



Ready Schools, Safe Learners

Senate Education Committee
September 21, 2020



Guiding Principles

Ensure safety and wellness. The decision to return to school settings must be driven by health and safety considerations. In planning, prioritize basic needs such as food, shelter, and wellness and create the conditions to support mental, social, and emotional health of students and staff.

<u>Cultivate connection and relationship</u>. Quality learning experiences require deep interpersonal relationships and a learning environment where people are seen, known, and loved. Especially in the midst of returning to school settings from an extended school closure, supporting students and families should begin with connection and relationship.

Center Equity. In Oregon, based on data released by OHA, all racial and ethnic groups are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 as compared to their white peers. Recognize the disproportionate harm and impact that COVID-19 has caused for certain communities. Apply an equity-informed, anti-racist, and anti-oppressive lens to promote culturally sustaining and revitalizing educational systems that support every child.

<u>Innovate</u>. The complex circumstances in which learning is currently situated requires ongoing reflection and iteration to assure deep learning for every student.



Monitoring for Equity Impacts

Equity Impact Analysis Phase I:

- Convened a team of equity leaders in Oregon to review RSSL with an equity, racial equity and anti-racist lens
- 2. Co-designed a process for an equity analysis of the RSSL content by creating a matrix to guide the review and record responses.
- 3. Input was provided on each section and subsection of the guidance, from 4a through 8c, and asked five critical questions for each subsections:
 - O What are your initial clarifying questions?
 - O What needs to be stressed/emphasized in this subsection?
 - O What changes would you make?
 - O What are your suggestions/recommendations?
 - o If you were working with a district team on this subsection, what questions would you ask to probe deeper understanding around equity, racial equity, and anti-racism?
- 4. Several changes were incorporated into the recent iterations of RSSL, both in tone and in substance, including the addition of new resources for district implementation teams to consider.



Monitoring for Equity Impacts

Equity Impact Analysis Phase II - Our journey forward:

As the school year begins, ODE will be working with ESDs and school leaders to develop a regional approach to empathy interviews, focus groups, and surveys that we hope could identify and surface the strengths, needs, and gaps in how the 2020-21 year is unfolding for students and families with an explicit attention to:

- Students of color
- Students with disabilities
- Emerging Bilingual Students
- Students navigating poverty, homelessness/houselessness, and foster care
- LGBTQ2SIA+ students
- Families
- Staff



Updated Metrics



FOLLOWING THE METRICS CRITERIA FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION



RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Schools must be in a county that is no longer in baseline phase.

For a school district that draws >10% of students or staff from one or more other counties, the rate of new "cases per 100,000" and percent of "test positivity" should be considered in each of those counties.



county METRICS to be met three weeks in a row



Case rate: ≤10 cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days*

Test positivity: ≤5% in the preceding 7 days



STATE METRICS to be met three weeks



Test positivity: ≤5% in the preceding 7 days

*For Youth Correctional and Juvenile Detention Programs:

This metric may exclude cases associated with corrections and detention facilities and other settings without direct association with community spread. Conversely, the decision to open youth correctional and juvenile detention education programs to in-person instruction should be made based on the spread of COVID-19 within the specific correction or detention

PLAN TRANSITION

TO COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING

For schools that have in-person instruction occurring, if one or more of the following metrics are met for **more than one week in a row**, planning for Comprehensive Distance Learning should occur, including training of all staff and communication with school communities.



COUNTY METRICS

Case rate: ≥20 cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days*

Test positivity: ≥7.5% in the preceding 7 days

INITIATE COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING

with no exceptions

For schools that have in-person instruction occurring, if one or more of the following metrics are met for **more** than one week in a row, Comprehensive Distance Learning should be initiated.



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COUNTY METRICS

Case rate: ≥30 cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days*

Test positivity: ≥10% in the preceding 7 days







School Has Started

We have received 1,594 operational blueprints for public and private schools/districts/programs:

- Comprehensive Distance Learning 1190 or 74.7% of schools/programs plan to open in this model
- Hybrid (On-site and Comprehensive Distance Learning) 164 or 10.3% of schools/programs plan to open in this model
- On-site Learning 162 or 10.2% of schools/districts/programs plan to open in this model
- No or multiple models indicated 78 or 4.9% of schools/programs



Comprehensive Distance Learning

use them."

COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING REQUIRED ELEMENTS

ACADEMIC CONDITIONS



Learning





nstructional Time

Assessment, Grading, and Reporting Progress

OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS







Attendance

Extracurricular Activities

STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT







Mental, Social, and Emotional Health

Partnering with Parents, Families, and Caregivers

DIGITAL LEARNING NEEDS











Infrastructure Dev

Devices

Software

Professional Development & Training



"Astute educators know that all that is taught is not necessarily learned, regardless of the setting. The quest, then, is to determine what ingredients are vital for learning to occur. We ask ourselves, what is the right combination of experiences that ensure learning? What conditions must be present? Teachers whose mission is to cultivate engaged learners teach the kinds of strategies learners need and create opportunities for students to

Douglas, Fisher. The Distance Learning Playbook, Grades K-12 (p. 106). Corwin. Kindle Edition. July 2020.



From Spring 2019 to Fall 2020: Key Shifts

Instruction

- Increased daily learning time
- Focus on Teacher-Facilitated learning time
- English language support and SPED support provided through real-time opportunities

Relationship & Connection

- Daily real-time check-ins between staff/student
- Daily peer interaction
- Daily attendance
- Safeguarding Student Opportunity

Family Engagement & Communication

- Family/parent virtual connections at least 4 x per year
- Family & student feedback at least 3 x per year

Digital Learning Needs

 Infrastructure, Devices, Software System, Digital Content, Professional Development



Changes in the Learning Day

Distance Learning For All	Comprehensive Distance Learning
Waived Division 22 Instructional Time Requirement	Maintained Division 22 Instructional Time Requirements (HS 990/K-8 900) *Increased allowable time for teacher professional development and family conferences/contact pending SBE approval.
 Recommended times for teacher-led learning K-3: 45-60 minutes maximum 4-5: 90 minutes maximum MS/HS: 3 hours maximum 	Required minimums for teacher-facilitated learning • K-3: 140 minutes • 4-8: 150 minutes • 9-11: 2 hours 50 minutes
No synchronous contact required	At least one daily synchronous opportunity required
Pass/Incomplete in lieu of letter grades	Equitable grading policy determined by district (letter grades allowed)
Daily attendance encouraged	Required daily attendance



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	Every Student Succe Federal Title Gran	
1	1a. ESSA Requirements 1b. Limited In-Person Instruction for Emergent B 1c. Consultation with Tribes 1d. Supplement not Supplant 1e. Leveraging Federal Funds 1f. Funding Flexibility: Adjusting Pla 1g. Title I-A Improving Basic Progra 1h. Title I-C Education of Migratory 1i. Title I-D Neglected and Delinque 1i. Title II-A Preparing Training and	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Serving Students Experiencing Disability
	1j. Title II-A Preparing, Training, and 1k. Title III / Emergent Bilinguals - L 1l. Title IV-A Student Support and A 1m. Title IV-B 21st Century Commu 1n. Title V-B Rural Education Achiev 1o. McKinney-Vento 1p. Equitable Services for Private So 1q. Foster Care	3a. Limited In-Person Instruction for IDEA Services 3b. Cohorting and Least Restrictive Environment 3c. Evaluations and Eligibility 3d. Child Find and Referral 3e. Individualized Education Programs (IEP) 3f. Specially Designed Instruction
2	Students Prote Equity and Access to	3g. Related under IDEA 3h. Transportation as a Related Service 3i. Secondary Transition Services
	2a. Design and Review of Section 5 2b. Required Health Services	3j. Progress Monitoring 3k. Compensatory Services or Recovery Services 3l. Social and Emotional Behavior Supports
		3m. Staffing



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Putting It Into Practice

Common Grant Requirements

Meeting Key Requirements Across Models During the 2020-21 School Year

2019-20 School Year → 2020-21 School Year

Budget Narratives

- · CIP Budget Narratives opened in August 2019
- Initial budget narratives by December 1, 2019 with minimal revisions in the spring

Time and Effort

 Semi-Annual Certifications completed with a hard signature obtained by each federally funded employee

Expenditures

- Title funds braided to support district initiatives
- Transferring funds utilized to a limited extent
- Inventory maintained, with few items off campus

Budget Narratives

- Initial budget narratives submitted in early fall to gain access to funds
- Multiple revisions submitted throughout the year (as needed by the district)

Time and Effort

· Collect electronic signatures or employee affirmation

Expenditures

- Title and ESSER funds braided to support district initiatives
- Reconsider transferring funds to maximize flexibility
- Inventory adjusted to reasonably track items (e.g. laptops, hot spots) off campus











