



LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPASS NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER



Dr. Karen Gray enjoying time at a piano at Newport Middle School

Dear Lincoln County School District Family,

Who knew that coming back to your desk at the office or classroom would sound like a treat? Or to some, sound like a scary feat? Things we took for granted before March 13, 2020, now seem strange, special, or unnerving.

Now it feels like something bigger: perhaps it is a sign that life is finding its way back to what it was once before, at least in some small measure. Though your plants might look a little sadder and the coffee mug you forgot to grab (not realizing this global scare was going

to last more than a weekend) has some dust in there, everything is pretty much how you left it.

On Monday, October 12th and Tuesday, October 13th we plan to welcome the first cohorts of our kindergarten students in our LCSD schools. This is allowed through the Oregon Department of Education K-3 exception based on our school and county metrics. Your kindergarten student's school will let you know whether they will be part of the in person Monday/Thursday cohort or the in person Tuesday/Friday cohort.

The students will continue to spend their off days virtually as they are currently participating right now. If you are not comfortable sending your kinder at this time, you will need to contact your building principal to let them know you prefer to continue in the solely CDL model. If your kinder is currently in Edmentum and you would prefer to move to the in person hybrid/CDL, please complete the Change of Academic Option form by October 2nd to change your placement found on the District website under Back to School Fall 2020.

Your school will be contacting you with more detailed information soon about in person instruction. This is the first step in bringing our next grade levels of 1-3 back into our schools as soon as we are able.

Our CTE programs which are offered grades 9-12 will also open to limited in person instruction on 10/12 as outlined in the blueprint for reopening based upon our school and county metrics.

We want to ease you back into the new/old normal and make the fresh start a positive experience. Communicate with everyone and hold positive thoughts for all. Be kind to yourself and others. Ask questions. Breathe. This volume of the Compass is a Resource Edition. Please read it and use it to help yourself and always reach out to your school team if you need anything.

Karen F. Gray



Kindergarten Teachers Ms. Butler and Mrs. Kilduff Greet Families Curbside to Issue Supplies and Chromebooks First Day of School at Crestview Heights Elementary

How can parents be connected if they have questions or need help with getting started with technology?

Bryan Freschi, LCSD Education Technology Coordinator

Parents and students have several places they can go for help when they have issues with their technology (both hardware and software). The first step in troubleshooting an issue is to look through our online resources:

- The District website (<https://lincoln.k12.or.us/resources/family/technology>) has a whole page devoted to technology and includes links to answers to the most common issues.
- The Digital Resource Portal for Students and Parents (<https://sites.google.com/lincoln.k12.or.us/lcsdstudentportal/home>) is a website that has more in-depth training for people that want to learn more about the Chromebooks, as well as the apps we use to teach.

If you can't find the answer you are looking for in our online resources, then asking your teacher for help is the next step. If the teacher cannot resolve the problem, then parents and students can use this link (<https://bit.ly/LCSDTechHelp>) to create a help ticket that goes straight to the LCSD Technology Department.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT:

Career and Technical Education

Did you know LCSD has 8 State-Approved CTE Programs? Here is Rachael Wallace with a bit about our newest addition, Communication out of Toledo Jr. Sr. High



CTE teacher Rachael Wallace and Principal Richard Ceder enjoy the art gallery of photography created by Toledo Jr/Sr High students for their first show last December.

Digital Media and Communication, CTE

After moving back to my hometown of Toledo a few years ago, I was so excited to take the opportunity to become a teacher



and to teach at my alma mater. Better yet, I get to teach subjects that I am passionate about, Art and Health. With a background in photography I was able to upgrade my Digital Art classes to also being a CTE (Career Technical Education) course this year. We have been building this program for the past two years with help from local art community members and my former teacher from Toledo High, Peter Vince, as mentors and partners. Working together with James Nelson from the Yaquina River Museum of Art we were able to turn Toledo High School's entry into an art gallery and host our first art show. The grand opening that was attended by over forty family, friends, and art community members that packed the space for a wonderful evening. Students were also able to help film the Wooden Boat Show for the Port of Toledo that was used by Peter Vince to create a highlight video.

Looking to the future we are hoping to build on our partnerships and expand our projects to include more industry standard mediums and skill sets. We have plans to hold more art shows and expand the gallery into other locations in the school. The students will be given realworld work opportunities to get a better idea for what a career in the digital art and communication field looks like, and if it is a path they want to pursue.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!

Enrollment Ongoing

Registration Open for Fall of 2020

Online at lincoln.k12.or.us/enroll or contact your local school to enroll.

There are two choices of education delivery for your student. Chromebooks are provided.

Classes start on 9/21



We Offer Two Choices:

You can switch out at 9 weeks if you change your mind about your selection.

Comprehensive Distance Learning (like your "real" school except virtual). Students will access learning online with their LCSD teachers daily, with materials for activities provided as needed. CDL this fall is more robust, has more accountability, and more in-depth educational requirements than the Distance Learning we provided in spring. Student work will be graded, attendance will be taken, and teachers will provide daily instruction from their classroom. Teachers will meet in-person with students and families during the first two weeks of school to orient them to the CDL program and will continue to regularly connect with students and families.

