

Parents of Beckman High School Students,  
Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year! My name is Donnie Rafter, I am the principal here at Beckman, and I'd like to get some information out to you about the coming school year.

First of all, this school year will be unlike any other school year we've seen.

Starting school while in the midst of a global pandemic is going to be extremely challenging and will require a great deal of patience, flexibility, and understanding. Work is constantly being done to address safety, and there is more to be done. At this time, our school will be following procedures set forth by our district in accordance with various safety guidelines. The following are just a few of the items that will be in place:

- Masks will be required at all times unless there is a situation where the teacher allows that they are removed (students may still choose to wear them).
- Hand sanitizer stations in all rooms and in various high traffic outdoor areas.
- Plastic desk shields available where possible
- Ionizers will be used in classrooms daily
- Patterns of student movement during passing period and breaks will be adjusted

**In terms of safety, there is more work to be done. The situation is evolving rapidly and changes often. We are still working through various scenarios and processes to identify quarantine procedures, temperature checks and more. These will be shared as they become available.**

Below is additional information on various topics that may be of interest to you:

**Registration** - This year, our registration process has changed, and MOST students will not require an in-person visit to campus. All registration related items will be taken care of remotely with the exception of a student ID card which will be handled at a later date. Students new to Beckman and incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be given the opportunity to participate in small Link Cru groups (no more than 10 students). These groups will take part in an hour-long session that will include a tour and safe team building activities. There will also be time included for students to pick up their laptops. These students will be contacted with a time and directions to participate in these sessions that will occur on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Hybrid Model** - As you have likely heard, Beckman will be opening in a "Hybrid Instructional Model." Students will be assigned to an A or B group and will attend school on either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. On Wednesdays and days that they do not attend, students will complete assigned work in an online format. This will allow us to reduce the number of students on campus and limit class sizes to roughly 20 students. Students will be assigned to an A or B group at a later date and we will do everything we can to keep households

together in the same group.

**Tustin Connect Interim** – In an effort to accommodate families interested in a 100% online option, Tustin Connect Interim (TCI) will provide curriculum offerings that correspond with each student’s home school to the greatest extent possible. TCI will serve as a temporary online program for TK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who plan to return to their home school once all TUSD schools are able to return to full capacity. For more details pertaining to TCI, go directly to its website at [www.tustin.k12.ca.us/tustin-connect](http://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/tustin-connect) and click on the [FAQ](#) Interim link. Please note: Because it is an academic record, transcripts for students must accurately reflect where students take courses. We cannot state that a course was taken at Beckman when, in fact, it was taken at Tustin Connect.

**Early College and IVC Classes** – Students enrolled in Early College can still enroll in Tustin Connect, however, to avoid conflicts with scheduled IVC classes, they must enroll in the PM group. All other IVC classes will meet in an online capacity per IVC’s stated model. Conflicts with IVC course times and Beckman course times will be kept at a minimum. Students participating in online classes will be able to participate at home or on-site if a stable wifi connection is needed.

**Clubs, Athletics, and Activities** – At this point, we are committed to finding ways for students to participate in activities outside the classroom. Upon return, we will examine ways for kids to take part in clubs and other activities safely and will follow all CIF/State guidelines for athletics. It is possible that clubs and sports teams may meet remotely or participate in activities that allow for social distancing in a safe manner.

As you can imagine, this is a tremendous undertaking and the entire Beckman team is working hard to provide the best education we can for all students, following the health and safety guidelines issued by the State and County. I appreciate your patience as we work through this process in preparation for the start of school on August 13.

Thank you,  
Donnie Rafter