



Waiver Application Form
(Use District/School Letterhead & Logo)

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Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. **Applying on behalf of a school district please submit one application for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.**

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Background Information

Name of Applicant (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent): Hebrew Academy

Name of District/School: Hebrew Academy

If this is a School District Consolidated Application Yes: No:
(Please list each school on a separate sheet)

School Type: Traditional Public School
 Charter School
 Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of schools: 1

Enrollment: 137

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: Rabbi Yitzchok Newman

Address:

14401 Willow Lane
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92647

Number of students and number of classes per grade proposed to be reopened:

TK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
	28-2	16-1	19-1	20-1	14-1	22-1	18-1

Date of Proposed Reopening: September 1, 2020

Name of Person Completing Application: Yitzchok Newman

Phone Number: 714-898-0051 x214

Email: rabbinewman@hacds.org

Signature: *Rabbi Yitzchok Newman*

Date: August 16, 2020



I. Consultation

Please confirm consultation with the following groups:

Labor Organization

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

Parent and Community Organizations

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

1. Parent Association Hebrew Academy met on 6/26, 7/2, 7/7, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17, 8/4 to determine reopening plan to meet all guidelines and needs of health safety and learning. Letter Attached
2. Chabad of Orange County 18 branches in County - met 7/14, 8/3 Letter Attached

If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff:

Administration met with the teacher representative and faculty on 6/18, 7/10, 7/15, 7/17, 7/20, 7/20, 7/23, 7/29, 7/30, 8/3 to meet all health guidelines and their health and safety. Teachers, parents and physicians participated on task force and approve our reopening plan. Letter Attached

II. Elementary School Reopening Plans

Please confirm that elementary school reopening plan(s) addressing the following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department, have been published on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent):

Cleaning and Disinfection: How shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected and how use of shared items will be minimized.

Cohorting: How students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.

Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School: How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

- Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced.
- Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.
- Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.
- Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.
- Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.
- Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application and enforcement of the plan.
- Testing of Students and Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections.
- Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.
- Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.
- School Website URL** where reopening plan and waiver are posted.
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am serving as a Teacher Representative at the Hebrew Academy. I have participated in numerous planning meetings during which the administration has provided information, sought input, and explained plans and procedures aligned with recommendations from the California Department of Public Health for reopening schools. I have reviewed the published plans and feel confident that the school is taking all necessary precautions to keep students and adults safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Crowley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Patrick Crowley
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Chabad of Orange County

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August 5, 2020
15 Av, 5780

Community Synagogues

Aliso Viejo
Cypress
Dana Point
Huntington Beach
Irvine
Laguna Beach
Laguna Niguel
Mission Viejo
Newport Beach
North Irvine
Rancho Santa Margarita
San Clemente
Tustin
South Huntington Beach
Yorba Linda

Campus Centers

Chabad Chapman
Chabad UCI

Community Programs

Cteens
Friendship Circle
Jewish Learning Institute
Silver Gan Israel Camp

Education

Hebrew Academy
Huntington Beach

19045 Yorba Linda Blvd.
Yorba Linda Ca. 92886
714-693-0770
OCJewish.com

Orange County Health Care Agency
405 West 5th Street
Santa Ana

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the largest Jewish network in Orange County I am writing to request that a waiver be granted to open the Hebrew Academy. The Hebrew Academy provides a vital educational service for children from throughout the county. It just marked 50 years of service and is a recipient of two National Blue-Ribbon Awards from the United States Department of Education. The school has a well-deserved reputation of providing educational and social programs at the highest level of professionalism.

We feel that it is essential for our community that the school be permitted to open for on campus learning starting September 1.

We are confident that the tough health guidelines being instituted by the school will meet and even exceed the health guidelines of the state and local authorities.

The school has small class sizes of 20 or under, large 900 square foot classrooms and an expansive outdoor area. It has an ideal situation to provide on campus classes implementing all precautions that have been set out by the state local health department.

Many of our families affiliated to our network, and especially their children have been negatively impacted by the isolation and other challenges created by the Covid-19 situation. They desperately need to be able to attend school in a healthy environment. In addition to excellent teachers the school provides counselors for both group and individual sessions as needed. Their presence in school will help in the mental wellbeing of our community's children.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Eliezrie".

Rabbi David Eliezrie



To Whom It May Concern:

August 4, 2020

The Parent Association of the Hebrew Academy is very proud of the record of our school. The Academy just celebrated 50 years of service and is a recipient of two National Blue Ribbon Awards from the United States Department of Education. The school has a well-deserved reputation of providing educational and social programs at the highest level of professionalism. We are impressed with all the changes that the school is instituting to meet and exceed the health guidelines of the state and local health authorities.

The Parent Association meets regularly to discuss school matters and help improve the overall program. We have stood at the forefront and have been very supportive of the educational program the Hebrew Academy has provided during the pandemic.

The Parent Association of the Hebrew Academy fully supports the effort of the school to open for on campus learning starting September 1, 2020. The school has small class sizes of 20 or under, large well ventilated 900 square foot classrooms and an expansive outdoor area. We have an ideal situation to provide on campus classes implementing all precautions that have been set out by the state and local health department. We are confident that our families are well aware of the many health precautions that are necessary to avoid the spread of Covid-19 and will be very responsible in complying with the policies of the school.

Many of our families and especially their children have been negatively impacted by the isolation and other challenges created by Covid-19. They desperately need to be able to attend school in a healthy environment. In addition to excellent teachers, the school provides counselors for both group and individual sessions as needed. Their presence in school will help in the mental wellbeing of our community's children.

We urge your organization to allow the school to conduct its classes on campus to ensure quality learning and the wellbeing of our children. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of The Hebrew Academy Parent Association,

Lena Balakhaneh
Hebrew Academy Parent Association President