

February 10, 2021

Dear HSD Elementary Families,

We are currently working on a return-to-school plan for students for the remainder of this school year. There are many factors at play that will impact the timeline of our plan, including Washington County COVID case rates and guidance by Governor Brown and Oregon Department of Education. In the Hillsboro School District, we are working with our school leaders and our teachers' union to create plans for the return to in-person school. This includes plans for transportation, safety protocols, the length and structure of the day, and how to serve students who will be coming into the building and those who will remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). In order to plan effectively, however, we need information from you!

Again, we are still finalizing the details of what our hybrid model will look like. Please see our [Return-to-School video](#) for an overview of how the experience will be structured.

Much of our planning is dependent upon the number of students who will be returning to school in person versus those who will remain in CDL. We know making the decision is challenging and understanding your choices is important. If your child remains in CDL, the instructional day will be similar to what they are experiencing now, with some adjustments to schedules.

These are things we know at this time about in-person learning:

1. Bus transportation will be provided to and from school for students who live outside of the walk zone and who need it.
2. Safety measures and protocols will be put into place and followed in all areas occupied by students, including: the bus, classrooms, bathrooms, and outdoor spaces. Face coverings are expected to be worn at all times (masks will be available at the school if students need them), physical distancing is both built into the environment (e.g. floor markers, directional signs, desk spacing, etc.) and expected of students and staff. Students will have opportunities throughout the day for hand sanitizing and handwashing.
3. If your child returns to school for in-person learning, they will be assigned to their current teacher and will receive instruction from that person. However, they may also receive instruction from other grade-level teachers for some lessons daily. Students may also be in alternative settings for their learning.
4. If your child will remain at home in Comprehensive Distance Learning, they may still receive instruction from their current teacher or may be reassigned to another teacher who only serves CDL students.
5. Students' in-person instructional day will be a slightly shortened school day (versus a school day in a "normal" year). Our tentative plan is for students in grades PreK-2 to attend 4-5 days a week, and for students in grades 3-6 to attend two days a week and do CDL the other three days of the week.
6. Students will be offered a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch at school if they are on campus during service times.

This is your opportunity to share your intentions regarding your child(ren) returning to school. Your timely response will be a great help to us as we plan our spaces and structures for learning. ***Please fill out one survey for each elementary student in your household no later than Friday, Feb. 19, if possible.***

[Return to School Survey for Spring HSD PK - 6](#)

Thank you for your patience and flexibility throughout this process. We look forward to continuing to serve your student(s) through the remainder of the school year.

Additional information can always be found at www.hsd.k12.or.us/202021schoolyear.

Hillsboro School District