

**MULHALL-ORLANDO
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RETURN TO LEARN PLAN
2023-2024**



In-person Instruction for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools will follow the regular 2022-2023 school calendar and students will attend in-person learning each school day unless they apply for Mulhall-Orlando Public School Alternative Education Placement.

Learning Options for Students:

Online learning will be offered on a **limited** basis through M-O Alternate Education Placement.

- Students will remain M-O students.
- Students in grades 5-12 may not participate in extracurricular activities.
- Edgenuity-7th-12th and Accelerate-K-6th, curriculum management systems, will be used for online instruction. Curriculum will be aligned with OAS Standards.
- Alternate Education students will be supervised by a M-O certified teacher, with regular contact with student and parent/guardian.
- Technology and internet access will be provided as needed.
- Alternate Education Placement will require a semester commitment.
- Online/in-person registration begins in July of 2023.

Contact Rodney Vollmer, Elementary Principal, for information about Online Only Instruction for students entering grades Kindergarten-6. 405-649-2000 Ext 1

Contact Joline Oldenburg, High School Principal, for information about Online Only Instruction for students entering grades 7-12. 405-649-2000 Ext 2

Response to Student Academic Needs:

Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools will ensure interventions are implemented to respond to the academic needs of students, including students from low-income families, students of color, EL, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory children by utilizing the following interventions:

- Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 Evidence Based Instruction
- Weekly/Monthly tracking of student growth through Progress Monitoring and Common Formative Assessments
- Credit Recovery will be provided to 9th-12th Grade Students
- Provide after school tutoring sessions

Additional Response to Student Academic or Needs:

English Language Learners:

- Evidence-based instruction and support based on the student's LIEP

Students Experiencing Homelessness or are in Foster Care:

- Provide school supplies, fees, and tutoring to address academic needs

Students with Disabilities:

- Evidence-based instruction and support based on the student's IEP

M-O Public Schools will enroll homeless, foster, or migratory students with or without records.

Response to Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs for Students:

Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools will ensure interventions are implemented to respond to the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, including students from low-income families, students of color, EL, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory children by utilizing the following interventions:

- Face-to-Face interactions
- Focus on positive relationships and culture
- Engage families in learning and parental involvement opportunities
- Encourage student participation in clubs and athletics
- Implement SEL Curriculum at Elementary and Secondary Levels
- Provide additional counseling opportunities
- Celebrate Student Success: Meeting academic goals
- Community Partnerships: including Mulhall-Orlando Education Foundation and counseling agencies

Additional Response to Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs for Students:

English Language Learners:

- Hold parent meetings to discuss test scores, educational opportunities for students, and explain/review LIEP

Students Experiencing Homelessness:

- Provide transportation, clothing, needed supplies/instruments/fees in order for students to participate in extracurricular activities

Response to Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs for Staff:

- Focus on returning to positive relationships and culture
- Focus on self-care
- Return to in-person meetings and team building events
- Hope Rising Book Study with all administrators

Daily Occurrences:

Unless a State of Emergency is Ordered by the Governor or the LCHD advises an intermittent closure, the following daily occurrences will resume with as much DISTANCING as possible in all situations:

- Regular lunch schedules
- Parents, guests, and visitors will be allowed in buildings
- Face-to-Face Parent/Teacher conferences will resume - Arrangements will be made for Zoom or phone conferences when necessary
- Field trips and travel
- Community Use of Facilities according to BOE Policy will resume
- All regular activities
- Assemblies, class meetings, live staff meetings and Administrative Council Meetings

Masks:

- Masks are optional unless a state of emergency is recommended by the Governor of Oklahoma. If a mask mandate is implemented, the Board of Education must make it an agenda item each month to discuss the rationale for the local health department's recommendation.

(OK SB 658 – Effective July 1, 2021)

- By Federal Order, masks are **required** for all public transportation networks. The current Federal Order is in effect through September 13, 2021. Masks are required for the following Mulhall-Orlando Public School modes of transportation with more than one (1) person in the vehicle. **School Buses and School Vehicles**
- In school vehicles and if masks become required in the buildings or on school grounds, masks must be properly fitted. Masks must fit snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps and must fully cover the mouth and nose unless eating, drinking, or during high intensity physical exertion.

