

Reopening Bend-La Pine Schools: Fall 2020

Our Collective Mission

Re-open BLS schools according to ODE/OHA Safe and Healthy Schools guidelines and maintain a flexible and robust learning environment throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Primary Learning Objective

Maximize the number of students engaged in face--to-face learning throughout the school year while providing flexible distance learning options for students who can't attend school on any given day.

Guiding Principles

1. Young children learn best in three dimensions and with ongoing adult support.
2. Our schools' staff play critical roles in helping to ensure the physical and psychological safety of our students.
3. In order to address the academic and social/emotional needs of diverse students, schools must "design to the margins": using an equity lens, establish and reinforce practices and policies that reach those with the highest needs.
4. Our schools will be most effective when they utilize the skills and talents of their entire community: students, families and staff.
5. Our schools must be prepared to support students remotely through prioritizing essential learnings, adopting standards of practice, and training staff, students, and families to use relevant tools and systems.
6. Both students and staff may have needs for increased social, emotional, and mental health support when our schools reopen.