

August 18, 2021

Dear Families of The Accelerated Schools' Community,

Thank you for entrusting us with your biggest treasure – your children. Our top priority is safeguarding the health and well-being of our community while continuing to deliver an exceptional educational experience. Thank you for all you continue to do so that our students and teachers can be together again for the 2021-22 academic year.

A special thanks to all the parents and guardians who sacrificed a day at work to bring your children to school on the first day. Our faculty and staff appreciated your kindness and patience yesterday. The first day was different this year due to the amount of health and safety checks that needed to be done before letting students back on campus. This included checking students were wearing masks, temperature screenings, and confirming each student had a negative COVID test on file. Despite these challenges, by 8:30 am, 90% of students were on campus. We also administered over 150 rapid COVID-19 tests for students who still needed a negative COVID test result. Finally, we made sure that each student made it safely to their teachers and classrooms because this is the first time acclimating to a new campus for some of our Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students.

On our second day of school, we successfully admitted all students to campus by 8:00 am.

Here are some highlights from your child's first day of school. At TAS, we are committed to accelerating your child's well-being **and** learning. We know - now more than ever - students learn best when they are within a caring environment. Therefore, our first two weeks of school will be focused on building student and teacher relationships.



*Kindergarten Morning Work*



*Elementary Students Learning School Routines*

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*Reinforcing Social Distancing for Elementary Students*



*Community Building*



*Middle School Classes  
Maximizing Unique Outdoor  
Facilities for Learning*



*Our Unique High School Environment With  
Small Student to Teacher Ratios*

We are approaching this new school year with a sense of optimism while also acknowledging aspects of our lives will continue to be influenced by public health considerations for quite some time. Our decisions will remain directed at all times by the latest available data and expertise from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and LA County Health Department.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your school with any questions, we are here to assist you!

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We appreciate your partnership in educating and ensuring the well-being of our future generation of leaders!

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