

OAKLAND CUSD #5
REOPENING & REMOTE AND BLENDED
REMOTE LEARNING DAY PLAN

July 31, 2020

RE-OPENING CHOICES

Parent and student choice are the main components of the reopening plan. Currently, there are two options available:

1. Students attend in-person Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm. The remainder of the school day will be independent/flexible student work time completed outside of the school building.
2. Students will attend remotely Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm. The remainder of the school day will be independent/flexible student work time completed outside of the school building as well. (see Remote Learning Choice Agreement located in the back of this Plan)

If circumstances change and districts are required to adjust appropriately, in-person learning may be altered to a hybrid model (students attend on alternate days) or complete remote learning for all students. In either of those instances, Oakland CUSD #5 will provide additional information to students and families.

INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

In-person learning will look much like it did before emergency remote learning began this past March. The major differences will be the shortened in-person school day, shorter periods for grades 6-12, and the suspension of art, music, and physical education for grades K-5.

For those that chose remote learning for the upcoming school year, it will not look like it did during the COVID-19 shut down.

Current guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education dictates that, “Remote and Blended Remote Learning Plans must ensure that at least 5 clock hours of a combination of instruction and school work for each student participating in Remote or Blended Remote Learning Days occurs.”

Students participating in remote learning will receive instruction through a synchronized format, meaning the student will be required to be logged in and fully participating in class activities electronically during the regularly scheduled class period of the scheduled school hours.

Another difference from this past Spring is how grading and grades are to be handled. Again, per current ISBE guidance, “... return to traditional grades for completion of assignments, assessments, and other classroom instructional strategies.” This means student work and assessment will be graded following the same grading guidelines used **before** the emergency

remote learning in March. Student grades, GPA, and graduation requirements will be in effect and fully implemented following the district's guidelines and policies.

The policies and procedures described in this section of the Plan will be re-evaluated on a semesterly basis.

SCHOOL DAY STRUCTURE & SUPPORT

The school day is 8:00 am-3:20 pm. In-person and remote students will actively participate from 8:20 am to 1:45 pm. From 1:45 pm to 3:20 pm, students will participate in independent/flexible student work time outside of the school building. Students participating in remote learning may not be on school grounds between 7:30 am and 2:00 pm. on days school is in session.

The first 20 minutes, 8:00 am - 8:20 am, of each school day, students will be screened for symptoms upon entering the buildings. The district will not accept self-certification for entry into the buildings.

Teachers and staff will be available from 2:00 pm to 3:20 pm to provide support online and in-person by appointment on a limited basis. Occasionally, there will be times when teachers will be participating in professional development activities that will prevent them from being available between 2:00 pm and 3:20 pm. During these times, teachers will provide online support as soon as possible.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year calendar remains the same as approved during the March 18th school board meeting, with one minor change. School resumes on August 17 for students. As a result of Election Day now being a State holiday, schools must be closed on November 3rd. Therefore, the school ending date has been pushed back by one day and students will now finish the school year on May 19 (assuming no emergency days are used).

SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

Oakland CUSD #5 is following Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements for Phase 4 in-person instruction to keep students and staff safe while they are in the building. Key safety measures are below.

- Require the appropriate use of PPE, including face coverings for anyone inside a school-owned building at all times as well as outside when not 6 feet apart. Individuals that have trouble breathing and are unable to wear a mask, must submit a doctor's note stating that in order to be in school-owned buildings without a mask
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals gathering in one space.
- Conduct symptom screening and temperature checks as directed.
- Social distance will be observed as much as possible.
- 6-12 students will participate in P.E. without changing clothes. If in the “new gym,” students will still be expected to wear clean athletic shoes.
- Increase schoolwide cleaning and disinfecting.
- Breakfast and lunch procedures will be changed to minimize the need for students to move and to gather in the kitchen to receive food.

Any individual within the school environment who shows symptoms will be immediately separated from the rest of the school population. Individuals who are sick will be sent home. There will be a designated safe area to quarantine any individuals who are experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms and may be awaiting pickup/evaluation.

Individuals that experience a fever of 100.0 degrees or greater with no other COVID symptoms are not to attend school in-person until they are fever free without medication for 24 hours. Individuals that experience a fever of 100.5 degrees or higher and any other COVID symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. are not to attend school in-person for 14 days.

