



## **Ontario-Montclair School District Return to School - Frequently Asked Questions for Parents**

- 1. Will the District have a device available and an assigned teacher for online learning?**

*Yes, the District will be distributing devices (PK, TK and K will receive an iPad and grades 1-8 will receive a Chromebook). All students will be working with a teacher, daily.*

- 2. Will the District provide internet access to families that do not have it?**

*A hotspot will be available if needed, one per family, and subject to availability.*

- 3. Will there be a common online learning platform?**

*Yes, teachers will primarily be using Zoom, Google Classroom and School Loop, in addition to a few other supportive platforms.*

- 4. Will there be live, virtual instruction?**

*Yes, all teachers will be delivering live (synchronous) instruction.*

- 5. What kind of individual communication will students receive?**

*Students will receive feedback on assignments, interact with the teacher on Zoom and Google Classroom and participate in Social Emotional Learning activities.*

- 6. What is the plan for grading, attendance and testing?**

*Daily attendance will be taken based on participation in synchronous learning and completion of assignments. Students will receive end of term grades in the same manner as normal in-person learning. Students will continue to take assessments that are available online.*

- 7. What are the accommodations for students with special needs, or students learning English?**

*Accommodations will be provided to students with exceptional needs, as deemed appropriate by the IEP Team. Students unable to work in a group setting during online lessons may be offered either a small group or individual instruction. Students who are learning English will receive daily, dedicated time to develop English language proficiency, as well as instruction to support their access to English language arts, math, science, social studies and all other content areas. English learners who have learning gaps will receive additional intervention and other support.*

8. **What feedback can a parent offer his/her student's school and how can a parent best provide the feedback?**

*All school staff are here to support each child and are open to receiving feedback. Email is an efficient and effective method of communicating with school staff. Parents may also call the front office.*

9. **What do teachers plan to *not* cover this year?**

*Teachers will be working together to determine the essential standards and concepts to be addressed. In addition, the District has purchased an online intervention program in both ELA and Math for all students. This will be offered as additional support.*

10. **How is the District planning to address my child's social-emotional needs?**

*Teachers will include Social-Emotional Learning into their instructional day, and additional staff members have been trained to respond when students are in need of additional intensive support.*

11. **How do teachers plan to make online learning more fun?**

*Teachers will be provided training on how to engage students in online learning and maintain connectedness with their teachers and school. Scheduled breaks will be built in during lessons where students can sing, take a nutritional break, etc.*

12. **Can students still enrolled into preschool and if so, what is the process?**

*Yes. Parents can visit our webpage at [www.omsd.net](http://www.omsd.net) or visit our Early Childhood Development Center located at Linda Vista, 1556 S. Sultana Ave. Ontario, CA 91761, between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm to receive/submit a registration packet.*

13. **How can a parent sign up a 5 year old student?**

*Parents/Guardians can visit the District website to enroll students in school or call the school directly to set up a registration appointment.*

14. **How can parents obtain another laptop for their student(s)?**

*Every student in the District will be loaned a Chromebook (grades 1-8) or an iPad (grades PK/TK/K). If a student received a laptop specifically for the Summer School Program, students will not be issued a new laptop. If a student was issued an OMSD Chromebook from the Spring, student's will need to exchange the old one for a new Chromebook.*

15. **Are laptops one per family or one per student?**

*PK, TK and Kindergarten students will receive an iPad and students in grades 1-8 will be issued a Chromebook. Each student will receive their own individual device.*

16. **Why did the District send a postcard asking families to make a learning model choice after the “Online learning only” decision was made?**

*School staff is scheduling students at this time to reflect the learning model selected by parents, if and when students are able to return to school in a blended model. This pre-planning will help reduce the number of schedule changes.*

17. **How will the District work with families to ensure students are fully engaged in learning?**

*The Governor has distributed clear expectations for live (synchronous) teaching and learning and daily attendance, in both live instruction and assignments. OMSD has a plan for ensuring that expectations are met.*

18. **Don't schools get paid for students attending class physically? How will the District get paid if students are not in class?**

*Fortunately, the State will continue, this year, to pay the District for the in-person attendance counted during the 2019-2020 school year. However, students are expected to participate in daily online instruction.*

19. **What will the procedure be if a student tests positive for COVID or has close contact with someone with COVID?**

*OMSD is starting the school year online, however, when we return to an in-person model, if a student tests positive for COVID:*

- *All families of students of the class (and possibly school) will be notified with a phone call and/or letter that a student in the class (or school) has tested positive.*
- *San Bernardino Public Health Department (SBPHD) will be notified for further guidance on contact tracing, closure, and clearance to return/reopening of school.*
- *Predicated on guidance from SBPHD and the District's own internal protocols, we expect at a minimum:*
  - *The student will need to quarantine for 14 days from the date of last known contact and if the student exposed other students, the cohort will be closed for 14 days from last known exposure.*
  - *The entire cohort of students may be required to undergo testing working directly with their healthcare providers and/or Public Health.*
  - *Further testing of family members may also be advised based on cohort test member results and public health guidance.*

20. **What will the procedure be if a staff or community member who was present on a school campus tests positive for COVID or has close contact with someone with COVID?**

*If a staff member tests positive for COVID:*

- *All families of students of the class (or school) will be notified with a phone call and/or letter that a staff member has tested positive.*

- *San Bernardino Public Health Department (SBPHD) will be notified for further guidance on contact tracing, closure, and clearance to return/reopening of school.*
- *Predicated on guidance from SBPHD and the District's own internal protocols, we expect at a minimum:*
  - *The staff member will work with the Public Health Department to assess potential worksite exposure, any recommended additional testing or steps, including quarantine or isolation instructions.*
  - *The staff member will isolate/quarantine for 14 days, work remotely if possible, monitor symptoms, and seek guidance from their healthcare provider.*
  - *The staff member will meet the following conditions prior to returning to work:*
    - *Meet current guidelines on ending home isolation*
    - *Two negative tests within 24 hour period and/or*
    - *Doctors clearance*

*If a community member tests positive for COVID:*

- *The site administrator should gather any additional information regarding details of known contact and possible exposure to staff members or students. If exposure to staff members or students is discovered:*
  - *All families of students of the class (or school) will be notified with a phone call and/or letter that a community member has tested positive and has potentially exposed students and staff.*
  - *San Bernardino Public Health Department (SBPHD) will be notified for further guidance on contact tracing, closure, and clearance to return/reopening of school.*
  - *Predicated on guidance from SBPHD and the District's own internal protocols, we expect at a minimum:*
    - *Community members would be advised to seek guidance from their healthcare provider, and/or public health.*
    - *The community member will isolate/quarantine for 14 days, monitor symptoms, and seek guidance from their healthcare provider.*
    - *The community member will not be permitted on campus until they have met the requirements of discontinuation of home isolation per CDC and/or SBPHD Guidelines.*