



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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Learning Plan Narrative

The COVID-19 global pandemic is impacting our school community in a number of ways: we are experiencing a traumatic event, many students may have significant gaps in their learning, and equity issues are more pronounced.

As we returned to school in the fall, our first priority was to ensure the well-being of all members of our school community. Because of the wide range of experiences students had during the in-person and remote learning portion of the 2020-21 school year, we anticipated that students would begin fall learning of 2021 with a wider than usual range of competencies. We expected that many students may be behind and may need opportunities to catch up. Teachers need opportunities to collaborate with each other as they examine student work and determine what comes next in the learning for each student.

Lake Orion Community Schools began the school year in-person, we ensured that there were structures in place for student engagement and achievement for all. This plan focused on teaching and learning with an emphasis on equity for all learners and the well-being of students and staff.

Educational Goals

Student achievement goals were established in the fall of 2021. Lake Orion Community Schools has used Fastbridge for the past four years as the district benchmark assessment and will continue to do so for the 2021-2022 school year. LOCS will administer Fastbridge earlyReading and earlyMath to all kindergarten and first grade students. Fastbridge aReading and aMath will be administered to all students in grades two through eight. Results of the middle of year testing will be shared with the Board of Education in February 2022.

Goal Category	Goal Related to Achievement or Growth on K - 8 Benchmarks for 2021-2022
Middle of the Year Reading Goal	<p>The fall Fastbridge earlyReading mean scale score for all kindergarten and first grade students will improve by fifteen points by the middle of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aReading mean scale score for all second through eighth grade students will improve by six points by the middle of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aReading mean scale score for all sixth through eighth grade students will improve by three points by the middle of year.</p>
End of the Year Reading Goal	The fall Fastbridge earlyReading mean scale score for all kindergarten and first grade students will improve by twenty-eight points by the end of

	<p>year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aReading mean scale score for all second through fifth grade students will improve by twelve points by the end of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aReading mean scale score for all sixth through eighth grade students will improve by five points by the end of year.</p>
Middle of the Year Mathematics Goal	<p>The fall Fastbridge earlyMath mean scale score for all kindergarten students will improve by ten points by the middle of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge earlyMath mean scale score for all first-grade students will improve by four points by the middle of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aMath mean scale score for all second through fifth grade students will improve by three points by the middle of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aMath mean scale score for all sixth through eighth grade students will improve by two points by the middle of year.</p>
End of the Year Mathematics Goal	<p>The fall Fastbridge earlyMath mean scale score for all kindergarten students will improve by twenty points by the end of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge earlyMath mean scale score for all first-grade students will improve by five points by the end of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aMath mean scale score for all second through fifth grade students will improve by six points by the end of year.</p> <p>The fall Fastbridge aMath mean scale score for all sixth through eighth grade students will improve by three points by the end of year.</p>

Instructional Delivery & Exposure to Core Content

Instruction for Lake Orion Community Schools K-12 students will be delivered in-person for all students for the 2021-2022 school year. All students will receive 7 hours and 45 minutes per day of instruction five days a week beginning September 7, 2021.

Elementary students in grades K-5 had the option to be virtual for the entire school year. There were not enough students in grades K or 1 to warrant a virtual section. Lake Orion Community Schools has three sections elementary virtual: grade 2 class, a split class with grades 3 and 4, and a grade 5 class. All virtual students will receive 7 hours and 45 minutes per day of instruction five days a week beginning September 7, 2021.

Students in grades 6-12 had the option to be virtual for the first semester. Prior to the end of the first semester those students will then have the option to remain virtual or come back to school in-person. All grades 6-12 have a virtual option. All virtual students will receive 7 hours and 45 minutes per day of instruction five days a week beginning September 7, 2021.

Teachers in all grade levels will stay on pace with the district curriculum maps for each grade level and content area/course regardless of the learning format.

District common assessments will still be given to students to make sure that teachers are staying on pace with the expected teaching.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are screened in reading and math using Fastbridge and will be screened again in the middle of the school year and at the end of the school year. Elementary students in grades 1-5 are screened using SABRS from Fastbridge for social/emotional needs.

All parents who have students in kindergarten through eighth grade are notified on how the student performed on the district benchmark screener assessment in November 2021.

