

## **August 18, 2020**

If you have not completed the important survey for returning to school, will you please take a few minutes to do so? This is critical information that we need to prepare for your child's return to learning. Here is the [link](#).

### **Oakridge School District Announces Plans for Reopening School**

The Oakridge School District Reopening Blueprints (plans) are based on updated guidance from the Oregon Department of Education's "Ready Schools, Safe Learners" and based on State and County COVID 19 Metrics as required by Governor Brown. Please know that the guidance and metrics have and may continue to change often if not rapidly. This is the plan for reopening our schools and education for our children on September 8, 2020. Thank you for your patience as this has unfolded and developed through several changes in requirements. I know it is and has been difficult as our families navigate these unusual times.

**Students in grades K-3** will begin the school year in person at OES if families choose to do so. Students in grades K-3 will return under a stable cohort model (same class with same students interacting, yes with recess and yes with masks as mandated). This In-Person Instruction model allows the district's youngest learners and most vulnerable students back into the district's buildings for in-person instruction.

The Elementary School will be sending more information about actual, scheduled hours of operation, transportation and other important information. The **first two weeks** of school will be a **staggered schedule for all students K-12** in order to teach online learning processes (with parents and students) and healthy hygiene to all students as applicable.

**Students in grades 4-12** will begin the school year in Comprehensive Distance Learning, online. The Governor's new metrics and ODE guidance do not allow the Oakridge School District to provide onsite learning to all students K-12 due to the State metrics not being met. This also includes the hybrid model (which means some in-person instruction using staggered schedules AND Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). We are allowed to bring some students in "exception" categories on site, including our K-3 grade students.

Oakridge Junior and Senior High School students will receive a packet of information from the school that will outline schedules, cohort groups and other important information.

**All school supplies for use at school have been provided for our students. If you need assistance with school supplies for use at home, please let your school know.**

Chrome books, hotspots and enhanced internet access (in some neighborhoods where possible) and around our schools will be available to support students in Comprehensive Distance Learning. Your school will be sharing more information on this.

The Oakridge School District Re-opening plans (Blueprints) are based on updated state guidance from the Oregon Department of Education's "Ready Schools, Safe Learners" and based on state health metrics. For more information and to view metrics the District is following for K-3 In-Person Instruction, please review the following chart:



## STATEWIDE EXCEPTION FOR 10-30 CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION

### IN-PERSON EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN - THIRD GRADE

It is expected that schools will offer in-class options for students in grade K-3 to the extent possible. Younger students get the virus at lower rates, get less sick when they get COVID-19 and may spread the virus less than older children or adults. Younger students also need access to in-person instruction to build literacy and numeracy skills critical to their continued learning. **An exception to meeting state and county metrics to return to in-person instruction for K-3 grade should be prioritized under the following conditions:**

✓ There have been **no confirmed cases** of COVID-19 among school staff or students in the **past 14 days**.

✓ Schools fully comply with **sections 1-3** of the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance.

✓ The case rate in the county is **≤30 cases per 100,000** population in the preceding 7 days for the **past 3 weeks**.

✓ The **test positivity** in the county is **≤5%** in the preceding 7 days for the **past 3 weeks**.

Students who have selected full-time online virtual school with Oakridge will remain in that model if they choose. If parents choose to change from online virtual as the COVID 19 situation improves may have that opportunity at the change of grading periods.

By October 5, the Oakridge School District will be able to offer some limited in -[person services for qualifying students in grades 4-12 due to the statewide allowance for Limited In-Person Instruction in specific situations. In-person instruction (4-12) will be offered to help meet specific student needs to compliment online learning in order to access their education. This is a supplement to Comprehensive Distance Learning. Here are the metrics the District is following for Limited In-Person Instruction.



## STATEWIDE ALLOWANCE FOR LIMITED IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

### LIMITED IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS OF STUDENTS

As per ODE's Comprehensive Distance Learning guidance, providing limited in-person instruction to meet the needs of specific groups of students based on needed educational, relational, curricular, instructional, and/or assessment supports. This includes, but is not limited to, provisions for supporting students experiencing disability, English language learners, as well as programs such as career technical education (CTE) that may require hands-on demonstration of skills and the provision of secure assessment environments. **An exception to meeting state and county metrics to return to limited in-person instruction under Comprehensive Distance Learning should be prioritized under the following conditions :**

✓ There have been **no confirmed cases** of COVID-19 among school staff or students in the **past 14 days**.

✓ Schools fully comply with **sections 1-3** of the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance.

✓ Schools fully comply with **Comprehensive Distance Learning Guidance** for Limited In-Person Instruction, which includes further limitations on cohort sizes, time, and more.

