

Helensview Fall 2020 Reopening Overview

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We are excited to share our initial plans for reopening Helensview School this fall. In this document, you will find information about our initial plan to safely reopen using a hybrid instructional model. This plan was developed using guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon Health Authority, the Centers for Disease Control, Multnomah County Health Department, and MESD School Health Services.

Looking to reopen, our goals are to:

1. Maximize the health and safety of all our students and staff, including those identified as medically at risk;
2. Ensure equitable access for all students, including those who are Black, Indigenous, a student of color and/or LGBTQIA+, to the full range of educational services and quality instruction; and
3. Provide individualized, specially designed instruction to all students in accordance with their learning needs.

Question: What is included in your plan?

Our plan takes into account eight main areas for reopening. These areas include (1) public health protocols, (2) facilities and school operations, (3) response to outbreak, (4) equity, (5) instruction, (6) family and community engagement, (7) mental, social and emotional health, and (8) staffing and personnel.

Question: When will I know if students will be back in person or continue with distance learning?

All students at Helensview through November 2020 will be supported and enrolled in a comprehensive distance learning program. In this model all CTE and core subjects will be taught live through Zoom and Google Chat. Online classes will be offered through Google Classroom and Odysseyware. All students in this model will get In person check-ins at students' home or an agreed upon location bimonthly.

When we are able to, we will move to a hybrid model in which all students attend school on campus one or two days a week. These students will attend classes with a cohort (see details below), and will receive instruction, support, and specifically designed instruction and supports on campus through their case manager. During the days students are not on campus, they will engage with staff and other students for core and CTE Zoom and Google classes. They will also have access to online classes through Google Classroom, Newsela, and Odysseyware.

This plan remains tentative as we continue to monitor conditions and listen to feedback. A final decision will be made by August 15, 2020 and communicated directly to all parents, students, and staff.

Question: Where can I access the initial reopening plan draft?

https://www.multnomahesd.org/uploads/1/2/0/2/120251715/helensview_blueprint_d2.pdf

We will be updating this plan based on feedback from stakeholders like you and as additional guidance is released. Our next scheduled draft will be posted on August 3, 2020, and we will ask for additional feedback. Our final plan will be available on August 15, 2020.

Question: How will you keep students and staff safe? Will the adults and students be required to wear masks?

Health and Safety are our priority. For the first term we will be offering a comprehensive school program online.

Once we are able to return to a hybrid model on campus:

- All staff will be provided with and required to wear masks and/or face shields.
- Students who are 5 years and older are required to wear masks, except when medically not appropriate. Masks will be provided.
- All students will be required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the building and when making transitions to other instructional spaces.
- All students will be supported with frequent hand-washing or using hand sanitizer before and after meals.
- Staff will clean all touch-point surfaces before school and on a schedule multiple times throughout the day.
- Physical distancing (six feet or more) will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.

Question: What is the process if a student or staff member becomes sick with COVID-19? How will I be informed?

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In a distance model if a student is showing symptoms they will be supported by school staff to be tested for COVID-19.

Question: What if a student becomes sick at home? How do we communicate with the school?

We will send more detailed information about communication procedures to families when school starts. What we can share now is that we will be asking families and care providers to monitor students for symptoms at home. If a student or family/household member displays symptoms or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the family or care provider notify Helensview School staff at 503-262-4150 immediately and keep their child home.

Question: Will students be penalized for not attending school in person?

No. We will work with families, care providers and students to develop plans to provide remote learning options on an as-needed basis. Students will be able to acquire all needed credits and support they need to work toward graduation.

Question: What if I do not feel comfortable with my student attending a school site? Can I have online distance learning full-time as an option?

Yes. Please contact Amanda Wood at awood@mesd.k12.or.us or 503-262-4160 to discuss options.

Question: Will you be able to meet the individualized needs of students with IEPs?

Yes. Our special education team will work with families and students and the student's IEP team to ensure that the student is provided with FAPE in the least restrictive environment possible, in accordance with the student's IEP.

Question: Will there be opportunities for parents and guardians to learn how to navigate the devices for home learning? When will those take place?

Yes. We will be hosting multiple sessions beginning in late August. We will communicate with families about those sessions through Facebook, our website, and via email.

Question: I have additional questions about plans for reopening schools, who do I contact?

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