

## OMSD Return to School Information

OMSD is **planning to reopen all schools to all students this upcoming August by** implementing a “Hybrid Model of Learning”, which will provide a continuance of online learning and opportunities for small groups of students to have traditional instruction at our school sites. A specific start date for students in August will be announced by the end of July. This means that parents, families and students will have the following 3 options from which to choose to enroll their child for school during the 2020-2021 school year:

- **Blended Learning Model**
- **Online Learning**
- **K-8 Independent Study**

Below is an outline of the adaptable plan that will enable OMSD to respond to public health guidelines without compromising a quality education for our students. At the date of this publication, there are **approximately 50 days before school is scheduled to reopen in August**. A lot can change in this timeframe and we need to be prepared to adjust to any conditions related to the COVID-19 virus.

At the current time, public health recommendations are being incrementally relaxed. We continue to monitor guidance from the San Bernardino County Public Health Department as guidelines vary from county to county. The District’s academic model for the 2020-2021 school year will offer 3 viable options for parents and families to consider that best meet their child’s needs and preferences.

### Adaptable Plan

There is no way to precisely predict how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact our region and community in the months ahead. Therefore, our return to school plan will accommodate the needs of individual students and also be prepared to adapt to full-time online learning based on trends related to COVID-19 in our area. An assessment of local conditions will drive local decisions. OMSD will be cognizant of increased cases of COVID-19, spikes, surges, and potential outbreaks in our area/region, which will impact decisions about shifting to 100% online learning. According to the California Department of Education safe reopening guidebook ‘Stronger Together’:

*“LEAs need to work with their local health departments and local stakeholders to ensure that their protocols align with the most current scientific knowledge and community expectations. It is also reasonable to expect that the protocols schools implement will change as the local conditions change.”*

The Governor has identified 4 (four) stages for reopening California, which counties throughout the state are aligning to. This will impact our decisions on how we choose to operate schools. As a result, OMSD is prepared to offer online learning and/or small group, in-person learning, in alignment with California’s Pandemic Roadmap.



As the various California stages change, the learning model will change as well. Below is a summary of the OMSD learning models which align with the California Roadmap stages:

<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>Stage 4</b>
100% District-wide Online Learning	Hybrid Learning: Online and/or In-Person Options	Hybrid Learning: Online and/or In-Person Options	End of Stay at Home Order: Traditional, In-Person Learning

Below is a brief summary of each type of learning models:

<b>Blended Learning</b>	With safety measures in place, students will be taught by their teacher in person for part of the day or week and in an online classroom environment for the other part of the day or week.
<b>Site-Based Online Learning</b>	Through our new Online Academy option, every school site will provide online learning to students at every grade level. Students will be taught by their teacher in an online manner, with the student at home. Each student will be connected with their teacher via computer for daily instruction and feedback.
<b>Traditional In-Person Learning</b>	When the Stay at Home Orders have been lifted, students will be taught by their teacher in-person five days per week, as is traditionally done.

**At the date of this publication, California is in Stage 2.** Because of this, OMSD is prepared to begin school this upcoming August under a **Hybrid Learning model**, with 3 (three) options.

**Option 1: Blended Learning program:**

- Students will be assigned to a teacher(s) as normal
- Classes will be divided into small groups, for example in an AM and PM model or on alternating days
- Half of the students will attend in-class in the morning and the other half will attend in-class in the afternoon
- The classroom will be arranged to accommodate fewer students and allow for social distancing
- There will be transition time allowing for cleaning/disinfecting classrooms
- When students are not in the classroom, they will participate independently and/or in online learning
- Procedures will be in place to ensure students will follow social distancing guidelines
- Recess and other breaks will be staggered to allow students to break outdoors or in small groups to accommodate social distancing
- Students will be offered a meal when they arrive at school (breakfast or lunch, depending on their start time) and will be given one meal to take home at the end of their day
- Students eating meals school at school will follow social distancing guidelines
- Special Education accommodations and supports will be provided according to IEPs
- Handwashing/sanitizing will be required throughout the day
- Parents/guardians will be asked to check for COVID-19 symptoms at home prior to departing for school each day
- Students/staff will be asked to remain home if sick
- Additional school precautions include:
  - Classrooms will be cleaned/disinfected between the morning and afternoon sessions
  - Outdoor play equipment will be cleaned/disinfected at least daily
  - Elimination of field trips, extended field trips, extracurricular, co-curricular and after school activities will be suspended until California reaches later Stage 3 or Stage 4
  - Campus access will be limited to people providing essential functions of the school site and District operations
  - Accordingly, visitors and volunteers will not be deemed essential and thus not be allowed on campus

