

Initial plans for returning to our schools this fall

We are excited to share our initial plans for returning to our schools this fall. In this document, you will find information about our initial plans to safely return to our schools using a hybrid instructional model. This plan was developed using guidance from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), the Oregon Health Authority, the Centers for Disease Control, and Clackamas County Public Health.

Looking to return to our schools, our goals are to:

1. Maximize the health and safety of all our students and staff, including those identified as medically at risk;
2. Ensure equitable access for all students to the full range of educational services and quality instruction; and
3. Provide individualized, specially designed instruction to all students in accordance with their learning needs.

Question: What is included in your plan?

Our plan takes into account eight main areas for returning to school, required by the Oregon Department of Education's [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#) guidance. These areas include (1) public health protocols, (2) facilities and school operations, (3) response to outbreak, (4) equity, (5) instruction, (6) family and community engagement, (7) mental, social and emotional health, and (8) staffing and personnel.

Question: When will I know if students will be back in person or will continue with distance learning?

We are planning to provide a hybrid educational model where groups of students (cohorts) learn both in-person and at home. This plan is still tentative as we continue to monitor conditions and listen to feedback. A final decision will be made by August 15, 2020 and communicated directly to all parents, students, and staff.

Due to the social distancing requirements in the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance, we do not have enough space in our schools to accommodate all students at once. The guidance requires each person be assigned a minimum of 35 square feet of space per room, and, to the maximum extent possible, be 6 feet apart. Even creative use of all district facilities cannot accommodate all students at once, because the district's budget prohibits adding more staff to support smaller class sizes or cohorts.

Question: Will all students be able to access their education from home?

Yes. After our Distance Learning for All program last spring, we recognized that not all students had devices or could access the internet from home. Therefore, the district has made a significant investment to provide devices for every student. In addition, the

district is working with internet providers to supply wifi “hot spots” and to assist families who may not have reliable internet access at home.

Question: When does the school year start?

Because staff need additional training to prepare for these new learning models, the Canby School Board voted to move the start date of the school year until after Labor Day. At this point, no students will return to schools until September 8. Schedules may vary by grade level. A final calendar update will be provided as soon as it is complete.

Question: What does a hybrid model look like?

Districtwide - All students learn at home on Mondays

Elementary School Hybrid Model

Cohort “A” - Students with last names A-L attend school in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school day will run from 8:45 am - 2:00 pm. This cohort will learn at home on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Cohort “B” - Students with the last names M-Z attend school in-person on Wednesdays and Fridays. The school day will run from 8:45 am - 2:00 pm. This cohort will learn at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Teachers will conduct live check-ins with all students during their at-home learning days via videoconference. Devices will be provided for all students.

Baker Prairie Middle School Hybrid Model

Cohort “A” - Students with last names A-L attend school in-person on Tuesdays (Periods 1-3) and Thursdays (Periods 4-6). The school day will run from 8:30 am - 2:15 pm. This cohort will learn at home on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Cohort “B” - Students with the last names M-Z attend school in-person on Wednesdays (Periods 1-3) and Fridays (Periods 4-6). The school day will run from 8:30 am - 2:15 pm. This cohort will learn at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Teachers will conduct live check-ins with all students during their at-home learning days via videoconference. Devices will be provided for all students.

Canby High School Hybrid Model

Gold Cohort - Students with last names A-L attend school in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school day will run from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. This cohort will learn at home on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Blue Cohort - Students with last names M-Z attend school in-person on Wednesdays and Fridays. The school day will run from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. This cohort will learn at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Devices will be provided for all students.

Question: Will students still have specials like PE and music, or even recess?

Yes. These classes may look differently than in the past, but students will have the opportunity to take part. Specific structure will vary by grade level.

Question: How will you keep students and staff safe? Will the adults and students be required to wear masks?

Health and Safety are our priority.

❖ All staff will be required to wear face coverings. We will highly recommend that all students wear face coverings for everyone's protection. The CDC advises that masks and face coverings present one of the biggest opportunities for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in schools. Per current ODE guidance, we cannot require students under the age of 12 to wear a face covering.

❖ All students will be required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the building and when making transitions to other instructional spaces.

❖ All students will be supported with frequent hand-washing before and after meals.

❖ Staff will clean all touch-point surfaces before school and on a schedule multiple times throughout the day.

❖ Physical distancing (six feet or more) will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.

Question: How will transportation to and from school work?

The Oregon Department of Education's guidance recommends stable transportation cohorts and physical distancing on buses to the extent possible. To limit the interaction between stable cohort groups, students will be assigned a transportation cohort which will be made up of students in grades K-12. Buses will transport students in the same households and neighborhoods to their designated school. School day start times will be staggered to accommodate this structure.

Question: Will meals be provided for all students?

