

Ouachita River School District

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ORSD Family,

This school year we are met with challenges like never before. COVID-19 certainly has disrupted all of our lives. Please know that at the Ouachita River School District, we have not changed our mission to help prepare students for life. We are committed to delivering top quality education even in a pandemic. We know that in order to meet the needs of all students, we will have to deliver instruction differently. At ORSD, we are prepared to deliver instruction in three ways this school year:

- 1. Traditionally- students in classrooms with teachers.
 - a. Teachers use Google Classroom and Chromebooks daily.
 - b. All students will be issued a Chromebook the first day of school.
- 2. Blended- students learn some online and some in classroom.
 - a. Teachers use Google Classroom to deliver instruction.
 - b. Students can take their issued Chromebook home to learn as well.
- 3. Virtually- students learn online from home.
 - a. School issues student a Chromebook.
 - b. Students Oden K-12 learn on Lincoln Learning Solutions.
 - c. Students Acorn K-6 learn on Lincoln Learning Solutions.
 - d. Students Acorn 7-12 learn on Apex Learning. https://www.apexlearning.com/
 - e. To sign up and see videos go to https://www.ouachitariversd.org/.

At ORSD, we believe that the best learning experience is still in a safe environment with a trusted, caring teacher. However, we know that not all students will be able to participate this way due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak. In response to families needing an online platform, ORSD has partnered with the Arkansas Public School Resource Center and will use Lincoln Learning for students wishing to learn from home. More information about Lincoln Learning can be found at https://lincolnlearningsolutions.org/. We have created a FAQ's List for you to learn more about the ORSD Virtual School as well on our website https://www.ouachitariversd.org/. We have a spot on our website just for COVID-19 Updates and ORSD Virtual School. Here you can watch videos and receive information about school as we draw closer to our start of August 24th.

In closing, we are working hard to improve safety, security, and learning systems at a frantic pace. I do want to take the time to say thank you all for being patient with us as we pivot to more online delivery. We hope to continue to partner with you and improve all systems as we move forward. If I could be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call me at 479-394-2348 Ext 7.

Respectfully,

Jerrall A. Strasner Superintendent ORSD

ORSD Virtual School

Learning Management System-Buzz

Content- Lincoln Learning K-12 https://lincolnlearningsolutions.org/.

- Apex Learning 7-12 https://www.apexlearning.com/

<u>Device Used</u>- School Sponsored Chromebook

How to sign up?

- 1. Parents call the respective school to request their child to be in ORSD Virtual School.
- 2. Immediately they will be referred to the respective School Counselor for registration.
- 3. Counselor refers the new Virtual School Student to respective Library Media Specialist.
- 4. Library Media Specialist assigns Chromebook, Learning Management Platform, and Content connected to individual school's blended learning plan.
- 5. Library Media Specialist takes Chromebook from the student's grade level home room classroom.
- 6. Library Media Specialist and staff will monitor students and records grades in ESchool at appropriate times. (Progress Reports & Report Card Time)
- 7. Failing grades or poor trends in progress are reported to Building Leadership Teams for Student Intervention.
- 8. Students not making progress are referred to face-to-face tutoring or return to school.
- 9. Students are encouraged to stay in ORSD Virtual School 9 weeks. However, if a student is not being successful then they can return to school immediately. Work completed will reflect and average into the student's grades.

Oden Schools Virtual School	Acorn Elementary Virtual School	Acorn High Virtual School	
Lincoln Learning K-12	K-6 Lincoln Learning	7-12 Apex	
School provides chromebook	School provides chromebook	School provides	
		chromebook	
https://lincolnlearningsolutions.org/	https://lincolnlearningsolutions.org/	https://www.apexlearning.com/	

2020-2021 School Year ORSD FAQ's List

What is blended learning?

Any learning that involves technology being used in a traditional classroom. An example of this would be your child using Chromebooks in class.

What is remote or crisis learning?

Your child will take their Chromebook from school and work on classwork from home on a digital platform. Examples of platforms your child may use are Google Classroom, Seesaw, APEX, and Lincoln Learning.

What is ORSD Virtual School?

This is an online school through ORSD that your child will work on from home. A Google Chromebook will be provided for your child to do their virtual work.

If I choose a Virtual Option, what will it look like?

All ORSD K-12 students will use a school provided Chromebook.

ODEN CAMPUS:

K-12 students will use Lincoln Learning.

ACORN CAMPUS:

K-6 students at Acorn Elementary School will use Lincoln Learning.

7-12 students at Acorn High School will use APEX.

How do I sign my child up for the ORSD Virtual School?

Parents of an Acorn High School student 7-12 please call 479-394-2348 Ext 5 and speak with Tammy Young, Acorn High School Counselor.

Parents of an Acorn Elementary School K-6 please call 479-394-4833 Ext 3 and speak with Linda Heath, Acorn Elementary Counselor.

Parents of a student attending Oden Schools please call 870-326-4311 speak with Apryl Philpot, Oden School Counselor.

How long do I have to stay in the ORSD Virtual School?

If you start your child in ORSD Virtual School at the beginning of the school year, we encourage you to keep your child in Virtual School for 9 weeks before returning to traditional school. We will communicate with parents on any emergency situations as always.

Can my child participate in Extra-Curricular Activities while in the ORSD Virtual School? Absolutely, as long as the student follows all eligibility requirements. Please contact Acorn High School at 479.394.5544 or Oden High School at 870.326.4311 to find out about eligibility requirements.

Can my child be in the ORSD Virtual School if we do not have Internet?

At this time no. If you have no internet, then ORSD Virtual School is not a good option.

Does my child have to wear a mask each day to school?

The Governor has issued an order to wear masks in public places. How this impacts schools at this time has not been given to ORSD. We will let you know as soon as possible.

Is ORSD taking extra precautions for the upcoming school year?

Most definitely! Here are the steps we are taking.

- -Hand sanitizer in all rooms.
- -Social distancing in all areas as much as possible.
- -Staggered recess and lunch times.
- -Daily extra cleaning.
- -Added custodial staff.

Can my child bring a water bottle to school?

Yes, we highly encourage this practice.

Are we having an OPEN HOUSE?

At this time no. We will be planning a virtual open house. More information to follow.

What happens if a positive case of COVID-19 is found at school? A designated school official will work with the Arkansas Department of Health to determine who was a close contact within a 24-hour period. The School District will call the families that could be in a close contact.

Communication

Communication moving forward will be the utmost importance. ORSD will communicate in the following ways:

- 1. ORSD Facebook.
- 2. ORSD Website. www.ouachitariversd.org
- 3. Parent phone calls.
- 4. ORSD Texting System.

As always, please contact your child's respective campus in order to get the most relevant information. Acorn Campus phone number is 479-394-2348 and Oden Campus is 870-326-4311. All campuses are open Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.