

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

Message from the Superintendent

All,

We are grateful to our students, parents, families, faculty, and staff who have worked hard to adjust and adapt to the conditions presented by the Global Pandemic over the last two years. As we return to our campuses full time, we will closely follow California Department of Public Health and Ventura County Public Health guidelines and we will remain attentive and focused on the safety of our students, parents, families, and staff.

Oxnard Union High School District believes that each student should know their true capacity, believe in their gifts and abilities, and learn in a healthy supportive environment that prioritizes a culture of collaboration. It is also critical that we understand and access the experiences, knowledge, and talent our students bring with them to school.

To foster success for our students, please refer to this Family Resource Guide which will serve as a reference for frequently asked questions about our safe return to school.

Together we will see it through!

Respectfully yours,

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Welcome Back!

Oxnard Union High School District is grateful for the return to full day, on-campus instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to providing outstanding instructional programs and aligned services to Build Powerful Futures for Every Student.

Academic, Social Emotional & Wellness Supports

Please contact your school Principal for more information

Academic Supports	Social Emotional & Wellness Supports
<p>Oxnard Online</p> <p>Extended Learning Opportunities for Credit Recovery taught by District Teachers</p>	<p>Universal Free Meals</p> <p>All students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch meals for the entire 2021-2022 school year! Free meals are available for students at every district school during regular meal serving hours.</p>
<p>Implementation of Inquiry Based Teaching and Learning practices. As well as Equity Based Grading practices.</p>	<p>Student Preview Week and Orientation Days at each school site.</p>
<p>One-to-one Chromebooks for every student along with internet hotspots as needed.</p>	<p>Opening of School Wellness Centers on each school site to support the Social Emotional Health of students.</p>
<p>Academic intervention and tutorials in collaboration with CSUCI Resident Student Teachers.</p>	<p>Increase in Student Wellness Specialists providing direct services to students with a focus on social-emotional intervention.</p>
<p>Saturday Enrichment and Tutorial Academies.</p>	<p>Implementation of Restorative Justice practices paired with existing Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports programs.</p>
<p>Increase in counseling services in collaboration with Oxnard College with a focus on college and career readiness.</p>	<p>Increased opportunities for visual and performing arts, student clubs, athletics and extra-curricular activities.</p>
<p>Increase in Career Education course offerings.</p>	<p>Partnerships with community-based organizations such as City Impact and Ventura County Behavioral Health.</p>
<p>Opening of District Newcomer Centers for Newcomer English Learner students at Hueneme and Oxnard High Schools.</p>	
<p>Parent education workshops.</p>	
<p>UCSB Early Academic Opportunity Program & UCSB College Advising Corps on campus to provide support for A-G readiness, College Applications, and Financial Aid Information</p>	
<p>AVID Program to increase college readiness skills</p>	

Commitment to Safety

Oxnard Union High School District will maintain the highest safety standards to protect the health and well-being of our students, staff, and families.



Public Health Guidance

Oxnard Union will continue to update our COVID-19 Safety Plan on the health and safety guidelines for K-12 schools issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) with additional guidance from Ventura County Public Health (VCPH). As a public agency the District depends upon this guidance to provide current guidelines for the safe operation of our schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Safety Protocols on All Campuses

In accordance with the District's COVID-19 Safety Plan, health and safety protocols will be consistently implemented on all school sites per Public Health guidance. This includes standardized cleaning procedures during the school day and overnight, the use of personal protective equipment (such as face masks when indoors), hand hygiene, illness procedures (protocols for handling sick persons), and quarantine procedures.



Effective Air Filtration Systems & Ventilation

District HVAC systems are outfitted with recommended MERV-13 filters, these filters will be checked and replaced frequently. For centrally controlled systems, HVAC units are time set to come on prior to the start of school and turn off at least two hours after dismissal. Windows and doors will remain open as practical to maximize fresh air entry. Each classroom and office space in the District will also have a dual filtered Air Scrubber with MERV 8 and/or MERV 13 filters that will exchange the air six times per hour



Hand Hygiene

Hand sanitizer stations and handwashing stations will continue to be in place throughout all school sites. Students will be encouraged daily to participate in healthy hand hygiene habits.



Face Masks

Indoors Masks are required for students & adults (*regardless of vaccination status*)

Outdoors Masks are strongly recommended (*regardless of vaccination status*)

Buses Masks are required for students & adults (*regardless of vaccination status*)



Physical Distancing

In current VCPH guidelines, physical distancing is not required.

Physical distance will be maximized to the extent possible during indoor group dining. To the extent possible, Eating will be conducted outdoors. The physical distance between student to student and student to driver on a school bus will be maximized.



