

**OCS Plan A (In-Person Learning) Health & Safety Updates**  
as of July 15, 2021



**Safety & Health: Masking,  
COVID Vaccinations,  
Screenings, Cleaning &  
Disinfecting Protocols**

- ★ Masks are required indoors for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status.
- ★ Families are encouraged to send their children to school with a mask. Schools will provide masks to students if needed.
- ★ COVID-19 vaccinations are strongly encouraged, but not required; students must have all other required immunizations in order to attend school in-person
- ★ Physical distancing by at least 3ft will be implemented whenever possible.
- ★ Temperature checks and screening questions are **no longer** required. However, we are asking all staff and students to stay home if they have any COVID symptoms or are awaiting test results.
- ★ **All school buildings will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day and every night.** Disinfecting supplies are provided to each classroom to support the cleaning of desks and other high touch surfaces **as needed** for the cleaning of shared program equipment.



**Instruction**

- ★ Full-time (5 days per week) in person instruction will resume for students Pre-K through Grade 12 effective July 15 at Hillsborough Elementary School (OCS year-round school) and August 23 for all other schools.



**Remote  
Learning**

- ★ Remote learning option is offered to all K-12 students through the [OCS Online Academy](#). We continue to accept applications.
- ★ Intermittent remote learning options for students with unique health needs may be available per Senate Bill (SB) 654.



### Arrival, Dismissal & Schedules

- ★ OCS will operate under Plan A, in-person instruction, Monday - Friday.
- ★ Students will arrive and dismiss using procedures set forth by school principals.
- ★ Bell schedules for the 21-22 school year are as follows:
  - Elementary: 7:50-2:50
  - Middle: 8:30-3:45
  - High: 9:00-4:15
- ★ Temperature checks and screening questions are **no longer** required at this time. However, we are asking all staff and students to stay home if they have any COVID symptoms or are awaiting test results.



### Attendance

- ★ On any regular school day, a student must be physically present in the building (or at an approved school activity) at least half the instructional day to be counted present, same as always prior to COVID-19 closed schools for in-person learning. When schools close due to inclement weather it is possible that the inclement weather days may be full or partial remote learning days.



### Before- & After-School Care

- ★ OCS will **not** offer before-school care since elementary school will resume beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- ★ OCS will continue to offer after-school care at all elementary and middle schools. [More Information can be accessed here.](#)



### Bus Transportation

- ★ Families with students attending Hillsborough Elementary School, which operates on a year-round schedule, need to complete this [form](#).
- ★ All other schools will receive this information no later than August 13. If you did not receive your bus information, please call Ms. Donnetta Poole with the OCS Department of Transportation, at 919-732-2531 or email her at [donnetta.poole@orange.k12.nc.us](mailto:donnetta.poole@orange.k12.nc.us).
- ★ Masks must be worn on buses.
- ★ Up to three masked students per bus seat.



### Lunch Forms

#### Your participation matters!

- ★ We need every OCS family, regardless of income, to complete a [USDA Lunch Application](#) because doing so:
  - Helps schools receive federal money for programs that support and impact **all** students
  - High School students can receive the following benefits plus many others from College Board: • Waived and/or reduced fees on the following exams – SAT, PSAT, ACT & AP • Unlimited score reports to send to colleges • College application fees waived at participating college
- ★ Please send completed forms to your child’s teacher. More information can be found on the [OCS Child Nutrition webpage](#).



### Meal Procedures

- ★ Outdoor eating will continue to be preferred (weather and space permitting).
- ★ Students may talk during meals **if** eating outdoors.
- ★ If students are unable to eat outdoors **and** cannot physically distance indoors, they will have 15-20 minutes to consume their meals with **no** talking.
- ★ Full capacity or limited capacity for indoor eating based on each school facility.



### Recess, Field Trips & Travel

- ★ Masks and physical distancing are strongly encouraged, but not required during recess.
- ★ Field trips and sporting events requiring travel within the state will be permitted with school and district approval.



### Required Immunizations

- ★ [NC G.S. 130A-152](#) defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school. Please review the [required immunizations by grade level](#) and ensure your child is up to date. All immunizations **must be** completed by October 1, 2021.
- ★ Please contact your child's primary care provider or local health department, or feel free to reach out to your [School Nurse, Social Worker and Counselors](#)



### Quarantine Protocols

- ★ OCS will continue to collaborate with the Orange County Health Department for contact tracing and quarantine protocols.
- ★ OCS will continue to follow guidelines by [NCDPI](#), [NCDHHS](#), [OCHD](#) & [ABC Science Collaborative](#) including quarantine decisions for vaccinated staff and students.



### COVID Notifications

- ★ Close contacts will continue to be notified.
- ★ OCS will continue to inform the public of positive COVID cases via our [online dashboard effective Friday, July 15 for HES; Friday, August 27 for all other schools](#)



### High School Athletics

- ★ OCS will facilitate random COVID testing for high school athletes who have not been vaccinated because high school sports put students and staff at a higher risk for contracting COVID.



### Facility Use & Safety Drills

- ★ Facility rentals will resume August 2. Email [OCS.facilities@orange.k12.nc.us](mailto:OCS.facilities@orange.k12.nc.us) for more details.
- ★ Fire Drills are conducted on a monthly basis. Tornado drills are practiced during tornado awareness season. Emergency drills will be held at least once a school year using established procedures and guidance.