Mask Accommodations and Exemptions in the Event of a Mask Mandate:

- Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, may remove a face covering for the duration of time as is necessary to communicate or interact directly with the individual(s). In this situation, consideration should be given to using a clear face covering.
- Persons with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering must wear a face shield.
- Persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance must wear a face shield.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
(Speech Therapy)

Modifying Facilities for Social Distancing:

- Facilities are marked to show the recommended 3-6 feet of distance in seating and standing areas wherever possible throughout the Mulhall-Orlando Public School District.
- In classrooms, students are seated in pods and distanced to minimize exposure as much as possible. Seating charts are required and updated in every classroom.
- Expanded lunch schedules and spacing allows for distancing during lunch and breakfast.
- Students are distanced on school buses and in school vehicles as much as possible. Seating charts are required for every bus and vehicle.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:

- Students are trained and are reminded regularly about the healthy benefits of proper and frequent handwashing with soap and water. Training includes length of at least 20 seconds and frequency of handwashing. Frequent handwashing opportunities are scheduled into the regular school day at key times such as after bathroom breaks, before lunch, or after playing outside. Other opportunities are taken into consideration when students or staff need to wash their hands.
- Respiratory etiquette is continually reinforced, including coughing or sneezing into elbow or covering mouth completely.
- Signage is posted throughout all facilities with handwashing and respiratory etiquette reminders.
- Safe and highly effective hand sanitizer is available at all entrance points, common areas, and offices.
- Hand sanitizing is available in every classroom with at least 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities including Improving Ventilation:

- Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools will continue with increased cleaning and preparation of facilities to protect our students, staff, and visitors. Upon notification of a positive COVID case in a building, all areas affected are cleaned thoroughly. Desks are cleaned between each class and at least twice daily in self-contained classrooms.
- Electrostatic sprayers will be utilized to disinfect facilities each day.
- HVAC maintenance and filter replacement is ongoing to ensure ventilation is optimal for the health and safety of our students, staff, and patrons.

Contact Tracing Combined with Isolation and Quarantine, Collaborating with State, Local, and Tribal Departments:

- Administrators attend weekly Zoom meetings with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education regarding best practices for contact tracing. The OSDH provides weekly COVID-19 emails to inform school officials of the status of infections, testing, vaccines, and CDC guidance for prevention, safety protocols, isolation, and quarantine in order to keep students and staff as safe as possible to maintain in-person learning for the students of M-OPS.
- The Oklahoma COVID-19 Risk Alert is monitored weekly. Risk Levels and updates are reported to the Board of Education, administration, Mulhall-Orlando Public School staff, and are provided to inform all stakeholders of in-school cases, close contacts, and trends.
- District contract tracers are trained through the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Logan County Health Department to make informed decisions about quarantines and isolations. There is constant two-way conversation with the LCHD when positive cases are reported, and an in-school contract tracing investigation occurs.
- Joint communication has been developed by our district and LCHD to provide written information regarding quarantines and isolations to our students, staff, and families affected by a positive case.

The LCHD will utilize the following trigger to determine “close contacts”:

Close contact is defined as exposure to a confirmed positive infected person at less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer. If the LCHD determines close contact has occurred, a 10-day quarantine is imminent unless the close contact is fully vaccinated or shows no COVID symptoms.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing:

- The Logan County Health Department offers free COVID-19 testing to all Mulhall-Orlando students, staff, and families. Appointments may be scheduled with the Logan County Health Department. LCHD works directly with the school to assist with screening of students and staff if symptoms present.
- Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools and the Logan County Health Department have a positive and ongoing collaboration to protect the students, staff, and families of Mulhall-Orlando. School officials and health officials communicate continually.

Vaccine Efforts for the School Community:

- Logan County Health Department and Foster Corner Drug scheduled clinics and individual appointments to serve the staff of Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools. Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were administered, and our district tracks vaccination progress of all employees. Records are updated as employees become fully vaccinated.
- As new employees join Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools or if additional booster doses are required for fully vaccinated individuals, community partners are committed to supporting our staff members interested in the COVID-19 vaccination.
- LCHD will schedule appointments for students ages 12-18 to receive their vaccine.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials:

- Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools has worked in collaboration with the State and County Health Departments to develop contact tracing protocols, guidelines for close contact quarantines, isolation, close contact tracing, and joint parent communication for close contact quarantine or case isolation.
- Our district partners with the Logan County Health Department, Oklahoma State Department of Health, and OSDH State Epidemiologists to make determinations of possible intermittent closure due to lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. Plans will only be implemented if mandated by the State or Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools cannot keep school open due to increased spread or lack of staff.