Lake Orion Community Schools hosted virtual curriculum nights for teachers to explain to parents and students class/course content expectations, curriculum, and student achievement in September. LOCS hosted virtual and in-person parent-teacher conferences at all levels to update parents and students on academic progress in the class/course (high school level is each quarter, middle level is fall and spring and elementary level is fall and spring). Teachers are expected to update grades in PowerSchool weekly. Teachers will provide feedback to students in Seesaw and Microsoft Teams on activities, assignments, assessments, etc. Teachers will complete standards-based report cards for the elementary and middle level students at the end of each semester (January and June). Teachers will complete report cards with grades for all high school students quarterly. Parents and/or students can attend teacher office hours at any time to have further dialogue about student academic progress.

Equitable Access for all:

The Lake Orion Community School District distributed 6,500 technology devices – iPads and laptops in August. The district's plan ensures that every student has a district device or that the student has their own device to use throughout the course of this year. The district communicated with every family and provided them with multiple opportunities to receive a district device for their student to use during the 2021-2022 school year. During the first few weeks of school, teachers will monitor so that if a

student does not have a device one can be supplied to him/her. LOCS is also providing wireless hotspots to families who lack regular internet access.

Lake Orion Community Schools (LOCS) will collaborate with families during the course of the school year to individually review student programs and to facilitate the students' access to the general education curriculum, as defined by the District's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. LOCS will work in good faith and to the extent practicable with families, to implement IEPs on an ongoing basis, and take into consideration information from the State and Federal Government and our Local Public Health Department Partners.

The LOCS Special Education Department is dedicated to providing free and appropriate educational opportunities for students with disabilities and will align with Oakland County Health Division recommendations. Our special education staff will continue working with families to collaboratively identify the most essential services for each student that can be provided both directly and indirectly in an in-person or virtual learning environment. LOCS recognizes that some students with IEPs are unable to progress in a virtual environment. In collaboration with families and the Special Education Department, teams will provide a hybrid learning modality to provide some in-person services while following all recommended guidelines by the Oakland County Health Division. Each individualized plan will outline the services needed for the student to succeed. Student plans will be adjusted, as needed, in coordination with families. We recognize that each student will have an individual plan based on the learning model selected by the IEP team. LOCS is dedicated to continue to ensure all students make progress and access learning in all environments.

The LOCS Special Education Department will follow Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) and IDEA policies and procedures for students with disabilities. This includes following child find requirements, evaluations, eligibility, and providing accommodations, aids and related services to students who are eligible under MARSE criteria for disabilities. The District will adhere to health guidelines during evaluations and when providing accommodations, aids, and related services.

LOCS is committed to providing families an opportunity to have meaningful participation in the special education process. We will continue to conduct IEP meetings in the environment that is most comfortable for all.



LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROCEDURES 2021-22

In an effort to mitigate COVID-19,
Lake Orion Community Schools will follow these procedures
for in-person learning during the 2021-22 school year.