The district will return to traditional meal options for students. Those who qualify for free/reduced lunch prices will receive free meals. They will be provided meals to take home for their at-home learning days. Students will eat meals in their classrooms. Canby High School is still determining its process for meals.

Question: What is the process if a student or staff member becomes sick with COVID-19? How will I be informed?

Our district works closely with Clackamas County Public Health to respond to all communicable disease cases. Clackamas County Public Health will initiate contact tracing to determine if a student or staff member needs to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. The district will follow federal privacy laws under FERPA and HIPAA for notification of COVID cases or exposure, in coordination with Clackamas County Public Health.

Question: What if a student becomes sick at home? How do we communicate with the school?

We will send more detailed information about communication procedures to families when school starts. What we can share now is that we will be asking families and care providers to monitor students for symptoms at home. If a student or family/household member displays symptoms or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the family or care provider will notify the school and keep the student home.

Question: Will students be penalized for not attending school in person?

No. We will work with families, care providers and students to develop plans to provide at-home learning options on an as-needed basis.

Question: What if I do not feel comfortable with my student attending a school site? Can I have online learning full-time as an option?

Yes. A complete online learning option will be available if the parent/guardian is concerned regarding on-site reentrance to school. The district is currently vetting established online providers to determine which platform will be available for Canby students. Canby teachers will provide support for all students enrolled in the online learning option. Students will need to commit to a full year of online learning if selecting this option. More information on enrollment in online learning will be provided soon.

Question: Will you be able to meet the individualized needs of students with IEPs?

Yes. Our special education team will work with families and students and the student's IEP team to ensure that the student is provided support in the least restrictive environment possible, in accordance with the student's IEP.

Question: Is my student behind in learning?

Parents may be concerned that their student missed learning opportunities last spring during the school closure. However, teachers always spend time reviewing learned material in the first few weeks of school in order for students to pick back up where they left off before the summer.

Staff will be reviewing grade-level standards to determine which need extensive review and which will be prioritized for the current school year. The district is also investing in curriculum that allows students to work at their skill level and pace. This curriculum will be available for both in-person and at-home learning.

We value the relationships our staff create with students and will spend time working to get everyone into the routine of learning in school and at home.

Question: If my student earned an incomplete, what are the opportunities for the student to finish the class and to earn credit?

Please contact your student's counselor and ask about the requirements of the credit-earning assurance plan. Students have through the 2020-21 school year to complete the requirements to earn the credit.

Question: When will plans be finalized and shared with parents, students, and families?

Our administrative team reviewed staff, student, and parent survey feedback as it developed the plans to return to school. As we move forward, we will continue to combine community feedback, staff input, and the state's guidance into our planning. The Oregon Department of Education plans to update its guidance next week. As long as that guidance doesn't drastically change our plans, you can expect a summary of our school-level plans by July 30. The district's "Operational Blueprints for Reentry" will be posted on the district's website by August 10. Final plans must be submitted to the Oregon Department of Education and Clackamas Public Health by August 15.

Each school will host a virtual meeting next week to discuss plans for returning to school. These meetings will take place through Zoom video conferencing. There will be a Spanish language only meeting on Thursday, July 23. All meetings will be recorded and posted to the district's website. Information on how to join a meeting follows:

BAKER PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 6:30-7:30 PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85305346772>

Session ID to join manually: 853 0534 6772

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 853 0534 6772

CANBY HIGH SCHOOL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 6:30-7:30 PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84675451120>

Session ID to join manually: 846 7545 1120

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 846 7545 1120

CARUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 6:30-7:30PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89355294844>

Session ID to join manually: 893 5529 4844

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 893 5529 4844

ECCLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 6:30-7:30PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89921598441>

Session ID to join manually: 899 2159 8441

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 899 2159 8441

KNIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 5:00-6:00PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86189620856>

Session ID to join manually: 861 8962 0856

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 861 8962 0856

LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 6:30-7:30PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82402233694>

Session ID to join manually: 824 0223 3694

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 824 0223 3694

NINETY-ONE SCHOOL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 5:00-6:00PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222006691>

Session ID to join manually: 872 2200 6691

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 872 2200 6691

TROST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEETINGS

ENGLISH - WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 6:30-7:30PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86747512726>

Session ID to join manually: 867 4751 2726

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 867 4751 2726

SPANISH - WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 7:30-8:30PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87155462642>

Session ID to join manually: 871 5546 2642

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 871 5546 2642

SPANISH-LANGUAGE ONLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 7:30-8:30PM

To join the open meeting, please click the following link or follow the directions to connect by phone:

Link to join via Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81639122086>

Session ID to join manually: 816 3912 2086

Join by phone dial: (346) 248-7799

Session ID: 816 3912 2086

