

Return to School Plan for 2020-21

Sweet Home School District

*Based on Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, and Linn County COVID-19 Metrics



Summer Timeline

Distance Learning feedback from Staff, Parent, and Community via survey on website



July 24, 2020



Parents indicate On-Site Hybrid or Distance Only option via survey

Prior to August 10, 2020

Submit plans to Local Health Authority and receive Board Approval



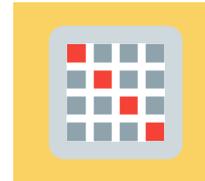
Parents finalize enrollment online via RegiSTAR



Beginning August 10, 2020

Last Week of August 2020

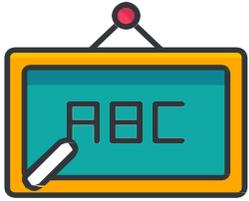
Students Receive Cohort and Schedule



School Begins day after Labor Day!



September, 8 2020



Instructional Options



K-3: On-Site or Distance

Based on meeting COVID-19 testing data in our county, we will deliver **on-site instruction in grades K-3 every day**. We will also **offer a distance learning option for students in grades K-3, if preferred by parents**.

Students in grades K-3 will be assigned to a teacher from their neighborhood school for both instructional options. Each student will be provided with a district device (chromebook or tablet) to access teacher facilitated activities each day using Canvas Learning Management system. We want all of our students (in class and at home) to participate together in learning.

If a quarantine becomes necessary over a short duration or **if Linn County COVID-19 testing metrics are not met, making on-site school unavailable, all students will be able to maintain their studies online using Canvas Learning Management System.**

Grades 4-12: Distance Only

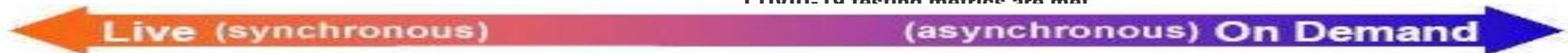
It is important to note that this model of online school will not be the same as it was during **Spring 2020**. It will be more rigorous and include systematic units with engaging, interactive content. There will be daily attendance requirements, and student work will be graded.

Students in grades 4-6 will participate in a virtual classroom with an on-site teacher and classroom cohort during the school day utilizing Canvas Learning Management System.

Students in grades 7-12 will have a set schedule and will participate in virtual classes with their teachers facilitated by Canvas Learning Management System.

The district is exploring on-site (in person) provisions for Career and Technical classes and classes that support at risk students. (ODE clarification in the coming weeks)

Distance learning students are a part of the Sweet Home School District. Students will receive daily outreach from their school. **Online students will be poised to re-enter to participate in on-site learning once state and county COVID-19 testing metrics are met**



Aligned School Operations and Logistics

For on-site grades K-3 students, each Monday the district will receive weekly state and county COVID-19 case rates. Weekly, the district and elementary schools will publish **meeting or not meeting K-3 metrics** and whether or not a transition to distance-only learning is required.

For distance only grades 4-12, we will use the same state and county data and publish if we are **meeting or not meeting the grade 4-12 metric** requirements. If we do meet the state and county grade 4-12 metrics for returning, we will work to safely and orderly transition students to on-site learning.

For on-site learning we must do the following:

- We must have **staggered arrival and departure times** for students to reduce interactions across groups.
- **Physical distancing** requirements are in place. We must maintain learning spaces with 35 square feet per person (including staff). We must work to keep students six feet apart during the day, with consistent seating, desks, and individual school supplies.
- Students must stay in **stable cohorts not to exceed 100 students** during the school day.
- Volunteers and **non-essential guests are not allowed in school buildings** during the school day. Essential visitors must be screened and must wear face coverings.
- Students will be **assigned restrooms** and **entry/exit doors** to limit crossover.
- High use areas in school buildings will be **cleaned and sanitized multiple times** per day.

For all students: We will distribute a Chromebook or tablet for any K-12 student who needs it for classroom or distance learning use during the school year.



Current Health and Safety Standards (per Linn Co Health Agency guidance)

Students and staff exhibiting symptoms must stay home. While students are home, they can to participate in the distance learning option.

Students will be **visually screened** upon entry, students exhibiting symptoms will be **isolated**, and sent home as soon as possible.

Students and staff are required to wear face coverings, exceptions and requirements to this regulation can be found at [ODE and OHA face-covering guidelines](#).

Students and staff will **wash or sanitize hands** upon entry and exiting the building, and at numerous times during the school day.

Transportation



Food Service

One of the largest challenges in the ODE guidance is transportation. Requirements for transportation are:

- Visual screening for symptoms as students enter the bus each day.
- Drivers and students must wear face coverings.
- We must try to keep passengers at least three feet apart.

- Meal services will be provided to all K-12 students regardless of which learning option is selected.
- Contact-less student meal service to include pre-packaged utensils and napkins.
- Students will not be intermixed in buildings. Meals may be served in classrooms; mixed cohorts will not share cafeteria space.
- For Distance Learning students our Grab-n-Go sites will be Foster, SHHS, and Holley.



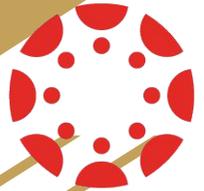
Why Canvas?

Based on **Spring 2020 Parent and Staff** survey feedback on the Distance Learning Experience, we know that while the majority of parents rated the quality of distance learning instruction high, nearly 50% of parent respondents said they needed **more frequent support** and contact to **motivate** their child and **assist** with at home instruction.

According to Sweet Home staff, the highest priorities for continuing professional development for staff were in the two areas of **planning and organizing online instruction** and learning more about digital instructional options.

Canvas Learning Management System will help us address stakeholder needs and priorities by providing a consistent framework for online learning, featuring:

- **Safe, single sign-ons** for parents, teachers, students.
- Web-based platform can be **used on a variety of devices** and integration with our SIS and gradebooks.
- **Plug-n-play sharing** with Youtube, G Suite, MyMath, Journeys, StemScopes, and other applications.
- **Reduce need for paper** handling with integrated assessment, grading, and feedback features.
- Full access for **all K-12 users** students, teachers, and administrators; **free access to parents**.
- **Upgraded account services** including 24-7 Teacher Support, 20 site licenses for live webinar support and Canvas Studio features.



CANVAS

K-12 Support Services Continuum

Boys and Girls Club & After-School Programs continue *when allowable* in stable cohorts



When allowable, school athletics, clubs and activities resume following OSAA and OHA requirements.



Counseling Services, Wellness Teams, YST, Student Resource Officer... all continue using small groups and virtual meetings.



Student Health services through LinnCoMH, OHP and McKinney-Vento partnerships will continue.



What's next...

Please read through the **updated** ODE and OHA guidances linked below, and review our [Learning Option plans](#) and complete re-enrollment via RegiStar no later than August 25, 2020.

Together, we will make 2020-21 an amazing year for students. An unusual year for sure, but an amazing one!



Read the summary documents prepared by ODE & OHA ([linked here](#)).



Contact your school's principal for specific answers to your questions.



Look for RegiSTAR enrollment information in the mail over the next 2 weeks.