

The Oakridge School District is following all steps, practices, and procedures as outlined by ODE's Ready Schools, Safe Learners Blueprints, OHA, and OSAA to reopen our schools to in person learning. We are meticulous about the steps and taking time to do things safely. Student and staff safety is our highest priority. In fact, we have had students on campus since last summer and have not had any issues related to the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

**1. HAS OAKRIDGE SUBMITTED A NEW READY SCHOOLS SAFE LEARNERS PLAN TO THE OR DEPT OF EDUCATION?**

Yes, the plans have been submitted and are on our website along with a link to a form for community and staff input. The input was considered by each building team and any changes needed were made before the plans were submitted. Please keep in mind this is a process that is ever changing and that means we take the time that is needed to develop and take input as we develop our plans, we never promise we can adhere to a hard and fast timeline but can give general targets for our work.

The Department of Education website may not have the plans up in a timely manner. However, I have received confirmation and approval to move forward with implementation.

**2. WHY ARE YOU EXTENDING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN THE LIPI MODEL TO THREE HOURS A DAY WHEN ODE SAYS LIPI IS LIMITED TO TWO HOURS?**

We are not extending LIPI to more than 2 hours per day. It will remain 2 hours until we open in Hybrid. Once in Hybrid learning, there is not a limit on how long a student can be onsite. The limit is then about the number of contacts in a week. For that reason we will need to limit the amount of time students are on campus in order to accommodate the social distancing and other requirements in place.

**3. WHY ARE YOU USING LIPI TO BRING BACK ENTIRE GRADES INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL YOUR NEW RSSL FOR HYBRID HAS BEEN APPROVED?**

LIPI is for students who need extra support. Our students need the in person contact for several reasons. The longer we are in CDL without in person contact with our staff, teachers, and classmates, the more difficult it is for students' social and emotional wellbeing. It has been almost a year since we have had in person contact with our students. In person learning, teaching and remediation has proven to be more effective for many of our students. The lack of

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in person learning takes a toll on their well being as well as their education. Why would we not invite our students to come in person where we can? This practice is common and has the approval of our reopening liaison. We are doing what is best to support our students in a safe and measured method and in a perfectly acceptable way.

**4. WHY ARE YOU ALREADY SETTING DATES TO RETURN 7-12th GRADE TO THE BUILDING WHEN ELEMENTARY HASN'T EVEN FULLY ENTERED HYBRID?**

To bring students back to in person learning takes much planning. In order to let parents, students and staff know what to expect, we need to make plans. Students will begin in Hybrid in due time and when approved for us to do so.

LIPI is allowed while in CD.

Some confuse Hybrid with LIPI under CDL. Students at the Elementary do not need to be fully in Hybrid for us to bring students in grades 7-12 back in LIPI (while in CDL). Once we are in Hybrid learning across our district, LIPI will no longer be available.

**5. WILL TEACHERS HAVE TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS- 3 HOURS EACH- TO TEACH EVERY DAY? HOW WILL TEACHERS BE ABLE TO TEACH SIX HOURS A DAY AND STILL DO CLASS PREP, SUPPORT CDL STUDENTS, DO CONTACT TRACING, CLEAN THEIR CLASSROOMS AND PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING, ETC? IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT FOR TEACHERS TO GO FROM 2 HOURS A DAY OF LIPI TO SIX HOURS A DAY.**

Teachers will be working with 2 groups of students per day in LIPI (2 hours) and Hybrid (3 hours). Our teachers work an 8 hour day. In a regular school year our teachers are with students from 8 AM to 3:10 (OES) or 3:45 PM (OJSH). The time frames for the work schedule are within reason and allow for teachers to complete the related duties of their position. The break between groups is approximately 1.5 hours, which includes a 30 minute personal lunch. Those **may include** the following from you list:

- Preparation time is laid out by the bargaining agreement and we adhere to it.
- Time to connect with students in CDL.
- While teachers will not be “cleaning their classrooms,” they will be using spray disinfectant on commonly touched surfaces.
- We have been allowed additional time this year to conduct training as needed for COVID-19 related matters. There will be days/half days we will not have students so we can provide additional training.
  
- Teachers **do not** do contact tracing. Contact tracing is handled by our administrative team and Superintendent.
- Our wonderful custodial staff have developed rigorous schedules for cleaning and disinfecting our buildings, including classrooms between cohorts. We have an

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abundance of products and equipment to streamline these processes and maximize their effectiveness.

**6. "LIPI Plus" and "In-person instruction" are NOT ODE instructional models.**

The term *LIPI Plus* is used by our High School Principal to refer to LIPI as part of Comprehensive Distance Learning, it is not an "official" term.

The term *in-person instruction* refers to a learning model that includes having students on campus. This would include LIPI as a part of Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL), Hybrid Learning, and being fully on campus for school.