

Odessa-Montour Central School District 2020-21 Learning Plan Update

August 4, 2020

We are continuing to move forward with preparation for students to return to full-time, in-person instruction in September. We appreciate the input we've received from surveys and meetings with families and staff. This input indicated strong support for the return to school. We want to share the steps we have taken to meet the rules, regulations and safety standards set forth by New York State, the CDC and Department of Health.

- We will have two bus runs to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required on school buses.
- Arrival time of buses will be staggered with arrival time of students being dropped-off at school to allow time for health screenings and reduce foot traffic at entrances. Maps and arrival/dismissal times will be communicated when they are finalized.
- Daily temperature checks will be conducted for employees and students. In addition, staff will complete a COVID-19 questionnaire every day and students will be asked a series of COVID-19-related questions every week.
- We have made adjustments in classroom layouts and staffing to ensure that we are meeting social distance requirements.
- Students and staff will be required to wear masks on campus when moving throughout the buildings and when social distancing is not possible. When students are seated at their appropriately-spaced desks, they will not need to wear masks unless they are interacting in close proximity with a fellow student or teacher.



A Hanlon classroom set up to allow for proper social distancing.



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- Hand sanitizing stations have been set up throughout all school buildings and all water fountains have been modified to only accommodate the filling of water bottles.
- Plans are in place for daily cleaning and disinfecting of all classrooms and high-traffic areas.
- Wherever possible, hallway traffic will be one-way with appropriate signage. Classes moving in hallways will be regulated to reduce the number of students in hallways at a given time.
- Plans are underway for providing special area classes (ex. physical education, art) where appropriate spacing of students is possible.

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- PreK-6 students will eat meals in their classroom. We are planning to use available classroom and/or gymnasium space in addition to the cafeteria to accommodate middle and high school students with appropriate spacing for lunch periods.

We understand that some parents may choose to not send their student(s) back for in-person instruction in the fall. **In order to plan for remote learning for these students, we are asking all parents/guardians to fill out the form that can be accessed at the link at the top of our website at www.omschools.org.** Once we receive this information, we will be able to determine how to best serve these students. At this time, we cannot guarantee that students who opt for remote learning will be able to livestream into a classroom. We can assure that your student will be assigned a teacher with whom he/she can interact with regularly for academic and social-emotional support.



A High School classroom set up to allow for proper social distancing.

All learning plans are subject to change based on updates from New York State, the CDC and Department of Health related to COVID-19. As always, we will continue to communicate information as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we navigate the current situation and strive to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.



A B.C. Cate classroom set up to allow for proper social distancing.



Daily cleaning and disinfecting will take place in all classrooms and high-traffic areas. In addition, staff will be provided cleaning supplies to regularly disinfect high-touch areas in their classrooms.