



ORTING

School District #344

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Dear Parents and Guardians of OSD Students,

We are excited to announce that we will offer full-time in-person instruction for all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Jay Inslee and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Superintendent, Chris Reykdal, have issued guidance that will allow us to return to full-time in-person instruction in the 2021-22 school year. We will begin sharing information in the coming months about what our return to full-time instruction will look like as we finalize logistics and guidelines change.

Here are a few things we can share right now:

- All students will be offered the opportunity for five days a week, in-person instruction at all grade levels.
- Students will also be offered the opportunity to enroll in remote online instruction in the Orting Virtual Academy (OVA). The program will be five days a week virtual program with a year-long commitment with a more robust program with a set schedule for the 2021-22 school year.
- Parents and Guardians are asked to declare their students' intent to enroll in a fully remote instructional model for the entire year by completing the [Intent to Enroll in Orting Virtual Academy](#) **no later than May 25, 2021.**
- If your student will not be enrolling in the OVA, then you do not need to do anything and we will assume that your student will return to school in-person in the 2021-2022 school year, and schedule accordingly.
- Final approval of your student's enrollment in the Orting Virtual Academy will be based on grades, demonstrated success in a remote learning environment, space and staffing capacity, history of regular school attendance, and counselor recommendation, but there is no guarantee of placement.
- All students will be offered free meal services throughout 2021-22, as needed, per the USDA waiver.
- We will discontinue meal delivery services in the 2021-22 school year; however, we will still offer meal pick-up services to students and families in need and those who choose to remain to learning remotely online.

We will continue to respond to changing guidance as directed by the local and state agencies, as required to ensure the safety of our staff and students as we move towards a full reopening in the fall with safety precautions as required.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year began on April 15, 2021, for all new and former K-12 students. Please visit our website at www.ortingschools.org for electronic registration and building contact information.

Sincerely,


Dr. Tony Apostle, Superintendent

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