



RMS Reopening Safety Plan

Welcome back Ram Nation! We are excited to return to school and offer our students a high-quality education through our traditional classroom model, as well as our virtual option through ConnectOR. In the effort to mitigate the risk of Covid-19 and create a safe environment for students and staff, while being able to offer a traditional education for our students, our school administration plans on implementing the following guidelines and procedures. Just as the landscape of our country continues to shift with its response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to reevaluate our plan and adjust as necessary.

Arrival and Temperature Checks

- Temperature check stations will be located at the front entrance (5/6 bus riders, car riders, walkers), gym (car riders), auditorium (7/8 bus riders).
- Buses will be released, one at a time, beginning at 7:00 AM. School administration will communicate with the bus drivers during this process.
- Car riders will not be received at RMS prior to 7:15 AM.
- There will be two different lanes marked for students to use for temperature checks. Students will be directed into a lane and expected to wait patiently, in a single file line, standing 3-6 feet behind the person in front of them.
- Students may not enter the building without a mask.
- Any student with a temperature at or above 100.4 will be sent to the restricted holding area in our newly formed Sick Clinic to be supervised by a staff member.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will be assessed by the nurse and a parent will be called to pick up the student.
- Students will be physically distanced in the auditorium seats and gym bleachers.
- Staff members will receive temperature checks each morning in the front office and those temperatures will be recorded daily. Any teacher with a temperature at or above 100.4 will be sent home.
- Students will be dismissed from the auditorium and gym to homerooms in a staggered manner

Assemblies and Field Trips

- Student assemblies/pep-rallies and field trips will not occur at this time.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Extra-Curricular clubs and activities will follow the same RMS Reopening Guidelines.
- Athletic activities will follow TSSAA, TMSAA, and ORS guidelines and recommendations.

Bathrooms

- Expectations will be clearly posted in student bathrooms.
- Bathroom occupancy will be limited by the number of available stalls.



- Students will wait outside of each bathroom at designated physical distancing spots.
- Handwashing procedures will be clearly posted, and handwashing will be expected.
- A staff member will be assigned to each bathroom during hallway transitions to supervise students and ensure they are following the bathroom expectations.
- Restrooms will be disinfected throughout the school day.

Cafeteria/Lunch/Breakfast

- Students will eat lunch/breakfast in the classroom.
- Only students purchasing a lunch/breakfast will be escorted to the cafeteria to purchase their lunch.
- The staff member providing lunch/breakfast coverage will stay with students who are not purchasing lunch from cafeteria.
- All items coming from the cafeteria will be disposable and will be thrown away in large trash cans outside of the classroom.
- At this time, microwaves will not be available for students to use for lunch.
- Students will not be permitted to share food with others.

Classrooms

- In each classroom, student desks will be faced the same direction.
- When possible, student desks will be positioned a minimum of 3 feet apart.
- For Band and Chorus, students will be spaced at least 6 feet apart.
- Teachers will work with students to ensure that mask breaks will be provided during instructional period, where physical distancing occurs.
- Use of technology tools will be encouraged to promote student-to-student collaboration, but collaborative work will be allowed only when masks are used.
- Teachers will discourage the use of communal supplies. When classroom supplies are used, they will be disinfected before being used by another student. (I.e. pencils, scissors, rulers, etc.)
- Students in physical education classes will not utilize the locker rooms. Therefore, students are encouraged to dress appropriately for PE, including tennis shoes.
- Students will be encouraged to utilize hand sanitizer upon entering the classroom.
- Gloves will be provided for students to wear during labs or other hands-on activities, where supplies will be shared between students.

Attendance

- Attendance will be taken in accordance with the ORS Board Policy 6.200.

Cleaning of School Building

- RMS will be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly at the direction of Oak Ridge Schools Maintenance Department in accordance with the ORS School Reopening Plan



Hallways

- Student expectations will be clearly posted.
- Students will not be assigned lockers.
- Students will be allowed to use backpacks, but they are not recommended unless necessary.
- Student travel lanes will be established and clearly marked to promote physical distancing and the elimination of large groups in the hallways.

Dismissal

- At 2:42 we will begin dismissal of bus riders, two buses at a time.
- Car Riders (students who are picked up in the car rider line by the gym) will be dismissed to the gym at 2:42.
- Staff members will be assigned to monitor the hallway transitions and supervise students in the gym
- Car Riders will be physically distanced in the gym while waiting.
- Car Riders will be called by use of walkie talkies to their ride position in the gym car rider loop.
- Car Rider name tags will be issued to students identifying as a car rider.
- Walkers (students who are leaving RMS property by foot) will be dismissed after all buses have been dismissed and will exit out the front doors at approximately 2:55.

