



Sherman County School's 2020-21 Draft Reopening Plan

The Sherman County School District will implement a safe plan that aligns with the latest guidance from the Governor, Oregon Department of Education, and the Oregon Health Authority to begin the 2020-21 school year. For the safety of the Sherman County School Community, we will begin the 2020-21 school year in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) until we can welcome back students in-person or in a hybrid model.

Education Model Options

Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL)

- Google Classroom as our Learning Management System with incorporation of Acellus and other research-based programs to supplement coursework.
- High quality instruction and support for students by teacher(s)
- Effective synchronous and asynchronous learning formats
- Predictable and flexible routines for daily learning activities
- Ongoing trainings/support for families
- Progress monitoring and continuous assessment to gauge student progress
- Clear/consistent grading practices
- Clear/consistent attendance and participation
- Frequent personal communication
- Counseling and mental, physical, emotional health services
- Continuation of meal delivery
- CDL until metric allows for on-site or hybrid return with a five school day transition timeline

On-site Learning

- On-site learning will look different than what we are used to
- Staff and students required to wear masks
- Physical distancing requirements in place
- Contact tracing protocols implemented
- Visual screening of staff and students
- Students grouped into stable cohorts
- Staggered/hybrid meal times
- Emphasis on sanitizing facility/equipment
- Recess/Break Times staggered with physical distancing and cleaning between each cohort
- Lockers will not be assigned
- Encourage use of handwashing and sanitizer stations
- Entry and dismissal procedures implemented for physical distancing
- Exclusion policies will be implemented
- Bus transportation will be operating in a safe format

Hybrid Learning

- All on-site learning protocols will be followed
- K-3 students and specialized instruction will resume on-site learning once state metrics allow
- Phased in approach for grades 4-12 to resume in-person learning
- 2 days on-site and 2 ½ days CDL
- Two attendance groups will be created. Group 1 will meet Monday and Tuesday, Group 2 will meet Wednesday and Thursday with Friday being a CDL half day for both groups.
- Families will be assigned to the same attendance group
- Use of instructional strategies that encourage active engagement in CDL and in-person formats.
- Custodial staff will deep clean between groups
- Continuation of meal delivery
- Bus transportation will run Mon-Thurs with half the number of riders

These plans are subject to change to meet updated guidelines and requirements from the Governor, Oregon Department of Education, and the Oregon Health Authority. It is the intent of the Sherman County School District to move to on-site learning to the fullest extent possible if conditions improve and we meet the state metric.

Additional Information

- All families will have the option to participate in Comprehensive Distance Learning (using the Acellus platform) for the entire 2020-21 school year if they do not feel it is safe for their student(s) to return on-site.
- The Sherman County School District values the connection and relationship between teachers/staff/students/families and will strive for regular connection in whatever model that is implemented.
- Our dedicated custodial staff will continue to implement exceptional sanitizing and disinfecting measures for the health and safety of all students and staff.
- Information and virtual orientations will be available to students, staff, and families.
- At the start of the school year, teachers will assess student skills as they relate to learning targets. They will also design interventions and track progress throughout the year if needed.
- Students who are eligible for Special Education Services or other specialized instruction will receive related services from their case managers and/or service providers.
- We are acutely aware that a full day at school does not translate well to a full day in front of a screen.
- The facility is being prepared so all staff can report each day and work from their classrooms (in a social distancing format) to better serve our students.
- To the fullest extent possible, in each model, Physical Education and Music will be available.
- All students will be assigned a district owned Chromebook if needed.
- The County Court has been making great strides in providing internet connection to remote areas of the county.
- In the hybrid and on-site model, volunteers and visitors will not be allowed for safety reasons.
- Field trips and events involving visitors/volunteers have been canceled until further notice.
- SKORE, SCHoLaR's, Husky Helping Hands and school clubs will be cancelled until further notice.
- More information regarding school sponsored sports will be communicated when a decision is made at the state level.
- Staff will be provided with ongoing professional development to support them in the implementation of their instructional program.
- In the event of a closure the district will initiate Comprehensive Distance Learning.