Oklahoma City Public Schools

Back to School Plan

Planning for Fall

As we begin preparation for the start of the 2020-21 school year, we must make some important decisions and consider a variety of scenarios. In order to make those decisions about what school will look like and how our students will experience learning, we formed a Return to School Task Force.   The Task Force has been guided by a core set of principles that reflect our highest priorities: the health and safety of our students and staff, the need to continue to address and close the gap in learning that occurred as a result of our interrupted school year, the social and emotional needs of our students and staff, equitable access and opportunity for all of our students, and the need to be flexible during these uncertain times.

Health and Safety

Learning

Social and Emotional Needs

Equity

Flexible Learning Models

Guiding Principles

Planning for Fall

We are preparing to return to school in a traditional format for the 2020-2021 school year on August 10th. For 3rd through 12th grades, OKCPS will offer a virtual learning option. This virtual learning option will be 100% online instruction powered by our new investment in technology -- something that our parents, families and teachers told us was a must following our Continuous Learning Plan from the Spring.

Traditional Learning Plan

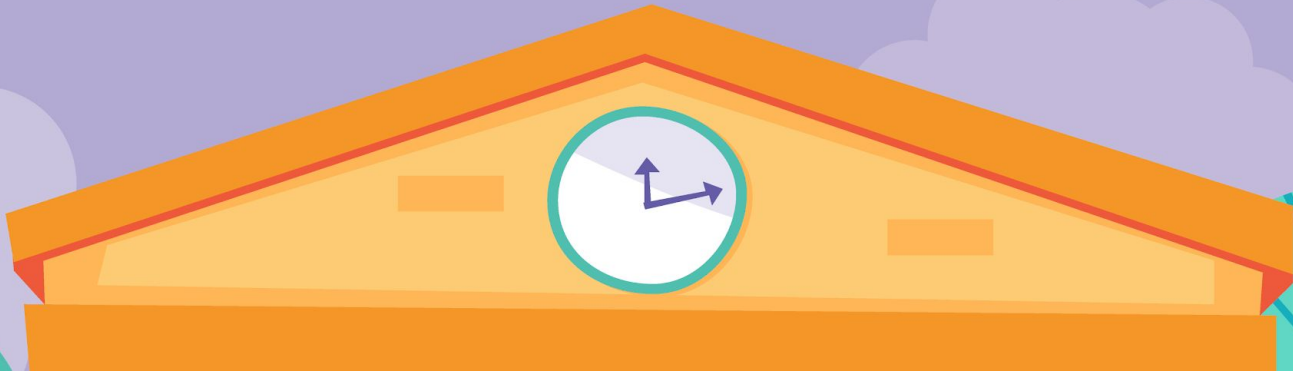- School starts in a traditional manner on August 10th

- All courses/classes taken at regularly assigned school site

- In-person instruction with a traditional academic school day

- Multiple health and safety measures implemented at each site

- All students issued devices

- Increased utilization of technology in order to be flexible and retain the ability to adapt should state officials determine there's a need to do so.

Traditional Learning Plan

Health and Safety Measures

- Daily temperature checks for every student and staff member
- Screening of all visitors via health attestations and temperature checks
- Daily deep sanitations of campuses and buses, especially high-touch areas
- Hand sanitizer on school buses with masked drivers and monitors
- Procedures and protocols to increase physical and social distancing on buses, in classrooms, during lunch, at recess, and during arrival and departure times.

Traditional Learning Plan

Health and Safety Measures

- Marked one-way traffic in hallways
- Bathroom monitoring to avoid overcrowding
- Plexiglass dividers in cafeteria, front office areas and other high-traffic areas
- Mobile hand-sanitizer stations for every classroom
- Face shields and masks for those staff members whose job requires extreme close proximity with students
- Face coverings required for all staff and visitors
- Masks available to and encouraged for all students

Traditional Learning Plan

Devices For All Students

PK-2nd

3rd-12th

All students & teachers will be assigned an iPad

All students will be assigned a Chromebook

Traditional Learning Plan

Reimagining Learning with Increased Use of Technology

Access to learning 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- Each student enrolled in OKCPS will be issued a device and a hot spot if needed for connectivity outside of school. This will allow access to content and learning opportunities to extend beyond the walls of our schools.

Learning Management System (LMS):
- OKCPS will be utilizing Canvas as the LMS for teachers to host instructional content. This will allow students 24/7 access to assignments and activities. Teachers will be able to combine online and face-to-face learning.

Traditional Learning Plan

Reimagining Learning with Increased Use of Technology

It is the expectation of Oklahoma City Public Schools that every student has access to learning and the ability to leverage the power of technology to increase student outcomes. The technology integration initiative is directly connected to our District's goal of providing equity to all students and igniting passion for learning. It's important to remember that this initiative is not about the technology itself, as the integration of technology throughout learning will increase engagement in learning as we look to increase student outcomes.

Traditional Learning Plan

Reimagining Learning with Increased Use of Technology

The goal of every teacher will be to create and implement opportunities for students to reach the highest level possible in a given task. There are unlimited ways in which technology can support learning, but there are three major areas that serve as a starting point. This includes using technology for feedback, collaboration, and creation. For the student, the fun, critical thinking that happens with the use of technology pushes the student to achieve in the upper levels of Bloom's taxonomy and Depth of Knowledge.