Supporting Student Well Being Braiding Federal Funds during COVID-19						
Activity	Title I-A*	Title I-D	Title II-A	Title IV-A	REAP/RLIS	
School counseling staff and activities	•	•		•	Ø	
Pro-social activities in CDL	0	Ø		Ø	•	
Supplies for art, music, and STEM activites at home	•	Ø		Ø	•	
Behavioral supports and reinforcements (limited value)	•	Ø		0	Ø	
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Section 2: Students protected under ADA and Section 504

2a. Design and Review of Section 504 Plans

Required

- Make instruction accessible for all learners. All learning platforms must adhere to ADA requirements for visual accessibility. Teams should consider both the needs of the student as well as family/caregiver support for access.
- Provide students with access to assistive technology as appropriate to increase,
 - maintain, or improve functional capabilities; establish protocols detailing availability of assistive technology services to assist a student and parents in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.
- ☐ Consult with district Title II (ADA) and Section 504 Coordinator expertise in creating plans for school reopening to provide all students who experience disabilities with FAPE.
- ☐ Convene Section 504 teams, virtually if Community Health Metrics have not been met, and make an individualized determination whether and to what extent compensatory services are to be provided once school reopens for students with 504 plans who have experienced a loss of skills due to the extended school closure.

Schools must evaluate accommodations and modifications for all instructional settings. Under different instructional models, accommodations and modifications may need to be added, revised, or removed.



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Scenario

IDEA Implications

Comprehensive Distance Learning

Student is enrolled in a public school system and receives education services (including special education and related services) outside of the traditional brick and mortar school building through a process determined by the public school system.

Student is entitled to all provisions of IDEA.
Public school systems shall ensure free
appropriate public education (FAPE) is provided
in the least restrictive environment (LRE) and
procedural safeguards are implemented.

Home Instruction

Student is enrolled in a public school system and receives special education and related services in the student's home or other designated setting such as a hospital because the IEP team determined homebound is the most appropriate placement based on the student's individual health and/or academic needs.

Student is entitled to all provisions of IDEA. Public school systems shall ensure FAPE is provided in the LRE and procedural safeguards are implemented.

Home-school (Parent Choice)

Student is NOT enrolled in a public school system because the parent opted not to enroll in a public or a private school and instead will deliver all instruction at home in accordance with state homeschool guidelines.

FAPE does not apply to homeschool. Limited procedural safeguards of IDEA may apply to child find and evaluation activities.



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Developing IEPs for 2020-21

OPTION A

Amend Plans as Instructional Models Chang

As in any previous year, regardless of option chosen, IEP meetings must address the following elements for IEP development:

- Develop the Present Levels of Academic and Functional Performance (PLAAFP Statements) based on age/grade level expectations.
- Discuss and describe strengths and challenges the student bas accessing the general curriculum.
- Discuss and describe strengths and challenges the studen has related to functional performance.
- Describe how the unique nature of the student's disability impacts their ability to access the general curriculum.
- Develop Measurable Annual Goals that enable FAPE based or those strengths and challenges.
- Prioritize the most critical skill and strategy development to IEP goals.
- Each barrier to accessing the general curriculum that the team identified in creating PLAAFP statements must be addressed in the IEP, but not necessarily in IEP goals.
- Include measurable postsecondary goals where appropriate, based on age or student need.
- Determine the services/supports needed to provide FAPE.
 Special Education (Specially Designed Instruction) and Related Services are the core supports that enable a child to achieve annual goals and receive FAPE.
- Teams should also consider the need for supplementary aids and services, including
- accommodations/modifications; necessary supports for school personnel; and other services/supports needed to enable appropriate progress.
- Determine the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) in which those services/supports can be provided.
- The general education setting where all students receive their education must be the first consideration.
- Each time placement is being considered, IEP teams must first presume placement in the regular classroom.
- More restrictive placements may be made only as the data indicates that the unique nature of the child's disability procludes them from successfully accessing FAPE in lesser restrictive settings.

This option is the same as previous years. Districts who select this option will need to address questions in Option 8 upon any shift in instructional models.

