



# Oak Valley Middle School Reopening Information

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The purpose of this document is to summarize the reopening plan for OVMS. More information can be found at the YouTube community forum linked [HERE](#) and the family reopening FAQ document linked [HERE](#). This document will be updated as information changes.

The previous version of this document from 11/20/20 can be found [HERE](#).

## **Note (1/14/21): On January 14, 2021, Board voted to:**

- Continue the temporary suspension of on-campus learning for elementary, middle, and high schools until:
  - January 19: when PUSD will reopen full-day preschool classes and ESS programs on campuses; resume in-person individual special education supports, instruction, and related services on a case-by-case basis.
  - Between January 25 and February 1: when Elementary schools can reopen for on-campus learning with the AM/PM schedule; special education classes can resume on campus (preschool through adult transition); small groups at middle and high schools can return to campus
  - Five Days after San Diego Reenters the Red Tier\* (see explanation below): when Middle and high schools will open with the concurrent learning model on an A/B schedule

*\*On January 14, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provided updated school reopening guidelines that do not allow PUSD middle and high schools to reopen while the county is in the Purple Tier. Based on the new CDPH guidelines, our middle and high schools can now only reopen five days after San Diego County returns to the Red Tier. This is due to the CDPH's new definition of "reopened or opened". Under previous definitions, PUSD was considered opened while we were in the Red Tier and thus could proceed with reopening. PUSD no longer meets the requirements of the new definition: "The school must have given all students in at least one grade the option to return for in-person instruction for at least part of the school-week to be considered to be "open" or "reopen." If only some were being served in-person in a school in a county in the Red Tier (e.g. only students with disabilities) and all students in at least one grade did not have the option to return in-person as described above, the school has not "opened" or "reopened."*

*In addition, secondary schools are required to keep students in a stable cohort/group of no more than 14 children or youth and no more than two supervising adults (or a configuration of no more than 16 individuals total in the cohort) in a supervised environment in which supervising adults and children stay together for all activities (e.g., meals, recreation, etc.), and avoid contact with people outside of their group in the setting. More information about these new rules can be found [HERE](#).*

**The information below is subject to change...**

**Board Adopted Date for Re-Opening:** \* Not yet determined \*

- **Barriers that could keep us from opening on this date:**

- Finding personnel for adequate student supervision. Some staff will need to work remotely. Each classroom that has a remote teacher will need to have a person assigned to that room for supervision.
  - Funding for added personnel for supervision. For every supervision position added we will need funding to cover this new position.
  - We currently do not have enough personnel on the substitute list to cover our needs.
  - Current site funding cannot cover the cost of added personnel.
- **Need for substitute teachers, Instructional Assistants, and parent volunteers:**
    - Substitute teachers
      - Need a Bachelor's Degree and the CBEST test completion.
      - [Contact PUSD HR](#)
    - Instructional Assistants
      - We are in need of Instructional Assistants to assist with the supervision of students and WE ARE HIRING!
      - **Starting Pay is \$15.13/hr.** We have several openings for 6 hour per day positions (**8:00-2:30** daily). These are limited term assignments that will go through the end of the school year. If you or someone you know might be interested, please apply using the link [HERE](#).
    - Volunteer Parents
      - Volunteers will not supervise students alone, but could help us supervise larger spaces, direct students during lunch/passing periods, or assist with school check-ins.
      - Volunteer parents will need a Level 1 Megan's Law authorization which can be completed at the school. Please contact Leigh Anne Marsh ([lmash@powayusd.com](mailto:lmash@powayusd.com)) to initiate the process.
- **Students Returning to Campus**
    - All students opting to return to school will need families to complete and sign the PUSD Parent/Guardian Health and Safety Agreement. This form can be found [HERE](#). Students will not be allowed on campus until this form has been signed and returned.
- **We will be opening school using Simultaneous Teaching Model for all students:**
    - The teacher conducts class with students both on-line and in the room at the same time.
      - Teachers who will continue to be working remotely this year will communicate this with families. This list is subject to change at any time as conditions may change for staff.
    - Students and staff stay in currently assigned classes. No class/assignment changes needed.
    - **We will be attempting to restructure PE classes to group VLA students together and on-campus together. As a result, students may be assigned to a new PE teacher.**
    - Students choosing virtual can stay in the virtual model, in OMVS classes, with OVMS teachers.
    - Students choosing in-person will need to bring a fully charged Chromebook/laptop with them to school everyday.
    - We will be issuing a PUSD Chromebook to all students who select on-campus learning. Families will need to complete the Family Chromebook Agree Form that can be found [HERE](#). This signed form must be returned to the school before a Chromebook will be issued.
      - We will be checking out Chromebooks to students returning to campus during the first week of their return. More details will follow soon.
    - Students will attend in a cohort model. In-person students will come twice per week in two cohorts. This is needed to maintain adequate spacing in classrooms.
      - Monday (periods 1,3,7): Cohort 1 in person; Cohort 2 and Virtual at home.
      - Tuesday -(periods 2,4,8): Cohort 1 in person; Cohort 2 and Virtual at home.
      - Wednesday - (1,3,7): Cohort 2 in person; Cohort 1 and Virtual at home.