Individuals that have had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19 infection shall isolate at home and monitor for symptoms for 14 days. During the 14 day isolation period, students will participate in remote learning as much as their health allows. Students that self-report resulting in isolation must complete the 14 day isolation. Close contact means the individual was within 6 feet of the individual with symptoms for more than 15 minutes with or without a mask.

The district will work with the county health departments in Coles, Douglas, and Edgar Counties to assist them in contact tracing, notification of exposed individuals, and distribution of information when necessary.

TRANSPORTATION

Oakland CUSD #5 will continue to utilize Gould’s Transportation of Tuscola to transport students. The busses will operate regular daily routes before and after school. Per ISBE

guidance, busses are limited to 50 people including the driver and any other staff. Before entering the bus upon pickup, students will have their temperature taken by the driver. If it is determined that the student has a temperature of 100.5 or greater, the student will not be allowed on the bus. Anyone on the bus is required to wear a mask unless they have a doctor's notes stating otherwise.

COMMUNICATIONS

It is very important that the school not only have phone numbers and email addresses for parents and guardians, but also for emergency contacts. In the unfortunate event that a child displays COVID like symptoms during the school day, that child will be immediately separated from the rest of the school population. Individuals who display symptoms or are sick must be sent home per ISBE guidance. Therefore, the school will need to be able to contact someone to come get the student.

POWERS & AUTHORITIES

The Oakland CUSD #5 Board of Education gives the superintendent and his designees authorization to determine all policies and exercise all discretionary authority to implement and enforce this plan.

The Oakland CUSD #5 Board of Education retains authority to transition to an instructional delivery model that reduces or eliminates students in the building. Such a model shall continue during the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as the Oakland CUSD #5 Board of Education deems it in the best interests of the District and its students and staff to increase the number of students in the building.

The policies set forth at this time may change in order to be compliant with ISBE guidance or to reflect directives, more or less restrictive, set forth by the State of Illinois or an agency of the State. In such a case Oakland CUSD #5 will work in a timely fashion to adjust and communicate such changes.

OPTING FOR REMOTE LEARNING

Families that decide it is in the best interest of their family for their students to participate in the remote learning option must submit the *REMOTE LEARNING CHOICE AGREEMENT* on the following page to the school office before 3:00 pm on August 12, 2020. Students that have opted to participate in remote learning can not return to in-person learning until the start of the 2nd quarter at the earliest.

REMOTE LEARNING CHOICE AGREEMENT

Oakland CUSD #5

The Oakland Community School District recognizes that Covid-19 has placed health and safety at the forefront for our families, and with that in mind, Oakland CUSD #5 is offering a remote learning option to families who choose not to send their child(ren) to school in August for in-person instruction.

By choosing to participate in remote instruction, I understand and agree to the following:

- Student(s) commit to a minimum of nine (9) weeks when starting remotely in August. During that time, students shall not be on school grounds from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Students in remote learning may need to meet with a teacher one-on-one to seek help in exceptional circumstances after 2:00 PM.
- Student(s) will participate in synchronous learning, which means the student will be required to be present for class activities electronically as if he/she was present in class. Students will be required to be logged in and participating during the regularly scheduled class period of the scheduled school hours.
- Attendance will be taken every class period throughout the day for students in grades 6-12, and attendance will be taken periodically throughout the day for students in grades K-5.
 - Handbook attendance guidance still applies to students participating in remote learning. Please review the district's attendance guidelines in the Oakland CUSD #5 2020-2021 Handbook on pages 10-13.
- Students who choose to participate in remote learning are still eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Regular communication between students, parents/guardians, and teachers is to be expected.
- Student work and assessments will be graded following the same grading guidelines as students who are attending in-person instruction. Student grades, GPA, and graduation requirements will be in effect and fully implemented following the district's guidelines and policies.
- The district will work with families who choose the remote learning option to identify solutions to technology needs and possible internet connectivity issues.
- Students participating in remote learning will have the option to participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs. Details for pick-up will be made available upon request.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the guidelines outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Name Printed Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student(s) name and grade participating in remote learning.

Student Name Printed Student Signature Grade

Student Name Printed Student Signature Grade