



Public Safety Power Shutoffs Policy

Individualized Educational Services

Dear Family,

The State of California has moved to hold electrical utilities liable for any fires caused by their equipment. As such, utilities across the state have moved to power down their lines in order to limit their risk of causing future fires in a program called “Public Safety Power Shutoffs” (PSPS). Please find a brochure from the State’s major electrical utilities attached.

The utility companies are limited in the information that they are providing, including when electricity will be shut off and how long it will be off. This will clearly impact our local economy and the safety of those around us! Extended PSPS will make it hard to utilize basic services such as traffic lights, air conditioning, refrigeration, shopping, and even pumping gas! IES encourages you to make a plan to keep you and your family safe and well kept during these future events.

IES expects that there will be multiple occurrences of the PSPS, and prioritizes student, family, and staff safety. The simple things, such as making sure we have enough gas in our cars, could become critical. IES anticipates that any PSPS lasting more than one day will result in the cancelation of classes for the remaining days.

We will notify you as soon as possible when we anticipate the need to close due to a PSPS, but hope to give notice as soon as we hear of a PSPS. The utility companies hope to give several days notice; IES will notify you as many ways as possible at least 24 hours in advance if we are to close.

Because Public Safety Power Shutoffs are beyond our control, IES will not penalize any family for lost class time; in fact, we’ve anticipated it. We’ve scheduled a Fall break (10/28 to 11/1), an Extended Winter Break (12/16 to 12/20), an Extended Spring Break (4/13 to 4/17) and the week after classed are scheduled to end (6/8 to 6/12) to reschedule the missed classes. Should your family not be able to reschedule during any of these weeks, IES will provide you with a credit towards future services from IES or a refund within 30 days after June 12, 2020 for days during a PSPS that you were able and willing attend scheduled classes. If you used enrichment funds, money will be sent back to the charter school.

This policy is not intended to provide comprehensive advice to protect your family and property during Public Safety Power Shutoffs, but provide notice of its effects on our scheduling.

We understand the PSPS policy for Individualized Educational Services:

Parent / Guardian

Date

Student / Parent / Guardian

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