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# Ohio County Schools



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Ohio County Family,

We are excited for the first day of school on August 11, 2021. Please review our OCS Re-Opening Procedures for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan is subject to change by National/State Executive Orders, KDE mandates, or CDC/Health Department regulations. Currently, National and State guidelines have been provided as **recommendations, not mandates**. Many of the health and safety protocols from last year will be carried into the new school year.

Our goal is to create an environment that provides an opportunity for students to return to the traditional school experience, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff to the greatest extent possible.

## General Procedures for Ohio County Schools

- At this time, staff and students who are fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask during the school day.
- It is recommended, **not mandated**, that staff and students who are **not** fully vaccinated continue to wear masks while indoors. (Masks are optional)
- Any staff or student who wishes to continue to wear a mask in any situation should feel free to do so.
- Masks will be provided if needed.
- To the greatest extent possible, a minimum 3-foot social distance will be in place.
- We will utilize seating charts should contact tracing need to occur.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building and frequent hand washing will be encouraged.
- Visitors to the building will be limited to those that have an essential function. Until further notice, visitors will not be permitted to come for breakfast/lunch with students. Appointments are encouraged.
- Maintain COVID-19 cleaning protocols put in place during the pandemic.
- Parents are requested to screen students before allowing them to leave for school and/or get on a bus.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 should remain home and parents should contact their home school regarding the symptoms. Students should be symptom free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before being allowed to return to school.
- Busses will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the week.
- Vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine in the event of a positive contact.
- At this time, OCS will offer traditional in person instruction. Any other instructional options must be approved by a medical professional or the superintendent's office.

We are looking forward to seeing our staff and students and having a great school year.

BOARD MEETS THIRD THURSDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

### Non-Discriminatory Policy Statement

Students, their parents and employees of the Ohio County Board of Education, are hereby notified this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, genetic information, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, age or disabling condition in employment, educational programs, vocational programs or activities as set forth in Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, and ADA. Any person having inquiries concerning the Ohio County Board of Education compliance with Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, and ADA is directed to contact Christy Nofsinger, Ohio County Board of Education, P.O. Box 70, 315 East Union Street, Hartford, KY 42347, 298-3249, who has been designated to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504.