Traditional Learning Plan

Contingency Plans

If the number of positive cases of COVID-19 rise to the point that the state limits the number of people allowed in a building or space, the District is preparing for a mix of face-to-face traditional learning and at-home instruction for those students choosing the Traditional Learning Plan. The district is developing a Contingency Learning Plan that would allow only a portion of the students in the building on any given day while the remainder of the students would continue instruction at home. On those school days where students were not reporting to the building, learning would continue to take place at home and attendance would be continue to be counted.
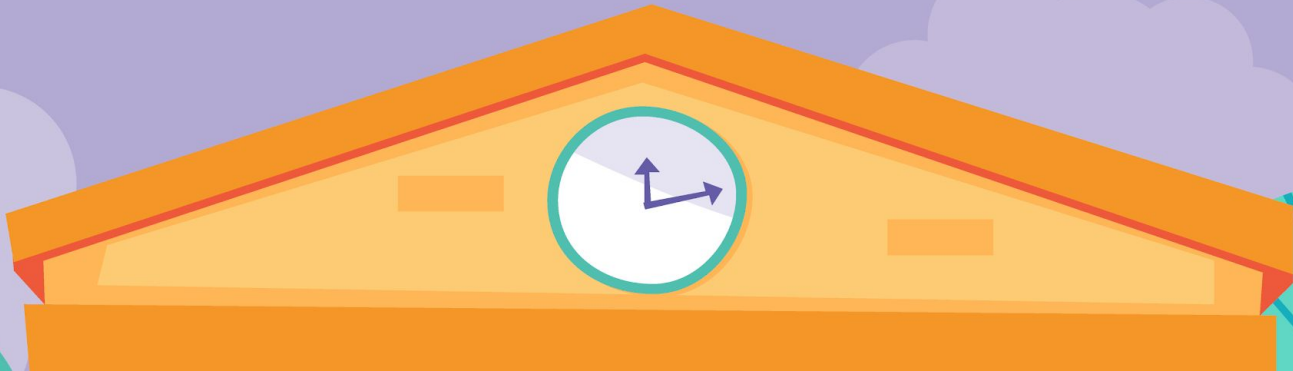
What will it look like?

Virtual Learning Plan
(3rd - 12th Grades)

Virtual Learning Plan

- Virtual Learning Option for Grade 3rd - 12th
  - Virtual Learning Option for Grade Pre-K through 2 will be available for extenuating circumstances and if we need to move to our contingency plan.

- 100% Online Learning

- 24/7 Accessibility to Content (Assignments and Learning Activities

- OKCPS Issued Device (Internet provided as needed)

- Each student will have an OKCPS Virtual Teacher to provide goal setting assistance throughout learning

Virtual Learning Plan

OKCPS working groups have been focused on selecting age appropriate Content Management Systems (CMS).

- **3rd through 5th grade:**

  - District working groups are finalizing plans for the Content Management System (CMS) to utilize for the virtual option curriculum.

- **6th through 12th grade:**

  - OKCPS will utilize the Edgenuity Courseware for our Content Management System (CMS) for 6th through 12th grade.

  - District working groups and teams (district coordinators, principals and teachers) are beginning the process to build curriculum and courses (core and electives) within Edgenuity for grades 6 -12.

Traditional Learning Plan

Traditional Learning Scenarios

What if the state closes schools again? → Students would move to Virtual Learning Plan

What if the state limits how many students can be in the buildings? → OKCPS would use its Contingency Plan and students would learn through a mix of in-person and virtual instruction.

Or 3-12 grade students could move to Virtual Learning Plan

Or

What if my student gets sick or someone in the home is positive for COVID-19? → Student would learn remotely until the student was able to return to school for in-person instruction.

Virtual Learning Scenarios

What if the state closes schools again?

What if the state limits how many students can be in the buildings?

What if my student gets sick or someone in the home is positive for COVID-19?

Virtual Learning Plan

Students would continue with Virtual Learning Plan

The Roadmap to Readiness

The information presented here is but a glimpse of the preparation for the 2020-21 school year.

We have compiled a comprehensive Health and Safety Protocols draft document

The Oklahoma State Department of Education's Return to Learn Checklist was incorporated into our district's own readiness framework providing our district with a comprehensive Roadmap to Readiness for 2020-21.

The Roadmap to Readiness

- The initial work has been done by a series of work groups with specific goals and tasks pulled directly from our Roadmap to Readiness

- Research and planning has been taking place throughout the months of May and June

- OKCPS will need the help of teachers, parents, and support staff to serve as thought partners in reviewing, editing, and finalizing our plan to return to school.

The Roadmap to Readiness

Never before have we been faced with such a task! Yet, as those committed to the very lives of OUR children, we must be successful in this endeavor.   Despite the unrest in our society, the uncertainty of these times and the difficulty of our task, we are emboldened by the fact that we are in this together as a district, together as a community, and together as a city.

Together… We must rise.