

Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302

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Dear Okaw Valley CUSD #302 Students, Staff, and Families,

Update: The district would like to update the families of Okaw Valley CUSD #302 in regard to the start of the 2021-2022 School Year. At the July 22, 2021 School Board Meeting, the board voted and approved the following "Start to the School Year Plan." Please see the following:

Okaw Valley CUSD #302 2021-2022 Back to School Plan

- School will be in session: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm / Wednesday 2:00 pm dismissal
- The CDC/IDPH/ISBE recommend masks should be worn by those who are unvaccinated. They also recognize local control during Phase 5 as stated:
"Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19. Since schools typically serve their surrounding communities, decisions should be based on the school population, families, and students served, as well as their communities".
- **Based on the current conditions in our towns and counties, the Okaw Valley CUSD #302 21-22 school year will begin with a mask optional policy. We will continue to monitor the health and wellbeing of our students and staff and adjust accordingly if needed.**
- The district will be prepared to adjust educational and athletic programming as necessary throughout the year.
- Any student under quarantine will be responsible for the work when they return to school. **ANY student who is on remote must have a medical doctor's excuse.**
- Temperature checks and symptom screenings will be discontinued. Parents should keep their children home from school if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms.
- Good hand hygiene will be strongly encouraged at all grade levels.
- Social distancing will be maintained in all school areas to the greatest extent feasible.
- Buildings will continue to undergo increased cleaning/sanitation.
- Student meals will be free for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with USDA reimbursements.
- Athletic programs will run as normal with full activity fees charged and admission charged at indoor, home sporting events.
- Field trips and fundraisers will resume as normal.
- Locker rooms will be utilized for PE.

Our mission is to create a learning community that prepares all students to be productive, responsible and successful.

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Registration: In-person registration will take place on Thursday, August 5th from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. Please register your child at the building in which they attend. In the event of needing any assistance parents may make arrangements with their student(s)' building principal. The district strongly encourages to register online. To register online go to: <https://www.okawvalley.org/> , and click *Online Registration for 2021-2022 School Year*.

For any further assistance please contact any of the following administrators:

OVES – Heidi Vander Burgh, vanderburghh@okawvalley.org

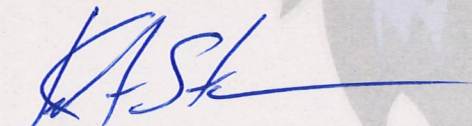
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Have a great rest of the summer, and we look forward to the start of a new school year!

Thank you,



Kent Stauder