Learning Plans if an Intermittent Closure Occurs:

- Students will automatically transition to Distance Learning supported by the regular classroom teacher if intermittent closure occurs.
- Pre-K through 6th students will be provided homework packets and students 7-12th will access assignments through Google Classroom at home, and in some cases, teachers may present live lessons through document cameras or Google Meets.
- The calendar will not be altered for intermittent closure as these days will be counted as instructional days and completion of assignments will be monitored for attendance purposes.
- Students will be able to practice utilizing Google Classroom with the support of the teacher so students are prepared for Distance Learning. These practice days could consist of various lessons completed through Google Classroom through recorded instruction and on-line submission of assignments or through in-school practice days.

Appropriate Accommodations for Students with Disabilities for Intermittent Closure:

- If school is moved to Distance Learning due to COVID-19, students with disabilities are offered the option to learn in-person as determined by the IEP Team and specified in their IEP contingency plans, in classrooms that have been deep-cleaned and sanitized.
- COVID Relief funds have been used to provide online curriculum, task boxes of hands-on manipulatives and learning tools, devices, and other assistive technology for students with disabilities to use when they are required to engage in remote learning due to quarantine, deep cleaning, or inclement weather.
- Additional PPE has been purchased to accommodate specialized needs of students with disabilities or staff working with students who have disabilities.

Ways Parents and Patrons May Help Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19:

- Keep children home if they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher and pick students up promptly if the school calls indicating they have a fever of 100 degrees or higher.
- If a student has had direct exposure to a family member with a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case, quarantine them for 10 days; this quarantine will be a directive of the health department.
- Actively participate in contact tracing investigations if the health department notifies individuals of the need to participate.

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RETURN to LEARN Plan - PART 2: - Plan to Align with Safety Recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks: Students and staff will follow state and local health department guidance as required by Oklahoma State Law 70 O.S. § 1210.190 which includes a requirement for the governor to declare a state of emergency.

Modifying Facilities for Social Distancing: When needed, facilities will be marked to show the recommended social distance in seating and standing wherever recommended throughout the Mulhall-Orlando School District. In classrooms, students are seated spaced apart for social distancing.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette: Students are trained and reminded in the classroom about the health benefits of proper and frequent handwashing as well as respiratory etiquette of covering the mouth during coughs and sneezes. Signs are posted throughout all facilities with these reminders. Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms, offices, cafeterias, and anywhere that students or patrons may pass.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities including Improving Ventilation: Mulhall-Orlando Schools uses industrial misting and fogging equipment to sanitize classrooms, buses, and common areas.

Diagnostic/Screening Testing: Logan County Health Department offers free COVID testing to all Mulhall-Orlando Public School students, staff, and families. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting Logan County Health Department at 405-282-3485. Logan County Health Department also offers COVID support to our employees for screening and vaccinations.

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Departments: The Superintendent has attended training zoom calls with the Oklahoma State Health Department, sometimes weekly, to be informed on the status of infections, testing, vaccines, and CDC guidance for prevention habits, isolation, and quarantine in order to keep our students and staff as safe as possible and to maintain in-person learning for Mulhall-Orlando students. Students and staff who are fully vaccinated or do not have COVID symptoms are not required to quarantine if they are traced to a positive exposure. We have two trained contact tracers for COVID-19 on staff and are prepared to initiate quarantine notices if necessary.

Vaccination Efforts for School Communities: Foster Corner Drug offered two on-site vaccination clinics at Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools in March and April. Foster Corner Drug also had vaccination clinics each Saturday in neighboring towns for any staff and families to attend. Logan County Health Department also offers ongoing screening and vaccination appointments for staff and family members.

Appropriate accommodations for students with Disabilities with Respect for Health and Safety Policies: If school is moved to remote learning due to COVID, students with disabilities will be offered the option to learn in person in classrooms that have been deep cleaned and sanitized. ESSER COVID Relief funds have been used to purchase adaptive technology for students with disabilities to use when they are required to engage in remote learning due to quarantine, deep cleaning, or inclement weather.

Coordination with State and Local health officials: The Logan County Health Department, Oklahoma Department of Health, and Chickasaw Nation Health Center continue to support Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools with information about outbreaks, COVID screening tests, and vaccination clinics. Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools remain in close contact with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department of Health, and the Oklahoma State Epidemiologist Office concerning the level of outbreaks and safety protocols enacted in our state and local area.

Please feel free to call 405-649-2000 with any questions or comments.

We are here to serve our students and families, and we are looking forward to a great year!