



OCSD Updates



Newsletter for District Educators and Staff

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Human Resources

WELLNESS CHECKS

For safety and protection, it is very important for all employees to participate in the temperature and wellness check procedures and sign the questionnaire form at the beginning of each workday. Additionally, if you feel ill prior to coming to work, please stay home. It is also very important that employees practice social distancing while working. Masks are strongly encouraged at this time and especially when social distancing is not possible. The more diligent we are, the better off we all will be.

BACK TO WORK REPORTING DATES

Please be reminded of the following “Report to Work” dates:

• Cleaners	August 6, 2020
• 10-Month: Admin, Secretaries, Clerks	August 13, 2020
• Custodians-10-month	August 13, 2020
• Teachers / Instructional	August 20, 2020 (<i>Flex Days: Aug 17-19</i>)
• ESL Interpreters, Child Dev. Assoc.	August 20, 2020
• Paraprofessionals, ESE Interpreters	August 25, 2020
• Lunch Monitors, Custodians-9 month	August 26, 2020



Did you know...



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Curriculum and Instruction

As we are gearing up for the upcoming school year, many uncertainties still remain as it relates to COVID. Rest assured, as a District, we are planning for these uncertainties to every extent possible. Over the summer, teachers, principals, Union Members, and District Staff have collaborated to create *mySchool Online*. As of the August 1st deadline, approximately 6,700 or 23% of Okaloosa students have opted to begin the year on *mySchool Online*.

Many teachers across the District will begin the year as online teachers. Information has been sent out for *mySchool Online*, but questions are still to be expected. Below you will find answers to some of the questions we are frequently asked regarding *mySchool Online*.



How often will a teacher provide live, virtual instruction?

Elementary

- A self-contained elementary *mySchool Online* teacher will provide the following:
 - 60 minutes of live, virtual instruction for ELA/Social Studies daily (whole group as needed, small group);
 - 60 minutes of live, virtual instruction for Math/Science daily (whole group as needed, small group);
 - 60 minutes of live, virtual support sessions weekly. This time could be used for individual support, small group support, tiered interventions in either ELA or Math.

Secondary

- A secondary *mySchool Online* teacher will provide at least 60 minutes of live, virtual instruction per week for their content area.
- A secondary *mySchool Online* teacher will provide at least 30 minutes of live, virtual support sessions daily.

If a student has a PMP, when will the teacher provide tiered interventions?

- All *mySchool Online* teachers are responsible for initiating and maintaining PMPs for their class. As in the brick and mortar classroom, tiered interventions must be documented.
- Teachers may use either live, virtual instruction or live, virtual support time to provide small group instruction for tiered interventions. One example could be, a student receives Tier II interventions during small group throughout the week during the daily, live virtual instruction for the content area. Students receiving Tier III interventions could receive daily interventions during the support sessions. The teacher's intervention schedule will depend on the number of students served through PMP interventions.

How will mySchool Online students be using i-Ready?

- All students in grades K-8, including *mySchool Online* students, will take the i-Ready Diagnostic Test.
- Elementary students will use i-Ready in small group instruction for ELA and Math.
- In secondary, IR and IM will also use i-Ready during instruction.
- Professional development will be provided to all ELA and Math teachers regarding the use of i-Ready data reports to support and inform instructional decisions.

School Cafeteria Updates for 2020-2021

Plans are in place at each school to reduce the number of students eating lunch at one time in the cafeteria. Each school plan has been developed based on its own facility and schedule.

- Based on a federal waiver, schools have a longer window of time during the day to serve lunch this year. The expanded lunch time will result in fewer students in the cafeteria at any given time. Schools with two lunch sessions could now have three. Those with three lunches could move to four.
- Schools are identifying other locations in the building for students to eat lunch such as outside spaces and vacant classrooms that will further reduce the number of students in the cafeteria.



- Food service lines will be protected by a clear barrier. Cafeteria staff will wear masks when preparing or serving food. At lunch, meals will be plated by food service workers using pre-packaged items whenever possible. Breakfast items will be bagged giving students the ability to eat in multiple locations based on the school's plan.

- Hand sanitizer is available in all cafeterias.

- Cleaning and disinfecting will occur between meal service and at the end of the day.
- No touch options are available for meal payment to include a student scannable lunch card. The student can also provide their name at the register to process lunch payment.

- **NOTE:** Students who selected *mySchool Online* and who qualify for free or reduced-price meals will be able to pick up meals from the school this fall. More information on this will be provided closer to the beginning of the school year.

- The application window for meal assistance opened August 4, 2020. Families can pick up a paper application from their school or apply online at <http://www.myschoolapps.com>.

2020-2021 School Year Meal Prices

- Student Breakfast \$1.80
- Student Reduced Breakfast \$0.30
- Student Lunch \$2.70
- Student Reduced Lunch \$0.40
- Milk \$0.65