



RE: 504 and Special Education Services for the 2020-21 School Year

Greetings Families,

While we all want students to return to full on-site in-person instruction, the county metrics will not allow that option right now. We want to assure parents of students who receive services through either a 504 plan or an IEP that we are working diligently to provide your students the services listed in their plans through both our Blended and Online Learning Models. We are following the guidance provided by the Oregon Department of Education for students with disabilities fully.

Special Education services will happen through live virtual sessions by either class or small group depending on the needs of the student. Your child's school will communicate schedules during the week of Sept. 7-11. We can implement most 504/IEP's as written with no changes needed due to the live instruction provided virtually to whole classes and small groups. For some students, we will need to convene an IEP team and develop new supports and services to ensure students have access to a Free and Appropriate Public Education. You may receive a call in the next few weeks to set up a virtual 504/IEP meeting to add or adjust supports for Comprehensive Distance Learning. All other 504/IEP meetings will happen on the regular annual due date. Parents always have the right to request a 504/IEP meeting for their student at any time. We will schedule parent requested meetings at the next earliest date where all team members are available.

Staff report back to work August 31st . Case Managers will review all student 504/IEP's on their caseload/classlist. They will prioritize scheduling 504/IEP meetings right away for students whose teams will need to meet to adjust the 504/IEP given the requirement to provide education through Comprehensive Distance Learning. They will also develop schedules for class and small group instruction. Schools will be reaching out to connect in the coming weeks. This is a good time to get to know your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have. If you have concerns, please share them at this time.

Please know that we are truly committed to every student, every day. We are working hard to make our services engaging, meaningful and effective for students who experience a disability. Your input on what works and does not work for your child is invaluable as we plan and prepare for school like we have never experienced before.

We are in this together!

Respectfully,
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