## SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING, HYBRID, AND ONLINE THRIVE FAQ'S (REVISED AUGUST 21, 2020)

What is the difference between Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) and Seaside Online Thrive? Comprehensive distance learning will be similar to a regular school schedule with classes being taught by teachers remotely until we are able to have students safely return to schools. Classes will include synchronous learning opportunities with teachers. Online Thrive will be monitored by SSD staff, but will not have a synchronous learning component with a SSD teacher. A parent or another adult is needed to support a student while learning using Online Thrive.

What computer programs will be used in CDL and in Online Thrive? Students registered in the CDL program will use eSPARK. Students at the K-5 level who are registered for Online Thrive will use Florida Virtual Learning School (FVLS). Students at the 6-12 level who are registered in the CDL and Online Thrive programs will use Edgenuity Courseware.

Link to Florida Virtual Learning School K-5

## Link to Edgenuity 6-12

When do I need to decide between Comprehensive Distance Learning and Seaside Online Thrive? Registration is open on the SSD website and families must select either the Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) or Seaside Online Thrive when they register.

What is the Hybrid Model? Students who participate in the Hybrid Model will come to school two days per week, and meet with their teachers online 2 additional days per week. We are NOT beginning the school year with the Hybrid Model as our county and state metrics for COVID-19 do not allow us to have students attend school in person safely. We WILL begin the year with either the CDL model or the Online Thrive model.

What will the beginning of the school year look like for my student? When families register for school, they will select either Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL), or Seaside Online Thrive for the first trimester. They will participate in their choice of program for the first six weeks of school. At the end of the initial six weeks, based on state and county guidance, district administration will determine if we can safely transition the CDL students to the Hybrid Model. Students who are in the Online Thrive option will stay in Online Thrive and will not come to school in person.

What is the difference between synchronous and asynchronous learning? Synchronous learning happens when the student and teacher are participating in an activity at the same time. While not physically together, teachers will be working with students in real-time providing synchronous instruction online daily with Comprehensive Distance Learning. Students will also have asynchronous learning activities and complete assignments that are submitted to the teacher. Seaside Online Thrive will not have regular synchronous learning activities and will work at their own pace.

What is the difference between teacher-facilitated learning and applied learning? Teacher-facilitated learning happens when a teacher creates common lessons or activities for students. Teacher-facilitated learning may be synchronous or asynchronous depending on when students complete the work. Teachers may also assign applied learning activities for students to apply and extend on learned skills.

How will students that qualify for ELD instruction be supported in the Comprehensive Distance Learning and Seaside Online Thrive options? Students that qualify for ELD will receive instruction from qualified staff within both educational models. ELD staff will support teachers to provide instruction given a culturally responsive framework.

How will special education services be provided for students participating in Comprehensive Distance Learning and Seaside Online Thrive options?

For the first 6 weeks of the school year, students who receive special education services will receive their Specially Designed Instruction and related services (speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy) in a synchronous online learning environment.

If I enroll my student in Seaside Online Thrive, will they participate in online learning for the rest of the school year? Students will complete the first trimester in either Comprehensive Distance Learning or Online Thrive. At the end of the first trimester, families will have the option to change their academic program.

**If I select Seaside Online Thrive will my student be able to still participate in Band or Choir?** Students electing to participate in Online Thrive will not be able to participate in Band or Choir while they are enrolled in Online Thrive.

If I select Seaside Online Thrive will my student be able to participate in athletics? Students selecting to participate in Online Thrive will have the ability to participate in athletics when the season resumes (December 27) if they maintain adequate progress towards graduation (high school and middle school).

When will the Hybrid Model begin? Per the Governor's guidance from July 28, the following criteria would need to be met to begin the Hybrid Model:

- 10 or fewer cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people in Clatsop County over 7 days for 3 weeks in a row.
- Test positivity of 5% or less in Clatsop County over 7 days for 3 weeks in a row.
- Test positivity of 5% or less statewide over 7 days for 3 weeks in a row.

