

**Pendleton School District
21/22 School Year
Opening Plan
Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework**

Authority:

- School Health and Safety: School Officials and Local Public Health Authority/UCoH
- Public Health Risk: Local Public Health Authority/UCoH and Oregon Health Authority/OHA
- State Laws as they Apply to Public Schools: Oregon Department of Education/ODE

Mitigation Factors:

- Vaccination
- Physical Distancing
- Face Coverings
- Ventilation and Airflow
- Hand Hygiene
- Respiratory Etiquette
- Stay home when ill and symptomatic-consult with medical professionals

Requirements by either state statute or rule:

- **Operational Plan:** ODE will release the specifics for this requirement by July 22, 2021. The District will transfer information from this document to any required document required by ODE prior to August 31, 2021.
- **Recovery Services:** The District will comply with the recently adopted requirements for Recovery Services for those students who are covered by an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).
- **Equity:** The District has a well-articulated strategic plan that contains our mission, vision and beliefs. As part of that plan, is our district-wide goal of “Responding to the Needs of All Students”. We believe the indicators and identified “measurables” under Goal #2 of our strategic plan demonstrate our commitment to equity and are aligned to the direction set forth by the Oregon Department of Education.

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Regulations (OAR):

- **Communicable Disease Plan:** The District has updated our Communicable Disease Plan to ensure alignment with the latest updates from OHA. The plan is posted on our website at www.pendleton.k12.or.us.
- **Division 22 Standards:** The District will adhere to all requirements as outlined in the revised Division 22 standards for the 21/22 school year. These include instructional minutes, attendance and student enrollment or requirements. Division 22 Standards reports are presented to the Board of Directors by November 1st of each year for the preceding year.
- **Mental Health Supports:** The District will continue its work for all staff around trauma-informed care, implementation of Conscious Discipline and Character Strong curriculum and strategies, and expanding capacity of culturally responsive classrooms K-12. The District has invested with expanding the number of school counselors as well as designated mental health specialist at our four elementary schools. Funds from the General Fund, Measure 98, SIA and state and federal relief aid support these positions. The District will continue to work with community partners including Community Counseling Solutions, Lifeways, Umatilla County CARE, DHS and Altrusa KARE to provide additional mental, medical and social services to our students and their families.

Advisory Health and Safety Strategies:

- **Vaccination:** The District will provide information to families about the COVID-19 vaccinations available to students and adults alike. **Vaccination of students and staff is optional and not required to attend school. However, volunteers and visitors must provide proof of vaccination to enter buildings during regular school hours.**
- **Face Coverings:** Face coverings are optional for students and staff both indoors and outdoors during regular school hours. Designated staff who are attending to individuals with any communicable disease symptoms will be required to wear face coverings and appropriate protective equipment.
- **Physical Distancing:** The following will apply to all school sites:
 - *Classrooms* – students will be seated 3’ apart to the extent possible. The District will attempt to limit class sizes to accommodate space capacity limitations to the extent possible.
 - *Entrances* – Students and staff will have designated entrances and exits when arriving and departing the building.
 - *Hallways* – Signage and floor markings will be used to designate flow.
 - *Transitions* – At the elementary level, classroom dismissal to recess, lunch, and specialists will be staggered to the extent possible to limit the amount of students in halls at one time.
 - *Passing Times* – At the secondary level, passing times will be limited to keep student flow moving. Students will be allowed to use restrooms once they have reported to their class. The use of lockers will be discouraged or prohibited to reduce congregating in halls.
 - *Breakfast* – At the elementary level, students will receive a grab n go breakfast to eat in their classroom prior to the start of the school day. At the secondary level, cafeterias and common areas will be made available for those wishing to have breakfast.
 - *Lunch* – To the extent possible at both the elementary and secondary level lunches will be staggered and/or multiple spaces identified for students to eat and be able to distance themselves.
 - *School Hours* – Elementary schools will start at 8 am and release students at 2:30 pm daily. Middle School hours will be 8:45 am to 3:15 pm and High School hours are 8:40 am to 3:35 pm. This will allow transportation to develop routes that will ensure buses can maintain 3’-6’ of distance between riders.
- **Cohorting:** All teachers K-12 will use the same Synergy class roster report for cohorting/contact tracing purposes as well as the Synergy seating chart. At the elementary level, specialists will use the same seating charts as the regular classroom. Itinerant staff will keep a daily log of contacts to be filed at each site.
- **Ventilation and Airflow:** The District complies with all state, federal and manufacturer guidelines for upkeep and maintenance of its HVAC systems. All filters meet or exceed current standards.
- **Handwashing:** Students will be encouraged to wash hands before and after each meal, after using the restroom and recess. Signage will be used to remind students and staff of the importance of good hygiene. Hand sanitizer will be deployed at all main entrances/exits to buildings, hallways and classrooms. Sharing of equipment will be kept to a minimum and cleaned frequently.
- **COVID-19 Testing:** At this time, the District will not be conducting testing of symptomatic students or staff. Students or staff displaying symptoms will be isolated, sent home and advised to consult with their medical professional.
- **Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing:** The District will use approved materials and chemicals to clean, disinfect and sanitize all spaces. Custodial staff will be scheduled to maximize cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing during regular school hours.