



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

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## **Learning Plan Narrative**

The COVID-19 global pandemic has impacted our school community in several ways: we experienced a traumatic event, some students may have significant gaps in their learning, and equity issues were more pronounced.

As we return to school this fall, our priority is to ensure the well-being of all members of our school community. Because of the wide range of experiences students had during in-person and virtual learning options for the 2021-22 school year, students began fall 2023 with a range academic and social emotional competency. We expect that some students may need opportunities for extra academic and social emotional support. Teachers also need opportunities to collaborate with each other as they examine student data and determine a learning path for each student.

As Lake Orion Community Schools has begun the 2023-24 school year in-person, we want to make sure that there are structures in place for academic achievement and social emotional support for all. This plan focuses on teaching and learning with an emphasis on equity for all learners and the well-being of students and staff.

## **Instructional Delivery & Exposure to Core Content**

Instruction for Lake Orion Community Schools kindergarten through twelfth grade students will be delivered in-person for all students for the 2023-2024 school year. All students will receive 7 hours and 45 minutes per day of instruction five days a week beginning September 5, 2023.

Students in grades nine through twelve have the option of enrolling in fully virtual classes through Lake Orion High School's Dragon Virtual Program. Each virtual student will be assigned an in person, Lake Orion High School mentor, who is available daily through the online learning lab located within Lake Orion High School. Students enrolled in the program have the option to return to an in-person schedule at any time throughout their enrollment in the Dragon Virtual Program.

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. Students in first through twelfth grades are screened using SAEBRS 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 academic screener assessment in November 2023 and again in June 2024.

Lake Orion Community Schools hosted in-person and virtual curriculum nights for teachers to explain to parents and students class/course content expectations,

curriculum, and student achievement in September. LOCS will host 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, elementary, and middle level are 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 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 to either students or classrooms. The district's plan ensures that every student has a district device to use while at school or that the student has their own device to use throughout the course of this year. The district communicated with every sixth through twelfth grade family and provided them with multiple opportunities to receive a district device for their student to use during the 2023-2024 school year. LOCS is also providing wireless hotspots to families who lack regular internet access. Elementary classrooms have been equipped with devices for all developmental kindergarten through fifth grade students. All developmental kindergarten through first grade classrooms have iPads for each student and all second through fifth grade classrooms have laptops for each student. These devices will remain at school.

Lake Orion Community Schools (LOCS) will collaborate with families during the school year to individually review student programs and to facilitate the students' access to the general education curriculum. 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 provides free and appropriate educational opportunities for students with disabilities. 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. 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 continuing 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.

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.