

OCSD Connections

Parent / Family Newsletter – August 28, 2020
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Arriving to School

The first day of school is always an exciting time, and there is typically a lot of activity on the campus. Your child’s school has put measures in place to help students enter the building and begin the day in a safe manner. The district has continued to make safety improvements to our schools, and you may notice changes in how students enter the building.

Please look for information from your school in the form of videos, newsletters, social media, emails, or callouts that will provide you with special instructions for arrival to campus. Contact your school directly with any questions you may have.



This fall, all schools will be conducting health screenings at the beginning of the day to include a no-touch temperature scan, as part of the arrival process. We expect some delays the first few days as schools fine tune their procedures and students learn new routines designed to keep them safer. We thank everyone in advance for their patience as we begin the year.



Classroom Personal Protective Equipment

This fall, each classroom will be equipped with Personal Protective Equipment for teachers and students as well as safe cleaning and disinfecting supplies that will be used on frequently touched surfaces during the day and between class changes.

Also, at the end of each day, spray disinfectant will be applied in classrooms and other locations in the school building. Frequently touched surfaces will be wiped to ensure school is ready for the next day.



CLASSROOM COVID KIT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual desk barriers for each student and staff member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No-touch thermometer to assist with health screening |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cloth masks for teachers, classroom paraprofessionals and students (encouraged to bring your own) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Face shields for instructors and classroom paraprofessionals and special needs students in certain situations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hand sanitizer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spray bottle – disinfectant (food-friendly, approved for school settings) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signage promoting hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaning and disinfecting wipes |
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i-Ready Information for K – 8 Students



What is i-Ready, and how will a student use this program through mySchool Online?

- i-Ready is a progress monitoring tool to help teachers target instruction to meet students' needs.
- All students, Kindergarten through Grade 8, will take the i-Ready Diagnostic test for Reading and Math on their computer device. When school starts, families will be given additional information about the i-Ready Diagnostic test.
- All *mySchool Online* teachers will use the student data from the i-Ready Diagnostic to target instruction during the live, virtual instructional sessions.
- After taking the diagnostic test, Elementary students will also use i-Ready Online Instruction on their device. i-Ready Online Instruction is personalized to meet your child's individual learning needs.
- Click on this link to learn more about the i-Ready program:
<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/LRc9k59Ptg9pq9SBBmM6iz?>

What is i-Ready, and how will my student use it in brick-and-mortar classes?

- i-Ready is a progress monitoring tool to help teachers target instruction to meet students' needs.
- All students, Kindergarten through Grade 8, will take the i-Ready Diagnostic test for Reading and Math.
- After taking the diagnostic test, Elementary students, as well as Middle School students in Intensive Reading and Math, will also use i-Ready Online Instruction during class time. i-Ready Online Instruction is personalized to meet your child's individual learning needs.
- Click on this link to learn more about the i-Ready program:
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