents that are supporting them.

In an effort to keep everyone up to date, we have created a monthly newsletter with important changes and upcoming events that will be emailed to families. We are currently reconfiguring our website to create a subpage where you can find past and present monthly newsletters, so stay tuned!

Hybrid Model Plan

We would like to remind families that DATA will continue with virtual learning teaching format through the rest of the fall semester. This means that there will be no hybrid transition through the end of December. We are working on bringing small groups of students into the school when it is safe and the Public Education Department gives us the go ahead. We will also reach out to parents and staff for feedback regarding how we can better serve students in and out of school. DATA is currently developing a safe, effective, and actionable plan for hybrid transition in preparation for January, if it is safe to implement at that time. Safety of our students, staff, and families, is paramount in this decision, and we will communicate updates with all families as we learn them. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

PED School Re-Opening Details & Resources

As the CDC and the NMDOH continuously make adjustments to policies, it is important to stay up-to-date with the changes.

One of our counselors, Ms. Guilbert, created a nice infographic for updates! [Click here](#) to access the infographic.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday, October 8th** - Fall Break (no classes)
- **Friday, October 9th** - Fall Break (no classes)
- **Tuesday, October 13th** - End of Q1 (last day for class periods 2, 4, and 6)
- **Thursday, October 15th** - Beginning of Q2 (first day for class periods 1, 3, 5, and 7)



FREE Virtual College Fairs

Various college fairs are being offered virtually on Monday, October 12th from 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT and Sunday, October 18th from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT.

Visit virtualcollegefairs.org for registration details.

SAT / ACT Requirements WAIVED!

Many colleges and universities have temporarily waived their requirement of standardized scores (SAT or ACT) to be considered for admission. Although the requirement is waived, some students have still chosen to test in an effort to make their application more robust. If you are interested in taking one of these standardized tests, visit the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) websites for more information regarding test dates and registration.





ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Are you interested in making some extra money this fall? Consider signing up to be a poll worker! Poll workers play a crucial role in ensuring the strength and integrity of the voting process. They are the lifeblood of well-run polling places and they help secure our rights as U.S. citizens. That is why we are calling on you to show your support for your community by becoming a poll worker. As part of this process, you will:

- Serve inside a polling place by checking in voters, answering voters' questions, setting up and testing voting machines, issuing ballots, and other tasks.
- Be a resource for voters who encounter problems - from registration issues to voter ID questions to language barriers.
- Attend training held by local election officials to learn the mechanics of the voting process and what the rules are.
- Get paid for the work you do while serving as a poll worker and, in some cases, get paid for the time you spend in training sessions.

For more information and to find an application, visit <https://www.workelections.com/j/569/Bernalillo-County>

NEED A HEADSET?

DATA has purchased headsets with built-in microphones for students to check out to help facilitate virtual learning!

If you are in need of a headset, please arrange for a pickup time by calling our front desk at (505) 341 - 0888.

You will need to fill out a check-out form at the front desk and may be subject to charges if the headsets are broken or damaged.

In-Person Support / Tutoring Protocol

Currently, due to NM Public Education (NMPED) requirements, we are only able to offer this opportunity to students who currently have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Although we realize all students would benefit from in person learning, we need to follow state mandates. If you feel your student would take advantage of in person small group (no more than 5 students at a time) instruction at any time during the school year, whether or not they have an IEP, please complete [this short survey](#) and when we are able to expand services we will reach out to you in terms of how to proceed. Please remember that teachers are currently available virtually for 1-on-1 and small group instruction each day, M-T-TH-F from 8:00-8:50 a.m. and 2:00-3:00 p.m.

We have implemented a number of guidelines that will help us reduce exposure to and transmission of COVID during our in-person tutoring sessions:

- Families will be able to schedule a day/time for their child to meet with a teacher in a small group setting.
- Students will be seated 6 ft. apart and hand sanitizer will be made available to everyone on site.
- Students will need to arrive to the school with a mask that adequately covers their nose and mouth during the entire time the student is present at the school.
 - Students will need to arrive prepared with notes and/or an assignment to work on during each tutoring session.
 - Families will need to make transportation arrangements so that students can attend a one-hour tutoring session. In an effort to accommodate as many students as possible, each student will not be permitted to stay for a session that exceeds one hour.

DATA will reach out to families via email to begin scheduling. We plan to open up tutoring opportunities to more families as soon as we are approved to do so, and will keep you updated on these changes via monthly newsletters and/or school-wide emails.

