



HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hood River School District families,

As the 2020-21 school year approaches, I wanted to provide you an overview of the first three weeks of school. In this letter, you will learn about our staff preparedness for the school year and an outline of key activities for the start of the school year.

In order to support our staff so they can successfully support your students with distance learning, we are dedicating time to our staff to develop their skills and adapt their lessons to facilitate distance learning. The district will use this additional time to ensure that all families have the supplies, technology devices, and internet access they need. We will host Family Orientation activities for each student and family. Family Orientation is an opportunity for families to meet their student's teacher, learn how to access the digital platforms, and review classroom procedures and expectations.

Our focus is to support our students, families, and staff so they have a successful start to the school year in this remote setting. Therefore, **the first instructional day for students has been moved from Tuesday, Sept. 8, to Monday, Sept. 14.**

Below is an overview of key dates and activities for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Dates	Activities
September 1 through September 4	Staff: Participate in professional development activities surrounding distance learning Students: Receive school district iPads, class schedules, and student ID cards, etc...
September 8 through September 11	Staff: Work non-instructional days to adapt lessons to an online environment; Engage in Family Orientation Students: Engage in Family Orientation (schedules vary by school)
September 14	Staff and Students: Begin distance learning

Thank you for your understanding of this change in our schedule. Your student's success is our top priority. As we continue to receive updated guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, we will be sure to keep families informed.

My best,

Rich Polkinghorn, Superintendent

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