Screening & Symptom Checking

Before coming to school each day Staff, students, and parents should self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 (*fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of taste/smell, nausea*) and should not come to school/work if they have symptoms.

Anyone exhibiting or reporting symptoms of COVID-19 will be excluded from entering the campus and should immediately contact their health care provider. Staff should also contact their supervisor.



Visitors & Volunteers

Visitors are allowed on campus to conduct essential school related business. Visitors must comply with all rules related to self-screening and mask wearing if they are to enter school buildings. Visitors must register their entry via the Raptor Visitor Management System to support both campus security and contact tracing if required.

Volunteers are required to follow all prevention protocols and must be formally registered with the school and District.

Assemblies and Pep Rallies with parents and other guests will be conducted outside whenever possible. If conducted indoors all attendees must wear an appropriate face covering regardless of vaccination status.

****This information is based on the current health and safety requirements from state and local public health departments at the time of this document's release.***



Independent Study Program

For the 2021-22 California school districts must offer independent study for a pupil whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, as determined by their parent or guardian. For Special Education students, participation in Independent Study continues to be subject to a recommendation from the IEP Team.

In Oxnard Union High School District, Independent Study is provided through Condor High School (CHS). CHS classrooms are on the campus of each comprehensive high school in the District. The CHS Administrative Offices are located at 1800 N. Solar Drive Oxnard, CA 93030

Students who enroll in independent study will be expected to participate in the following instructional opportunities:

At least weekly synchronous instruction, and daily asynchronous instruction as required by the student's teacher or course

Additional information regarding the instructional time that students will be expected to participate in, as well as the academic and social emotional supports available to students in independent study will be provided during the pupil-parent-educator enrollment conference

Condor High School offers A-G courses as well as all courses required for high school graduation.

Once enrolled in CHS, students who are not in attendance (synchronously and/or asynchronously) for more than three school days or 60% of instructional days in a school week, or who are in violation of their written Independent Study agreement will have tiered re-engagement procedures implemented

These procedures include

1. Verification of current contact information for the student.
2. Notification to parents or guardians of lack of participation within one school day of the third absence or lack of asynchronous participation.
3. A plan for outreach from the school to determine pupil needs, including connection with social emotional support services and other services as necessary.
4. A student-parent conference to review the student's written agreement, and to consider the independent study program's impact on the student's achievement and well-being.

To enroll and/or for more information, please visit <https://www.condorhigh.us/>

Back to School Checklist

✓ **Be informed of the health & safety guidance for the 2021-2022 school year:**

As a family, review all information and important safety requirements found within this Family Resource Guide, as well as our [District CPP Plan](#) which was updated in July 2021 with the latest information regarding safety protocols and the 2021-2022 school year.

✓ **Make an informed decision regarding your learning options:**

If you choose to continue with in-person instruction, no further action is necessary, you will remain enrolled in your current school. If you would like to enroll at Condor High School for independent study, please visit the CHS [website](#) for steps on enrolling.

✓ **Practice new schedules & routines:**

Students will be adjusting to different schedules, routines and procedures as they return to campus for the 2021-2022 school year. Help students transition back to the new school year by practicing getting up at a set time, discussing wearing a mask indoors, and resuming a somewhat regular school-day schedule.

✓ **School site communication:**

Please sign up for Parent Square, this is the District's primary home to school communication tool. Parents can find information on how to sign up here:

<https://www.oxnardunion.org/parents/>

Please scroll down to and click on *Register for Parent Square*

Also, please subscribe, like, and follow the District's social media accounts on YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, and Tik Tok.

Please look for: @OxnardUnion

School sites will also be reaching out to families prior to the first day of school with additional back to school information as we all prepare to safely begin the 2021-2022 school year.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will students wear masks at school?

Yes, students and staff will be required to wear masks indoors. This is required by the CDPH and VCPH guidance for school reopening. There are no exceptions for vaccination status when indoors. Per Public Health guidelines, masks are not required outdoors for vaccinated persons, including at lunch and during outdoor PE activities. However, it is strongly recommended that everyone wear masks outdoors when on campus. Students who meet the criteria for a mask exemption per CDC guidelines can wear a face shield with a drape.

Are California school districts mandated to follow the CDPH/VCPH guidelines?

Yes, all California schools (public, charter and private) are required to follow the CDPH guidelines ([**COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year**](#)). California school districts are not allowed to opt-out of the mask mandate for their schools.

Is there an option for students who do not want to attend in-person instruction?

