

# OCPS & OCIS 5-Day Quick Start Guide



## DEAR OCPS & OCIS FAMILIES,

On Monday, February 1, the Ocean City School District will welcome students in grades K-5 back to school 5 days a week for in-person learning.

This is a quick start guide for the 5-Day Plan for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kathleen Taylor  
Superintendent of Schools

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Changes for Grades K-3 - Starting Feb. 1

OCPS Cohorts O & C will return to a 5-day in-person learning schedule. The District has taken these safety measures to help prevent the spread of illness and boost our chances of sustaining this new format:

- social distancing
- mask wearing by all students and staff
- all student desks facing one direction
- plexiglass shields for each student's desk

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

### Changes for Grades 4-5 - Starting Feb. 1

On February 1, students in Cohort O & C at OCIS in grades 4-5 will return to a 5-day in-person learning schedule.

### Changes for Grades 6-8 - Starting Feb. 8

On February 8, we will add concurrent teaching for students in grades 6-8 and add one more day of in-person instruction on Wednesdays. The cohorts will rotate to attend school on Wednesday according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Cohort O will attend school.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Due to the Presidents Day holiday this week, the new schedule will not apply.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 – Cohort C will attend school.

After that, the rotation will continue on alternating weeks.

## VIRTUAL ACADEMY

If your child is in our Virtual Academy, please email your child's principal with your request for in-person instruction.

The principal will return a status notification to the parent.

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

As we begin to welcome students back for more in-person time, we plan to accelerate our efforts to incorporate social-emotional learning into our students' experiences, with additional emphasis on building resiliency and mindfulness. At both the Primary and Intermediate schools, the Wellness Wednesday initiative will expand to meet student needs five days a week. A member of each school's Wellness Team will visit classrooms regularly to provide in-person lessons for the students now coming to school 5 days a week, and those attending school virtually will benefit from that content via livestreaming.



Staff and students will wear face coverings throughout the school day unless accommodations are needed.



Staff and students will be asked to wash/sanitize their hands frequently and will have routine hand-washing breaks throughout the day.



Staff and students will maintain a safe distance. Students will be reminded to keep their hands to themselves with no high-fives, hugs, or shared school supplies.

### GETTING TO SCHOOL

Students must wear face coverings on the school bus. Riders must observe social distancing guidelines where possible and avoid contact.

**WALKING:** Remind students to follow social distancing guidelines and avoid contact.

### SCHOOL MEALS

Social distancing will be maintained during school lunch periods.

Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each meal.

Students will be asked to wash/sanitize their hands before and after each meal.