



January 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of Orting Students,

We are pleased to announce that as of January 21, 2021, the Orting School Board of Directors has approved our Phased-In Return to In-Person Instruction plan. This plan will begin on **February 8, 2021**. We will welcome back our primary students in the following phases:

February 8, 2021: Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade

February 22, 2021: 2nd and 3rd Grade

March 8, 2021: 4th and 5th Grade

Middle School and High School return dates have not been decided at this time. The start dates will be determined subject to COVID metrics and the K-12 Decision Tree for Provision of In-Person Learning.

Elementary students will return to school in an AM/PM rotation. The AM rotation is from 9:00 am – 11:30 am, Monday through Thursday. The PM rotation is from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Please watch for further information specific to your student in the coming weeks.

To prepare for a phased-in return to in-person instruction, we wanted to send out a couple of reminders and changes to ensure your student(s) is prepared to return to our campus.

The following must be completed **five days** before your student(s) returning to campus:

1. Ensure your student(s) have up to date immunization data on file and or applicable waiver (required to return in person, [link for more information](#))
2. Ensure your student(s) has health data and or health plan on file, applicable physician authorization for any medications to be administered on campus (if applicable, [link for more information](#))
3. Ensure your student(s) has a free & reduced meal application on file (if applicable, [link more information](#))
4. Review the Orting School District Safety Guide and related COVID-19 communications ([link to information](#))

The following changes will occur when your student(s) returns to campus:

1. Students grades Pre-school, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade must be accompanied to the bus for drop off and pick-up to mitigate social distancing and mask-wearing requirements
2. Daily Health: Wellness Screening is required for all students reporting to campus; parents will report daily in Skyward for Primary (P-5) students no later than 8 am, and Secondary (6-12) students no later than 7 am, otherwise screening will be required before bus entry or building entry ([link to instructions](#))

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All students returning to campus must bring the following items when reporting to school daily for personal use:

- Backpack, Cinch Sack or Tote for personal items
- Chromebook (fully charged)
- Two Masks
- Facial Tissue
- A bottle of Water

Primary schools will provide individual school supplies for all primary students. Therefore, supply lists will not be provided at the primary level as it is not a requirement for students for the remainder of the school year.

Our students' and staff's health and safety is our top priority; therefore, these changes and protocols will remain in place until further notice. We look forward to welcoming our primary students back on campus in the coming weeks. Please reach out to your building Administrator and or secretaries for assistance with these requirements, as needed.

Sincerely,
Tony

Dr. Tony Apostle
Superintendent

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