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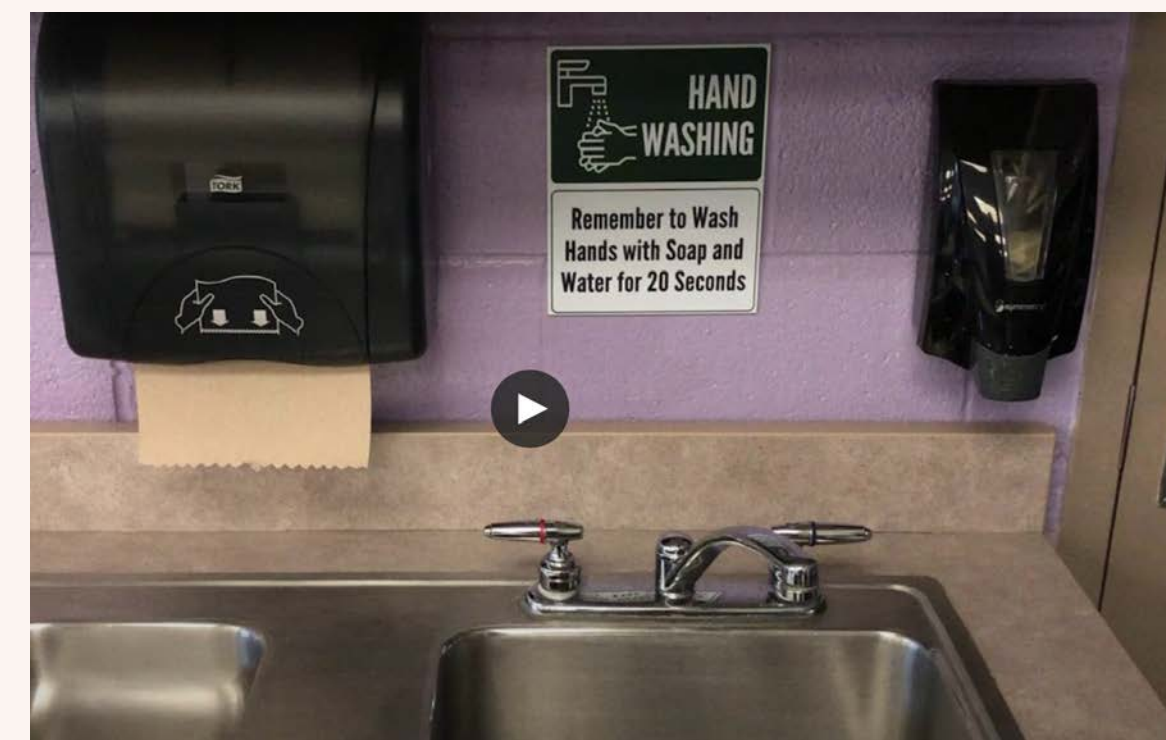
Ventilation

- LOCS made significant improvements to the ventilation system prior to the 2021-22 school year and those remain in place.
- The air is recycled eight times per hour within classrooms through the HVAC system and MERV 13 filters are used.
- HEPA filters are placed in multiple areas throughout various buildings to add an additional layer of air quality.
- LOCS is continuing air quality improvements throughout the school year.



Hygiene

- Students and staff will be asked to continue proper hygiene practices.
- Regular handwashing will be a critical element as will students and staff covering their mouths and nose when sneezing or coughing.
- Staff will remind students of these practices, especially in the lower elementary grades.



Cleaning

- Custodians will continue to clean the buildings on a daily basis.
- The CDC has determined that once-a-day cleaning is effective in reducing the live virus on surfaces.



Health screening

- Families will be required to complete an online agreement one time at the start of the year, agreeing to monitor their student for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to attending school.
- LOCS will NOT require Clear To Go for 2021-22.
- Students who show symptoms should stay home until symptoms have cleared for 24 hours to avoid community spread.
- Students and staff who are exhibiting symptoms should consider getting a COVID-19 test to determine whether the individual is positive.
- If the student/staff member is COVID-19 positive, that test result should be shared with the school administration.

**COVID-19 SCHOOL HEALTH
SCREENING AGREEMENT**

Social distancing

- LOCS will continue to social distance students to the greatest extent possible.
- A three-foot distance is recommended by local guidance and the LOCS classroom furniture will be positioned in that manner, as possible.
- When the weather accommodates, staff members will make an effort to bring students' learning to an outdoor setting.



Masks



- On August 24, the Oakland County Health Division implemented an emergency health order, requiring masks indoors for all students and staff members in K-12 schools, effective immediately.
- According to the order, the mask requirement/health order will remain in place until the CDC risk level in Oakland County reaches "moderate" and remains at that level or lower for 14 days.

Contact tracing

- When LOCS is informed of a school-associated COVID-19 positive case, the following procedures will remain in place:
 - The case will continue to be posted at LakeOrionSchools.org, according to the state requirement.
 - The district will inform the Oakland County Health Division and OCHD will conduct contact tracing.
 - Those potentially exposed would be notified by OCHD of the close contact and informed of next steps and OCHD requirements.
 - Quarantine parameters will be determined by OCHD, though their current guidance indicates that students wearing masks will not have to quarantine if a close contact.
 - LOCS will send a letter to families alerting them that there was a COVID positive in their class.



Transportation

- Masks will be required for students and drivers, on buses, per OCHD/CDC guidelines.
- Students within the close contact guidelines (less than 6 feet) will be notified when exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual.
- Social distancing (3 feet apart) will be implemented whenever possible on LOCS buses.