- Thursday - (2,4,8): Cohort 2 in person; Cohort 1 and Virtual at home.
    - Friday - Asynchronous - All students at home (No live instruction. Assignments for the day will be posted in Canvas. Attendance noted by assignment(s) turned in that day. All assignments must be turned in by 2:15pm to earn attendance for the day).
  - Student Cohorts will be determined by last-name alphabetical. This is subject to change and adjustments as there is a need to balance classes.
    - Cohort A: Blue Group will be letters A-K
    - Cohort B: Grey Group will be letter L-Z
- **Student Supervision:**
  - Supervision will be needed for students in rooms that do not have an in-person teacher.
  - This plan will include substitute teachers and/or other OVMS personnel.
  - Supervision could include using larger spaces at certain times including but not limited to the MPR, GYM, covered lunch area, outdoor spaces and the library.
  - This is dependent on multiple factors including the number of students choosing to return, availability of spaces since these areas are already used as classrooms, outdoor weather, etc.
- **Attendance Rules:**
  - Students that choose 'In-Person' school:
    - All students opting to return to school will need families to complete and sign the PUSD Parent/Guardian Health and Safety Agreement. This form can be found [HERE](#). Students will not be allowed on campus until this form has been signed and returned.
    - In-Person students should attend in person during their cohort days.
    - In-Person students will attend on Mon/Tue or Wed/Th. Friday will be virtual (asynchronous - No live sessions with a teacher).
    - If a student is not able to attend in-person, a parent should notify attendance. If the student can attend on-line then no absence will be recorded, but you must still call attendance. This absence should be due to one of the allowable absence reasons (quarantine, illness, medical appointment, funeral, court appearance, religious observance).
    - Students consistently choosing to not come in-person without calling attendance and/or without a valid reason will be moved back to the virtual setting.
    - Students may choose to move back to virtual at any time during this phase.
    - Students requesting to switch from virtual to on-campus after we have already reopened in January will be determined on a case by case basis and will be dependent on space.
  - Virtual Students
    - Virtual students must attend virtually.
    - Virtual students may attend extra-curricular activities in person.
- **Classrooms:**
  - Classrooms will be set up with distancing recommendations.
    - Tables/desks 6-ft apart facing the same direction to the extent possible.
    - If tables are used, there will be one student per table when possible and two at larger tables. When two students are present at a table, a barrier between students will be present if the distance is less than 6 ft.
  - Most of our classrooms will hold 16-20, while maintaining 6 ft distance.
  - Clear plastic barriers will be used in most classrooms at desks and tables.
- **Weekly Schedule:**
  - The weekly schedule changed starting January 4th 2021.
  - The weekly schedule can be found [HERE](#).

- The schedule can will go as follows:
  - Monday - Odd classes, 1,3, Connections, 7
  - Tuesday - Even classes, 2,4, Office Hours, 8
  - Wednesday - Odd classes, 1,3, Office Hours, 7
  - Thursday - Even classes, 2,4, Connections, 8
  - Friday - Independent work day for all PUSD secondary students, including virtual students.
  
- **Bell Schedule**
  - The Bell Schedule can be found [HERE](#).
  - There may be some adjustments to this schedule prior to reopening.
  - The school bus will resume the normal bus schedule from previous years.
    - For more information on PUSD school buses and bus passes, please visit the PUSD Transportation website that can be found [HERE](#).
  - Our bell schedule will remain relatively the same as it has been all year with a 2:15pm release.
    - Students taking the afternoon bus will need to wait for the busses to arrive. Currently the busses are scheduled to arrive at 3:00pm. Students will be supervised.
  - Passing periods will be longer for a more structured release and use of restrooms.
  - There will be one student lunch which will allow for students to spread out around campus.
  - Students will not be allowed upstairs during lunch.
  