Edmentum - online and self-paced. K-12 Online Edmentum Program (new). This program is self-paced and does not have a connection with an LCSD teacher. The framework is K-12 and follows all Oregon Standards for Education. The LCSD E-Learning Handbook provides detailed information about this program. Students are still connected to local school with counselor meeting/lessons available once per week, attendance, and invited to school assemblies.



SECONDARY EDUCATION UPDATE

Majalise Tolan, Director of Secondary Education / Alternative Education

For the last three years, LCSD has been updating provided curriculum materials and 7-12th grade supplements for all core content areas. These upgrades have allowed students to have access to the materials in multiple languages and provide additional supports throughout the learning process. Through High School Success funds, Career and Technical Education teachers have also been able to update their equipment and supplies to not only meet the demands of 21st Century workplace expectations but also provide online or at-home learning opportunities for all students. As teachers are moving to Comprehensive Distance Learning, they are doing so with the most current technology for skill and content integration that allows for student collaboration and learning. With all new things comes trial and error, new experiences, and growth. This year will be an exciting year where the rubber meets the road as we expand our use of technology to continue to improve the learning experience for all students.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION UPDATE

Dr. Katie Barrett, Director of Elementary Education

What is CDL?

Comprehensive Distance Learning is an instructional model consciously selected in advance, with time to plan and make preparations to better ensure quality and accessibility of the learning experience for all students in a distance setting. CDL consists of both synchronous and asynchronous learning facilitated by the teacher, as well as applied student learning. The content is new learning which will include teacher lessons, student practice, and assessment with teacher feedback.

What are the goals of the CDL?

ODE expects that schools engaging in Comprehensive Distance Learning will focus on closing persistent gaps and inequities while maintaining high expectations for students and staff. Students engaging in Comprehensive Distance Learning have access to standards-based, grade level-or-beyond educational materials. They interact in an ongoing manner with one or more teachers who skillfully guide the student's full educational experience.

What can students look forward to with CDL?

Elementary students have the opportunity to meet with their teachers through live sessions Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

What support is in place for parents/students?

Elementary teachers met with their students and families before the first day of school either in person or via Zoom. These meetings were held to support our students and families in understanding what CDL would like for their class, how to access the technology tools being used, and to begin to build strong relationships right from the start.

What support is there for our ELL population?

In our schools, our ELD programs are still being provided to all qualifying students. In addition, our schools have provided family meetings in Spanish and also in Mam where needed. Our Hispanic Family Liaison has also held informational meetings to help support families in making the very best educational decision for their children. These meetings will continue as needed as we begin our school year.

What specialized services are they to expect?

Our English Language Development classes will continue with our specialist teachers and staff supporting our qualifying students, whether they are in CDL or Edmentum.

Change of Academic Option?

If you wish to switch your change your academic option. Please, go to the District website and fill the form found online under Back to School Fall 2020 <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/back-to-school/>

2020-2021 Term Scheduled Dates

Term #1: Begins September 21st, 2020

Change of academic option: 9/21 - 9/25 (Week #1)

Last day to make academic option changes: 10/2

End of Term: 11/20/2020

Term #2: Begins November 23rd, 2020

Change of academic option 11/23 - 12/04 (Week #1)

Last day to make academic option changes: 12/04

End of Term 2/5/2021

Term #3: Begins February 8th, 2021

Change of academic option 2/08 - 2/12 (Week #1)

Last day to make academic option changes: 2/12

End of Term 4/09/2021

Term #4: Begins April 12th, 2021

Change of academic option: 4/09 - 4/14 (Week #1)

Last day to make academic option changes: 4/14

Seniors last day: June 10th, 2021

End of Term: 6/15/2021

WHAT IS EDMENTUM?

Zachary Lillebo, Online Learning Administrator



Edmentum is an online program offered by the Lincoln County School District in order to meet the needs of students who wish to conduct their education away from a traditional campus.

LCSD believes all students can benefit from accessing academic rigor, exploration/discovery, and an engaging approach to student learning. Central to our E-Learning program is the curriculum that fosters and encourages students to be more innovative and productive in their learning and study habits. Our E-Learning program content delivery and instruction is asynchronous and provides students the flexibility to create instructional schedules that fit their family needs. LCSD is committed to providing academic options where students are able to realize their full potential for living their future life as they imagine while pursuing their dreams.

Edmentum Platforms

Elementary

- **Exact Path:** combines adaptive diagnostic assessments with individualized learning pathways to promote growth for students in math, reading, and language arts. An Individualized-learning path ensures to meet students at his or her academic level while pursuing growth and proficiency.
- **Study Island:** confirms that all students receive grade-level content in math, language arts, social studies, and science through engaging interactive features that reinforce student learning while aligning with Common Core State Standards.

Secondary

- **Courseware:** Offers a wide range of rigor and relevant course offerings that align with CCSS and meet Oregon's Graduation Requirements. Courseware is based on the development of real-world skills while developing perseverance and determination for students to discover their full potential beyond the classroom.

What support is in place for parents/students?