**Option 2: K-8 OMSD Site-Based Online Academy:**

- Our new Online Academy, which features student access to classroom teachers at your neighborhood school.
- An assigned teacher provides learning that aligns with curricular materials and pacing similarly offered in traditional in-class instruction.
- Parent commitment to partnering with your assigned teacher to monitor student engagement and completion of work is essential in this option.

### **Option 3: K-8 Independent Study:**

- The Independent Study option provides broader flexibility of instruction guided by an OMSD teacher of record which is supported with weekly or monthly check-ins virtually or in-person.
- Parent commitment to partnering with the teacher to monitor daily engagement and completion of work is required in this option.

As mentioned previously, due to the fluid nature of this pandemic, our return plan can accommodate the needs of individual students and scale the need for remote learning up or down as necessary.

**If we were to return to Stage 1: 100% District-wide online learning only, due to shelter in place requirements being reinstated (increase in COVID-19 cases, spikes, surges, and potential outbreaks).**

- Full online learning, using adopted curriculum implemented at all grade levels
- Schools would remain closed and all one-on-one/small group instruction would be conducted virtually
- 1:1 devices with internet access will assure consistency in access to instruction and classroom teacher
- Grading would continue and student attendance would be monitored

**When we move to Stage 4: Students will return to school in a traditional manner with wellness practices firmly reinforced.**

The following safeguards will be in place:

- Return to in-class instruction with all students
- Special Education specialized programming will return to its original mode of delivery, as outlined on IEPs
- Classroom seating returns to individual student desks
- Lunch and break/recess return to normal
- Classrooms cleaned each evening; outdoor play equipment cleaned weekly
- Co-curricular activities return, as appropriate
- Reinstatement of field trips/extended field trips, as appropriate
- Handwashing/sanitizing required after breaks, before lunch, and when returning to class
- Symptom checking at home before school each day by parents/guardians
- Students/staff asked to remain home if sick

### **Shared Responsibility**

We are all in this together, and our commitment to each other as members of the OMSD community has never been more important. Students, parents, teachers, and staff will explore the best way for us to work together safely. Before returning to school in August, the District will be distributing a “Commitment to Shared Responsibility” agreement to all parents, families and/or guardians. This document will outline the health and safety protocols as well as the academic and behavioral expectations for all.

- Health Screening and Monitoring:
  - Prior to arriving at school or school bus stop, all students, teachers, and staff will be expected to take their own temperature. The expectation is that anyone who is sick will remain home for their protection and the well-being of others.
  - Upon arriving at school all students, teachers, staff, and vendors will have their temperature checked using a non-contact thermometer. The expectation is that anyone with an above average temperature will not be allowed on campus.
  - Upon arriving at school all students, teachers, staff, and vendors will answer a short health questionnaire. The expectation is that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or recent exposure will not be allowed on campus.
- Face Coverings:
  - Prior to arriving at school or school bus stop, all students, teachers, and staff will be expected to arrive wearing a face covering.
  - All students will wear face coverings while on campus or on school buses at all times with the exception of students who are not able to do so, due to age or medical complexity, or during eating/drinking periods.
  - All teachers, staff, and vendors will wear face coverings while on campus at all times except during eating/drinking periods. In addition, staff may wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as appropriate for job duties and tasks.

### **Keeping You Informed and Involved**

We will continue to share new information as we get closer to the reopening of school this upcoming August. This includes specific schedules for students at their respective schools, additional safety protocols, and trends related to the COVID-19 virus that may impact our schools. Our strength and resilience today is a testament to the shared commitment teachers, staff, students, parents, and our community have demonstrated over the past few months. We look forward to all schools opening in August and having all of our amazing students enrolled and ready to learn under one of our 3 learning options.

For updated information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) news and its impact to OMSD, visit [www.omsd.net](http://www.omsd.net).