

Dear Orland 135 Families,

On March 15, 2021, at the Special Meeting of the Board of Education, the District made the decision to move to a full day schedule for all students, in-person and remote. Beginning April 12, 2021, students in kindergarten through fifth grade will attend school from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and students in sixth grade through eighth grade will attend school from 8:32 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Junior High Zero Hour classes will start at 7:41 a.m. Students in our Early Childhood program will attend AM Session: 8:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. and PM Session 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

These modifications will require adjustment in the bus schedules. Families with students eligible for transportation will receive updated bus assignments in an email during the week of April 5th.

We will continue to provide live streaming for the remote students. Remote learning will follow the same schedule as in-person learning with a full day, including specials, lunch, and recess/breaks.

We are dedicated to moving forward with a full day in-person option that is safe for our students and staff. All IDPH COVID-19 requirements will continue to be followed, including:

- Students and staff must wear masks at all times except during mask breaks or when eating/drinking.
- Physical distancing based on space availability.
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart during lunch.
- Keep bus capacities as low as possible, following the state guideline of 50 or less.
- Increased school-wide cleaning and disinfection.
- Requiring daily self-certification health checks for students and staff.
- Following the [IDPH Decision Tree](#) when managing students and staff who exhibit at least one COVID-19 symptom or has been exposed to COVID-19.

Students attending school in-person will have lunch at school. Lunches will continue to be available for free with one option per day; students may bring a lunch from home. Students may eat lunch in different settings, including the lunchroom, gym, media center, classrooms, and outside when weather permits. Remote families can continue to pick-up lunches each week at Century Junior High.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will return to a regular schedule of specials (art, music, and PE). Each school will send updated schedules to families before April 12th. Families choosing to change their learning model should contact their school office to make a change.

Thank you for your feedback and support throughout this past year. We look forward to providing a more regular schedule for our students. Have a great spring break!