OPTION B

Proactively Plan for Changes in Instructional Models

In addition to the elements addressed in Option A, in order to develop IEPs that are resilient to changes in instructional models, IEP teams must also consider:

- Develop the Present Levels of Academic and Functional Performance (PLAAFP Statements) based on age/grade level expectations.
 - How do changes to the general education context (i.e., instructional model selected) impact the strengths and challenges the student has relative to the general
 - curriculum?
 - How does the child's disability impact their ability to function within the selected instructional model(s)?
- Develop Measurable Annual Goals that enable FAPE based on those strengths and challenges.
 - Consider whether changes to instructional model(s) impact the most critical skills and strategies the student needs to learn to access FAPE (e.g., technology skills required for Comprehensive Distance Learning).
 - Annual goals are worked on over the course of the IEP year but not all goals, or short-term objectives/benchmarks are appropriate to work on throughout the entire year.
 Document any goals that are specific to certain instructional models.
- Determine the services/supports needed to provide FAPE.
 Consider services/support for each possible instructional model the school may enter during the 2020-21 school year.
- Services and supports must be described with enough specificity that all EP team members have the same clear understanding of services to be provided, including when, where, and by whom those services will be provided, enaudless of shifts in instructional most of services.
- Determine the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) in which those services/supports can be provided.
 - Changes to the general education setting where all
 students receive their education does not constitute a
 - students receive their education does not constitute a change in placement under IDEA.
 - Changes to instructional models alone are not justification for increasing the restrictiveness of any student's placement.

This option requires additional considerations due to changes in requirements for the 2020-21 school year. Districts who select this optio minimize the need to amend IEPs due to shifts in instructional models.

Regardless of which option a district/program uses to develop plans. FAPE must be provided to each eligible student throughout the entire 2020-21 school year. ODE recommends Option B to proactively minimize the need for multiple IEP amendments throughout the school year.



- Option A is recommended if a school district/program anticipates being in one model all year long and/or a parent requests year-long comprehensive distance learning.
- Option B is recommended if a school district/program anticipates switching between models. By following Option B during IEP development, districts can minimize the need for IEP meetings due to instructional model changes.
 - O Option B should clearly describe the IEP implementation and plan for all instructional models. This can be done in any of the following sections:
 - Present Levels of Information
 - Service Summary Page

The goal of Option B is to ensure that parents/guardians clearly understand the services provided across all instructional models.





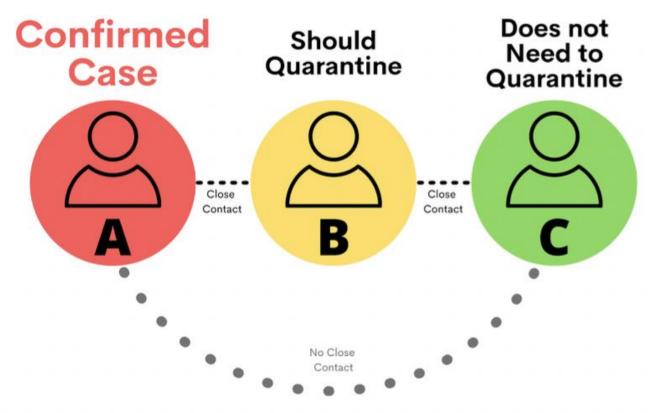
A Toolkit for School Leaders and Local Public Health Authorities

Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools Common Protocols for Exposure Scenarios • Becomes III Scenarios • Tests Negative • COVID-19 School Does not get Tested • Tests Positive $\square \leftarrow \square$ Scenarios Letter to Families: Prevention and Information • Letter to Families: Case of COVID-19 in School • Notification to Families: School Closure • Notification to Families: Exposure to COVID-19 • Notification to Families: Student Needs to Self-Isolate • Pre-**Communication Tools** Recorded Phone Message from Superintendent • Script for & Resources Teachers / Staff: Positive Case at School • Talking Points for use with Media • Press Release for use with Media • Frequently Asked Questions for Families • Tips for Communicating about the 2020-21 School Year . Common Terminology Protecting Student and Staff Privacy • A Single Positive Case of **Frequently Asked** COVID-19 • Initial Response to a Positive Case(s) at School • When **Questions for School** to Close School(s) . Authority to Close School(s) . Public Reporting of Cases . Role of State and Local Public Health Authorities Leaders





General Quarantine Protocol







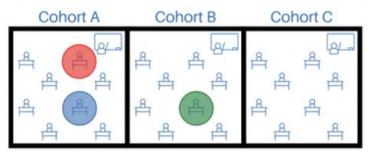
School-Based Examples of Responses Required

Due to Exposure to SARS-CoV-2 or Infection with COVID-19
Based on Classroom and Transportation Cohorts



This student could be considered A1 because they are in Cohort A and ride Bus 1.