Library

- The library will continue to host classes while providing physical distancing through scheduling and spacing of students.
- Books touched by students, but not checked out will be placed in a bin and quarantined for at least 48 hours.

Masks

- Students must wear a mask/face covering that covers the nose and mouth to be admitted to school. This also includes clear face shields. It is suggested that their face covering be labeled with their name and/or put on a lanyard.
- Students that do not have a mask will be issued a washable or disposable mask before entering the building. The school is stocked to provide 3 washable masks for every student.
- Students and staff will be required to wear a mask where physical distancing is not possible (i.e. hallway transitions, group work or small group work with a teacher, arrival and dismissal, areas where physical distancing is not possible)
- Student/staff mask breaks will be allowed when physically distanced and at the direction of the teacher.
- Students/staff will not wear masks when eating breakfast and lunch. However, students will eat in a location where physical distancing can be maintained.
- Staff members will be checking each student for their mask as they enter the classroom.



- Students and staff who have a medical condition that makes the wearing of a face covering problematic are asked to consult your building principal. Such needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Refusing to wear a mask will result in the following discipline referral process via Skyward:
 - 1st Offense – Warning - student is reminded to wear mask and/or given replacement mask. Student is counseled on procedures and policies pertaining to student safety. Parent is contacted.
 - 2nd Offense - Detention – student is reminded to wear mask and/or given replacement mask. Student is issued detention and counseled on procedures and policies pertaining to student safety. Parent is contacted.
 - 3rd Offense - In School Suspension (1 day) - student is reminded to wear mask and/or given replacement mask. Student is issued 1 day of school suspension and counseled on procedures and policies pertaining to student safety. Parent is contacted.
 - 4th Offense - In School Suspension (2 days) - student is reminded to wear mask and/or given replacement mask. Student is issued 2 days of school suspension and counseled on procedures and policies pertaining to student safety. Parent is contacted.
 - 5th Offense - Out of School Suspension - student is reminded to wear mask and/or given replacement mask. Student is suspended out of school and counseled on procedures and policies pertaining to student safety. Parent is contacted.

Visitors

- Visitors to the school building will be limited.
- Masks and temperature checks will be mandatory for all visitors.
- Parents will be encouraged to utilize Zoom for conferencing with teachers. IEP and 504 meetings may also be held virtually as needed.
- Parents will not be allowed to eat lunch with their student or bring in food items for sharing.
- School administration would ask that parents schedule all meetings through appointments due to the supervision necessary to effectively supervise students.

Nurse Station

- Ms. Evans schedule has been altered so she can be at school by 7:15 AM.
- Room 115A will be repurposed to a Sick Clinic for students experiencing any illness symptoms. The current clinic will be used as a Well Clinic for students who need routine medication or first aid.
- Physical distancing spaces will be established for students waiting for both the Sick Clinic and the Well Clinic.



Open House and Orientation

- These events will be done virtually and announced through Skyward messages, the school website, and/or Skylert phone calls.

Hand Hygiene

- Students and staff will be encouraged to exercise good hand hygiene (handwashing or sanitizing) upon arrival to school, before eating, before putting on and taking off masks, and before dismissal.
- Handwashing procedures including soap and water to all surfaces of their hands for at least 20 seconds, waiting for visible lather, rinsing thoroughly, and drying will be encouraged by students and staff.
- Directions for handwashing will be posted in all bathrooms.
- 37 hand sanitizer stations have been installed throughout the school building.

ConnectOR

- This plan is used for students/families who have made the decision to learn virtually and not return to the building.
- Administrators are reaching out to have conferences with students and parents who have applied to the ConnectOR program.
- The Office of Teaching and Learning will reach out to staff when numbers of students registered for the program are finalized about teaching arrangements.
- The Office of Teaching and Learning will reach out to parents as program elements are finalized.

Transition to Whole School Virtual Learning

- In the event that RMS/ORS is required to transition to virtual learning for all students, teacher plans will be in place for students to transition seamlessly to virtual learning using Canvas and other on-line platforms.
- Additional plans for whole school virtual learning will be shared shortly.

Water Fountains

- All water fountains will be turned off.
- Water bottle filling stations will be available to fill student water bottles.
- Water bottle filling stations will be disinfected throughout the day.

