

Oracle Elementary School District
Reopening of School Plan
2020-2021 School Year

NOTICE: The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and our Reopening of School Plan will be constantly evaluated to adapt to the continuing trends of the COVID-19 virus, guided by local, state, and national authorities.

Before the school year begins:

1. Starting August 17, 2020, on-site supervision will be available during the traditional school hours for students that meet the criteria established by Governor Ducey as students who receive Special Education services, students identified as English Language Learners, students in foster care, students identified as homeless by McKinney-Vento, or students identified by the school as a student in great need of supervision during the school day.
2. Unless updated by the state, the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Thursday, August 20, 2020.
3. Certified staff will return as planned on Monday, August 3 for training, professional development, and preparations.
4. Classified hourly staff back will return as planned on Wednesday, August 5 for training, professional development, and support certified teachers.
5. When indoors and the presence of others, staff will wear a face mask or face shield. When outdoors and when six feet of physical distancing is not possible, staff members will wear a face mask or face shield.

Once the school year begins:

6. The District will begin the school year online. A small group of students in our on-site supervision program (Cares) will be on campus as well as a small group of preschool students in the morning and in the afternoon.
7. The District encourages all families to check their child's temperature at home each morning and keep their child home when sick. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, a body temperature of 100.4 is considered a fever. However, in some children and adults, a body temperature of 99.5 could be considered a fever. Discretion and consultation with one's physician is advised.
8. The District will check the temperatures of all students as they load school buses.
9. Students five years old and older will be required to wear a face mask or face shield while on the school bus. If students do not have a mask, a mask will be provided for them.
10. Once bus riders arrive at school, they will not need their temperature taken.
11. Buses will be disinfected after each run or treated with an approved long-term disinfectant product designed to be effective for several days or weeks between each new application.
12. Drop-off students and students that walk to school will have their temperatures checked at an assigned campus gate each morning.
13. Employees will also have their temperatures checked each morning.
14. On-campus students over the age of 5 years and staff will be required to wear a face covering when indoors and when outdoors, if physical distancing of six feet is not

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possible. School administration assumes the right to modify this expectation for individual children when in the best interest of the child, on a case by case basis.

15. On-campus students will report to their classroom each morning. Students may eat breakfast in the classroom or in an assigned outdoor area with their classroom cohort.
16. Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout campus and restrooms will be properly cleaned and stocked each morning and throughout the school day.
17. Morning announcements (also referred to as Flag Ceremony) will be recorded and a link will be shared with staff and students each school day.
18. When staff members are in the presence of a child, a face mask or face shield will be worn.

When it is safe for in-person learning:

19. The District will proceed with online “distance learning” through the first academic quarter, through Friday, October 2, 2020. The decision for online learning will be reevaluated during the first academic quarter and addressed during the September 17, 2020 Governing Board Meeting at 6:00 PM.
20. Students on campus for in-person learning will remain in cohorts throughout the school day, to the best of our ability. This will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the event of a confirmed, positive case in one classroom on campus.
21. When in-person learning resumes, Specials teachers will come to the classrooms, until further notice. The District urges Specials teachers to utilize outdoor spaces when possible.
22. Junior high students may stay in a homeroom classroom as much as possible, until further notice.
23. Students will still go to speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or the special education classroom as needed. Outdoor spaces should be used as much as possible.
24. Students will visit the library as a class, once a week. Students will be encouraged to check out two books at a time from the library instead of the traditional one book at a time procedure.
25. The District encourages students and employees to bring their own drinking water.
26. Like breakfast, students will eat lunch in the classroom or in an assigned outdoor area with their classroom cohort.
27. For the 2020-2021 school year, awards ceremonies will be modified. More information will be made available closer to the end of the first academic quarter.
28. Large assemblies of students from multiple classroom cohorts will not be scheduled until further notice.
29. In the spirit of educational equity, no in-person field trips will be scheduled until further notice. It will be our goal to limit exposure to individuals outside of the classroom cohort as much as possible. Virtual field trips and learning experiences will be encouraged for all grade levels.
30. In the spirit of safety and maintaining classroom cohorts as much as possible, in school suspension (ISS) will not be used as a consequence until further notice. Student behavior will be addressed through our school-wide PBIS Program as well as through individual classroom procedures. Students in need of separation from the classroom cohort for discipline reasons will be sent home for the remainder of the school day.

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31. Visitors on campus will be limited until further notice. District campuses will be “mandatory mask zones” for visitors until further notice.
32. Large community gatherings will be cancelled until further notice. This will include Fall Festival, Reading Nights, concerts, athletic events.
33. In the spirit of safety, we will not compete with other schools in the Central Arizona Junior High Athletic League until further notice.
34. In the spirit of safety, parent teacher conferences will be conducted online, by email or telephone until further notice.

Health and Safety:

35. Students with a fever or symptoms of illness will be sent home. Children being sent home will be picked up from the school office.
36. If a staff member is ill, they will stay home and if able, work from home until they are released back to work.
37. If a student, staff member, or frequent visitor tests positive for COVID-19, the immediate contact person for the Oracle Elementary School District is Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent. Mrs. Nehrmeyer can be reached at cnehrmeyer@osd2.org and 520-896-3074. To return to campus after a positive test for COVID-19, documentation from the county health department will be delivered to Mrs. Nehrmeyer for review. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not be welcome on campus until completing their assigned quarantine from the county department of health.
38. If a positive case of COVID-19 is verified on campus, the District will cooperate with Pinal County Health Department through the contact tracing process, communication with families, possible quarantine of students and staff in a given classroom, or possible school closure.
39. The Governing Board will establish relevant goals for the 2020-2021 school year that continue to measure student achievement, community involvement, responsible business practices.
40. Our Reopening of School Plan will be revisited throughout the school year to reflect the information available to us regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
41. If a child is on campus for on-site supervision, preschool, or in-person learning, their parent or guardian will be asked to review and sign an acknowledgement form that outlines the mitigation procedures in place by the District as well as the expectations of each student while at school.