



Pendleton School District Opening Plan 4.0
2021-22 School Year
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 released the specifics for opening the 2021-2022 school year on July 22, 2021. The District met the required submission deadline of August 31, 2021.
- **Recovery Services:** The District complies with the 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. 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 expanded the number of school counselors as well as designated mental health specialists 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.

Health and Safety Strategies:

- **Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing:** The District uses approved materials and chemicals to clean, disinfect and sanitize all spaces. Custodial staff are scheduled to maximize cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing during regular school hours.
- **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.
- **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. *(The District is exploring screening testing as a possibility with UCoH at future date)*
- **Face Coverings:** Face coverings are required per OAR 333-019-1015 during regular school hours and activities for both students and staff. Specific details including exceptions can be found on the following links: [FAQ on Mask Mandate 333-019-1015](#)
- **Field Trips:** At this time field trips must have prior approval from the Superintendent or designee and will be approved on a case by case basis.
- **Handwashing:** Students are encouraged to wash hands before and after each meal, after using the restroom and recess. Signage is placed to remind students and staff of the importance of good hygiene. Hand sanitizer is deployed at all main entrances/exits to buildings, hallways and classrooms. Sharing of equipment is kept to a minimum and cleaned frequently.
- **Physical Distancing:** The following applies to all school sites:
 - *Classrooms* – students are seated 3' apart to the extent possible. The District has attempted to limit class sizes to accommodate space capacity.
 - *Entrances* – Students and staff will have designated entrances and exits when arriving and departing the building.
 - *Hallways* – Signage and floor markings are visible to designate flow.
 - *Transitions* – At the elementary level, classroom dismissal to recess, lunch, and specialists are staggered to the extent possible to limit the number of students in halls at one time.
 - *Passing Times* – At the secondary level, passing times will be minimal 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* – K-8 students will receive a grab n go breakfast to eat in their classroom prior to the start of the school day. At the high school 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 are staggered and/or multiple spaces identified for students to eat and be able to distance themselves.
 - *School Hours* – Elementary schools start at 8 am and release students at 2:30 pm daily. Middle School hours are 8:45 am to 3:15 pm, and High School hours are 8:40 am to 3:35 pm. This allows transportation to develop routes that allows for 3'-6' of distance between riders.
- **Vaccination:** The District will provide information to families about the COVID-19 vaccinations available to students and adults alike. Vaccination of students is optional at this time though recommended by the CDC. Vaccination of staff is mandatory as described in OAR 333-019-1030, except for qualifying religious or medical exemptions.
- **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.
- **Visitors:** Visitors are prohibited beyond the main office until further notices.
- **Volunteers:** Classroom volunteers must be both fully vaccinated and wear a face covering at all times.