



Oxford Community Schools — Return to School Overview



2020-2021 School Year Plans

On June 30, 2020, Governor Whitmer released the MI Safe Schools: Michigan’s 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap with requirements and recommendations to safely and effectively educate students this fall. Our committee of educators has worked diligently throughout the summer on our return to school plans using this document as guidance. Additionally, they have also used the data and feedback submitted from the parent, student, and teacher surveys. We thank you for your honest and pertinent opinions. They have provided helpful information in our planning and decision making.

This fall, district families have two options for their students. The first option is in-person instruction five days a week which will include an online component while Oakland County is in Michigan Safe Start Plan phases 4-6. In-person instruction will move to remote at-home learning as necessary and while we are in phases 1-3. The second option is 100% fully online instruction through our Oxford Virtual Academy (OVA). Oxford Community Schools has the great advantage of offering families a full and well established virtual education through OVA.

The health and safety of our students and staff have always been our priority. We are all working towards the same goal, to provide the best education for your student in the safest and most secure environment possible. This will not change as we continue our mission to provide an education that challenges all students to achieve their maximum potential. Oxford’s exceptional staff is preparing to take on whatever challenges lay ahead.

Option 1- Seated Instruction

Clear Lake, Daniel Axford, Lakeville, Leonard, Oxford Elementary, Oxford Middle, Oxford High, Bridges High School

In Building for Phases 4-6

- All students return to school, every day
- Curriculum including an online component taught by classroom teachers
- Intervention and specialized supports provided
- Follow state and local health and safety guidelines and regulations to keep students, families, and staff safe during in-person instruction (see page 11 for details)

- Schedules established to prevent overlaps
- Curriculum taught by classroom teachers with an emphasis on increased rigor through a combination of teacher-guided lesson, online work, and independent practice supported with optional community vendor learning experiences
- Provide intervention and specialized supports
- Common Learning Management
- Systems to promote consistency through standard teacher practices
- The district provides technology devices to all students

Please note, depending on the Oakland County Health Department guidelines, the district and/or individual buildings may transition between remote and in-person learning throughout the year.

Option 2 - Virtual Instruction

Oxford Virtual Academy

- Anytime, anywhere, 100% online courses
- Self-paced, flexible schedule
- Curriculum provided through a content vendor and tailored by OVA teachers personalized to fit all learning styles
- Synchronous opportunities available to assist students as needed
- Personalized to fit all learning styles
- Provide intervention and specialized supports
- The district provides technology devices to all students
- Optional learning paths available including Fusion and electives supported with optional community vendor learning experiences

Health and Safety Protocols for In-Person Instruction According to MI Safe Start Plan Phases

Phase 1-3

If the state is in Michigan Safe Start Plan Phases 1-3 per the Governor’s Executive Order in-person instruction will be shifted to remote learning from home and OVA Learning Labs will be conducted electronically.

Phase 4 - 5

Instruction	In-person seated instruction will take place in school buildings five days a week. Virtual instruction through OVA will continue as in phases 1-3 however, in-person Learning Labs will be opened.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Facial coverings are REQUIRED for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff and DK-12 students in buses, hallways, classrooms, and common areas • Encourage frequent short mask breaks outdoors to allow students time to take their facial coverings off
Hygiene	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach and reinforce frequent handwashing • Provide all classrooms with soap and hand sanitizer
Spacing, Movement, and Access	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibit indoor assemblies • Space desks and students as far apart as possible • Limit guests and visitors in the school • Use signage and floor markings to encourage physical distancing • OMS, OHS and Bridges students will not use hallway lockers to discourage congregating in hallways. Secondary students will be allowed carry backpacks to class • Water bottles will be allowed to be carried by all students as water fountains will be turned off (touchless water bottle filling stations will be available)
Transportation	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place hand sanitizer on each bus. All students are required to use it upon entering the bus • Require facial coverings on the bus by all passengers • Physical distancing will not be possible on the bus
Food Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary lunches will be eaten in classrooms and must be pre-ordered each day • Secondary students will have staggered meal times and utilize cafeterias, gymnasiums, and other common areas to ensure social distancing. Students will be allowed to take off their face coverings to eat • Secondary students will use the Nutrislice app to pre-order meals each day

When Michigan reaches Phase 6, school day operations will return to pre-covid normal. The complete COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for the 2020-2021 school year can be found on our website.