If student A1 is exposed to SARS-CoV-2 or infected with COVID-19, all of the people in cohort A (students and teachers) **and** all of the students on Bus 1 must shift to Distance Learning for 14 days. The driver on Bus 1 must also be isolated for 14 days.





This student could be considered B1 because they are in Cohort B and ride Bus 1.

Because student A1 was exposed to SARS-CoV-2 or infected with COVID-19, student B1 must shift to Distance Learning for 14 days, since they share a transportation cohort. However, the remainder of Cohort B can remain in On-Site Instruction unless they also directly interacted with student A1.



Bus 1







This student could be considered A2 because they are in Cohort A and ride Bus 2.

Because student A1 was exposed to SARS-CoV-2 or infected with COVID-19, student A2 must shift to Distance Learning for 14 days, since they share a classroom cohort. However, the remainder of Bus 2 can remain in On-Site Instruction unless they also directly interacted with student A1.





Communication Tools and Resources



Health

Letter to Staff and Families:

Case of COVID-19 in School

Dear Staff and Families of XXXX School,

Recently, we were notified that a person in __school has been diagnosed with COVID-19. As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a carriag response. We are working closely with [INSERT local health department] to respond to this news and protect the health of our community by temporarily closing [INSERT name of school here].

Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, we will follow the following steps:

(customize steps)

[INSERT steps taken here. They can include — but are not limited to — explaining cohort impacts, addressing contact tracing, any relevant information on staying home or testing, a deep clean of classrooms and common areas in the school, manual wiping of surfaces, use of an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer that deploys charged disinfectant particles into an area that covers every surface in the space.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through wearing face coverings, physical distancing and to practice good health hygiene habits. Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of filmes. See plenty of rest, exercise, and east a healthy diet. Protect the community of following the Governor's safety requirements. Wearing cloth face coverings reduce the spread of virus and help prevent those who have the virus, but do not have symptoms, from passing it to others. [NISERT any additional physical distancing requirements that may have been approved by your city or county government]

We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy.

More information can be found on the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools, Safe Learners page, the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page and [INSERT district website with COVID information, if applicable]. If you have any questions, please contact [INSERT contact information].

Sincerely,

Superintendent



Health

ter to Families: Prevention ormation

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his letter to help prepare parents and families for COVID-19 events in your school or ct. Let them know how they'll be updated and where to go for more information.

Parents and Families,

etter will help your family prepare should our school or school district have a COVID-19 occur. Events may include positive cases, outbreaks or exposures. It is important to know urrently there are no positive cases in our school community. However, we want you to that your health and safety is our top priority.

re partnering closely with local public health officials and they will provide support and

 an event occurs in our school or district you will receive information via (email, alert, cation). This webpage will have the most up to date information.

vant our community to protect themselves against COVID-19. Here are some ways to set your family:

- Keep children who are sick at home. Don't send them to school.

 Teach your children to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a
 good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.

 People who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until
 they are better. If you have questions, please contact your school nurse, healthcare

provider, or your local board of health or check the CDC website

information can be found on the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools, Safe iers page, the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page and [INSERT district website with b information, if applicable]. If you have any questions, please contact [INSERT contact mation].

rely,

Principal

Schools also must adhere to FERPA regulations when communicating with families and the community. Schools must take extra precautions when sending communications regarding ill or exposed people to ensure students are not identified. The requirement for FERPA protection does not include communication with LPHAs who under RSSL must have access to direct student and family contact information.

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d time for everyone and ou h you to update the status updated information.		

please contact



Equity Focused

Legislative Concepts and Policy Option Packages

LC 609: Tribal Regalia & Objects of Cultural Significance

 Direct SD's to allow Native students to wear traditional regalia or objects of cultural significant at school honoring or graduation ceremonies

LC 615/PoP 111: Social Emotional Learning Content Standards

- Direct SBE to adopt content standards for SEL for K-12.
- PoP 111: 1 FTE: Ed Spec. 2; 2021-2023 \$334,033; 1 Position/0.92 FTE to develop, implement, and support content standards for social emotional learning for K-12

LC 620: Access to Linguistic Inclusion

 Language arts subjects are required to be taken in English only. This proposal removes the "English only requirement" and replaces it with "language arts."

LC 625/ PoP 070: LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Plan

- Directs ODE to develop & implement a statewide education plan for LGBTQ2SIA+ students.
 SBE will need to establish rules.
- PoP 070: 1 FTE: Ops 4; 2021-2023 \$224,035; and \$2 million in grant from SEIA-SSA



Questions...