- **Drop off and Pick up Plan**
  - Please see the diagram [HERE](#) for information on drop off and pick up procedures.
  - Car Drop-off Instructions (Diagrams at end):
    - Student Car drop-off will be at the front of the school only. Please do not drop off on Carmel Valley as we are required to do a health screening.
    - Parents will pull into the parking lot and proceed to either the middle parking lot lane or the front parking lot lane.
    - Please stop at the health screening station. Student temperature checks will be performed in your vehicle so please DO NOT DROP students off and leave.
    - Students passing the health screening will proceed into campus.
    - Students not passing the temperature check or passing the health check questions will return home with their parent/guardian.
  - Biker Instructions:
    - Students riding their bikes to school will have their health screening done at the Bike Lock-Up area.
    - Students passing health screening will proceed into campus.
    - Students not passing the health screening will proceed to secondary screening and parent/guardian will be called.
  - Walker Instructions:
    - Students walking to school will have their health screening done at either walker entry (front of school or back bus loop)
    - Students passing the health screening will proceed into campus.
    - Students not passing the health screening will proceed to secondary screening and parent/guardian will be called.
  - Bus Rider Instructions:
    - Students will be dropped off in the bus loop and will proceed into campus.
  - Pick up Instructions:
    - *If you need to pick up your student from school early, please proceed to the front office.*
    - Students will need to leave campus as soon as the dismissal bell rings.
    - Students will be allowed to walk home and will be encouraged to remain socially distant from peers.

- Students must be picked up and off campus within 15 minutes of the end of the school day.
  - Car pick-up will follow the same procedure as previous years.
  - If students are taking the bus home, there will be a dedicated area for them to wait for the bus to arrive. There will be a block of time between when school ends and the busses arrive. Students will be supervised during this time.
  
- **Safety:**
  - There will be safety training for all on-campus staff and students.
  - [Screen at-home for symptoms on the top of this chart](#)
    - If symptoms are found at home, stay home. Contact school attendance. Consult with attendance with regard to return to school protocol below.
  - Symptom checks upon arrival
    - Symptoms discovered while at school
      - Isolation in the health office quarantine zone until parent pick-up.
      - [Return to school](#)
  - Social Distancing
    - The degree to which physical distancing is possible throughout our campus will largely depend on the number of families choosing the on-campus option. OVMS has the largest middle school student enrollment in the district and sits on a relatively small campus. While students will be advised to keep physically distant from one another, this is certainly a challenge on a campus of our size. In the movement of students around campus, it is likely that 6 feet distancing is not always adhered to unless each student, through discussions with family and teachers, continues to be vigilant in creating space for themselves. We cannot monitor all students at all times and there will certainly be times when students are closer than 6 feet to each other. We do not have any additional staff who will be supervising students for this purpose.
  - Facility upgrades
    - Upgraded HVAC filters in building HVAC systems.
    - New air purifiers with HEPA filters in all classroom spaces.
    - Physical distancing - mandated between students and staff, when feasible between students; desks and furniture arranged for spacing indoors.
  - PPE
    - Masks for students are required at all times, unless medically exempt. Students without a medical exemption will be moved back to virtual learning if they do not follow safety protocols.
    - Hand sanitizer is placed in all classroom and office spaces
  - Cleaning + Disinfecting
    - Sanitizing wipes available for classroom teachers to use as needed.
    - Sanitizing/Disinfectant bottle spray to be used on high touch areas frequently (doors, light switch)
    - Bathrooms to be disinfected frequently throughout the day using electrostatic spray system and/or bottle sprayer.
    - Student spaces/Classrooms to be disinfected nightly using electrostatic spray system and bottle spray.
  
- **Technology - Students**
  - Students will need to bring a fully charged device with them to school.
  - Students bringing their own devices will need to install a certificate on their unit in order to access the internet. Instructions on how to do so can be found here: <https://www.powayusd.com/wifi>

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- **Performing Arts, Clubs, Sports, and other extracurricular activities**
  - Extracurricular activities can meet as long as they meet school district and County guidelines.
  - Advisors of each group are responsible for working with the school to run activities that meet safety guidelines.
  - The latest updates on the safety Guidelines for Youth Sports can be found [HERE](#).
  - The CDPH Guidelines for Outdoor/Indoor sports can be found [HERE](#).

**CA School Opening Guidance - general school information**

[California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Schools and School Programs](#)

**Poway Unified Reopening Information**

<https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Communications/School-Reopening>