California Assembly Bill (AB) 130, requires districts to offer independent study for students who do not wish to attend school in-person. (Please refer to page 6 of the *Family Resource Guide* for additional information.) This is not the Distance Learning instruction students experienced during the 2020-2021 school year. Independent study students are assigned work for the week in each of their subjects. Students will have daily or weekly (synchronous) live check-ins with their teachers and will be required to interact with their course assignments online (asynchronously) daily.

What does this fall look like for my student if they have an IEP (Special Education services) or a Section 504 Plan?

If your child is a student with special needs who has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, please contact your child's case manager (IEP) or school counselor (504) with specific questions. IEP and Section 504 Plan Services will be fully implemented in-person this fall.

Will temperature checks and health screenings be required prior to entering the school?

Parents and families should perform daily health and screening checks at home prior to sending their students to schools, including ensuring a temperature below 100.4 and no cold, cough, or flu-like symptoms. There are no longer school based temperature checks and health screenings upon entry to the campus

Staff is required to perform daily health and screening checks at home prior to coming on to campus. Individuals should stay home if they have had any symptoms related to COVID-19 within the past 10 days, which include flu-like symptoms such as fever, coughing or shortness of breath, chills, muscle or body pain, fatigue, headache, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or runny nose, or new loss of taste or smell.

Will there be social distancing requirements?

No, specific social distancing requirements are no longer required. The District's safety plan includes essential COVID mitigation measures such as mask-wearing, hand hygiene, regular disinfecting, and high-grade ventilation systems.

Will there be handwashing/hand sanitizer stations?

Yes, hand sanitizer stations and hand-washing stations will be in place throughout each campus. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the classrooms.

Will there be cleaning and disinfecting taking place?

Enhanced cleaning schedules will continue to be implemented. Each classroom, restroom, lunch area, and office will be fully cleaned each day. High-touch areas (doorknobs, faucets, light switches) will be sanitized during the school day. A full disinfection of rooms or offices will take place in the event of a confirmed positive case in that room or office.

Will there be testing and contact tracing?

Yes, in the event a student or staff member exhibits symptoms, there will be available testing (**[County of Ventura Expanded COVID-19 Testing](#)**), communications about potential exposures, and contact tracing. Quarantine and conditions for a student or staff member to return to campus will follow CDPH requirements. Testing will also be available on each campus, at no cost, beginning in early September.

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, or comes into “Close Contact” with an individual with COVID?

The District will comply with all notification and quarantine protocols called for in the local county health order by Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance.

It is important to note a recent change in guidance: Consistent with VCPH County Health Orders, fully vaccinated students and staff who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual will not be required to quarantine at home, but instead will be able to remain in in-person instruction with biweekly testing. Testing will be available on each campus, at no cost, beginning in early September.

Are vaccinations required for students?

No, however, vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to protect individuals from the COVID-19 disease (CDC). Vaccinations are currently available for students ages 12 and up and parents are encouraged to consult with their health providers in considering vaccinations for their children. Vaccination sites are available countywide and the OUHSD will work with Ventura County to provide “pop-up” vaccination clinics periodically.

Are vaccinations required for staff?

In a CDPH public health order issued on August 11, 2021, California is now requiring all K-12 District and School staff members as well as paid walk on coaches to be vaccinated or to take a weekly COVID Test. The District’s Human Resources Department is in the process of collecting this information. Weekly COVID testing will be available on each campus, at no cost, beginning in early September. The deadline for the District to report staff vaccination information to VCPH is October 15.

Will visitors be allowed at Oxnard Union Schools/Facilities?

In the 2021-2022 school year, in-person meetings may take place for parent conferences, PTA meetings, and other events (registrations, orientations, back-to-school night, school tours, athletics), in which case face coverings will be required unless the meetings are held outdoors.

If I have scheduled an appointment on campus, what do I do?

All visitors should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms at home. If symptomatic, please do not enter school facilities.

Visitors must wear a face covering upon entering a school building and should check in at the front office through the Raptor system to receive their visitors badge.

Will the drinking fountains be operational?

Drinking fountains will be available. Students are encouraged to bring personal, labeled water bottles to refill. Drinking fountains will be cleaned daily.

What about school meals?

This year we are excited to announce that all meals for OUHSD students will be free to all students on every campus. Students will be able to eat lunch with their peers.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide Grab-N-Go meals to parents and families during this school year.

Will there be Athletics, Band, Choir, Drama, and other Extracurricular Activities?

Yes, each school will have extracurricular activities this year. Schools will publicize specific COVID-19 protocols for all athletic, band, choir, drama, and extracurricular programs.

If you have any safety concerns, please contact your school principal.

As public health guidance is updated, the District will provide you an update to any changes in our protocols and procedures.