Per the Governor's guidance from July 28, the following criteria would need to be met to begin the Hybrid Model with K-3 students:

- 30 or fewer cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people in Clatsop County over 7 days for 3 weeks in a row.
- Test positivity of 5% or less in Clatsop County over 7 days for 3 weeks in a row.
- COVID-19 is not actively spreading in the school community.
- The District is in compliance with sections 1-3 of the state's Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance.

What will the Hybrid Model schedule look like? Students will attend school on-site in assigned attendance groups for two days each week. Attendance Group A will meet Monday and Tuesday and Attendance Group B will meet Thursday and Friday. On the days when students aren't in school, they'll participate in synchronous Comprehensive Distance Learning from home. CDL days will include time for students to engage remotely with their teachers.

If I have multiple children attending different schools, will they be on the same schedule when the Hybrid Model begins? Schools across all levels are coordinating so that students in a single household are assigned to the same attendance group schedule. While the schedule at each school will be different the hours in which students are participating in Comprehensive Distance Learning will be similar.

Will students be riding the bus when we move to the Hybrid Model? Buses will run normal routes for the Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday student groups with regular stops. Efforts will be made to keep students socially distanced on the bus as only half of the students will be riding at a time.

Will students be required to wear masks while riding the bus? Drivers and students will be required to wear masks per guidance from the Oregon Department of Education.

How does the district decide that it's safe for students to return to school? Seaside School District administration will follow ODE and OHA public health indicators to determine when it is appropriate to have students return to school and receive instruction in the Hybrid model.

Will teachers and staff be required to wear a mask when students return to school? All staff members are required to wear face coverings while working on-site per Oregon Department of Education guidance. Using face coverings doesn't negate the need to physically distance.

Will my child be provided with lunch if they are not attending school on-site? Students and families will be able to get lunches from lunch sites across the district daily. The elementary, middle, and high school schedules include a common lunchtime so that all students will have time to get lunch.

If our family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, can we still get lunch in the Seaside Thrive Online program? The Seaside School District will deliver lunches daily to meal sites and students will continue to have access to free and reduced lunches. Please be certain that you submit up to date qualifying paperwork to the district.

Will students receive grades this year? Middle school and high school students will receive letter grades (A-F) in the Comprehensive Distance Learning, Hybrid Model and Seaside Online Thrive models.

Will teachers take attendance with students working online to begin the school year? Teachers will take attendance daily for students participating in Comprehensive Distance Learning, Hybrid Model, and Seaside Online Thrive. Students are expected to participate in all daily classes and activities unless the absence is excused by a parent or guardian.

What will Seniors be required to do? Seniors will only be required to complete the credits they need to meet graduation requirements if they desire. Regardless of selecting Comprehensive Distance Learning (Hybrid) or Online Thrive, all seniors will be required to be enrolled in a synchronous English 12A class in the fall term that is facilitated by a SHS teacher to support meeting the Senior Research Paper graduation requirement. (The OSAA has yet to release eligibility requirements, taking fewer classes than offered could impact co- and extra-curricular activity eligibility.)

How will class electives work for middle and high school students? How can students stay in their attendance groups given varying schedules? Comprehensive Distance Learning will include electives for all secondary students. This may look different at the middle school than the high school based on credit requirements.

Will we have middle school or high school sports this year? While we are in Comprehensive Distance Learning, Seaside Middle School sports will not occur, however, we are currently exploring opportunities to resume middle school sports when students are allowed to return to school. Seaside High School athletics will operate under the provisions outlined by the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon School Activities Association.

**How will clubs and other activities work?** High school clubs and activities will be allowed to conduct activities remotely during the school year. Remote meetings and activities must be conducted outside of instructional hours.

Will schools provide child care for young students and their siblings? At this time the Seaside School District will not be providing child care.