- **Weekly Office Hours:** LCSD Certified Teachers will provide office hours to support our E-Learning students. Students are responsible to attend these office hours to get receive help with assignments, questions, and collaborate with our very own LCSD teachers.
- **Incident IQ:** Tool students and families will use to report issues with LCSD issued technology (charger missing, broken screen, etc.). After the Incident IQ Ticket is established, LCSD Tech members will reach out via email.
- **Edmentum Help Center Button:** This resource has been embedded into the Edmentum Platform (top right pink button). Help Center provides additional resources to help ensure students and families are familiar with the platform and have created tutorials that are easy to follow.
- **Teacher of Records (Secondary Only):** LCSD Teachers who are committed to working with students to

ensure the best possible chance for success. We require teachers to respond to student inquiries and grade student work in a timely manner.

- **Monitors (Secondary Only):** play a critical role in providing mentoring for the student and helping to facilitate communication with the Teachers of Record and guidance counselors. The E-Learning Monitors have access to student courses, reports, and grades.

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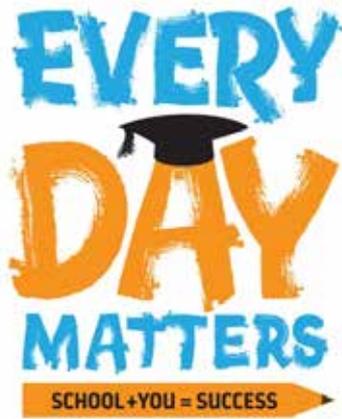
Edmentum E-Learning Administrator and Coordinator
Zachary Lillebo

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- The ability to change academic options can take place during the first week of a term or at the conclusion of the present term. Parents will need to communicate with the building team and complete the Change of Academic Option Request Form.
- **Edmentum Tech Support:**
Phone: **800-447-5286**
Email: support@edmentum.com

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

WHY TAKE ATTENDANCE?



Continuing to monitor attendance is one of the most important ways schools can account for student engagement and wellbeing during a pandemic across any instructional model. There is a strong relationship between attendance and student achievement.

WHAT COUNTS AS 'PRESENT'?

Attendance includes both **participation** in class activities and/or **interaction** with a licensed or registered teacher or educational assistants.

Daily attendance will be counted for any of the following or reasonable equivalents:

- Participating in a live class (Zoom, etc.);
- Communication from the student to the teacher via chat, text message, email, etc.;
- A phone call between the teacher or educational assistants and the student, or with the parent or guardian of the student;
- Posting completed coursework on a given day to Google Classroom or via email, Remind, SeeSaw, etc.;
- For Edmentum students, daily progress in their coursework (not just logging in) will be monitored for attendance requirements (and/or interaction with E-learning monitor or team member).

When there is no evidence of student interaction during a 24-hour period surrounding a scheduled school day as described, students are reported as absent for the day (grades K-6/ self-contained) or class (grades 6-12/individual subject).

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY STUDENT IS ABSENT?

CDL: Each day a student misses a live class, schools will notify parents or guardians by phone, via Remind, etc. Students still have the evening hours to complete/turn in work before being counted as 'absent.'

Edmentum: If a student makes zero progress in Edmentum during a 24-hour period a Remind message will be sent the following school day as notification of the absence.

Absent from class? We want to hear from you! **Please contact the school office to inform us of the reason for your absence:**



Email



Telephone



Text or use the Remind App

WORKING WITH YOUR SCHEDULE

We realize this is a very difficult time for students and families. If there is a day that live classroom hours are not going to work for your student, please contact your school office & your teacher(s) ahead of time so they can help your student stay on track, on a schedule that works for you!

MEALS ON THE BUS

Jamie Nicholson, CNP Manager, and the rest of the meals service team

Families in Lincoln County with children aged 0-18 are once again eligible to receive FREE breakfast, lunch, and dinner for each child daily. Youth are able to participate in this meal service once per weekday at a bus delivery stop or curbside pickup site in their local area.

Lincoln County School District in continued partnership with Sodexo Nutrition Services and First Student Bus Company are committed to providing food for the youth of Lincoln County. This countywide breakfast and lunch service is being provided under new, short-term waivers issued by the US Department of Agriculture.

Curbside pickup meal sites will be operated at Taft 7-12 School, Newport Middle School, Toledo Elementary School, and Crestview Heights Elementary School from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Monday – Friday.

Newly created meal delivery route details will be published on the District website at <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/resources/family/bus/> Be sure to check this page on the District website for the most current information as well as details of how to receive FirstView live tracking and notifications of meal bus services.

Frequently asked questions:

Can I leave my on-line class to pick up meals if not at a designated lunchtime like my schedule shows?

Yes, teachers know to be flexible. Please turn your camera off while eating.

What if I need meal accommodations or have questions about the menu?

Contact nutrition services at (541) 336-2156

What is the extra produce for in the bags?

You may have noticed some extra fruit and vegetables in your meals like avocados, snap peas, and sweet

peppers. This is brought to you by the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. We hope you enjoy this extra item.

A heartfelt thank you to all for your support so far with the meals on the bus program, we have already served over 32,000 meals in just our first week. This program not only helps fight food insecurities for Lincoln County youth but also helps keep our partners of over 40 Nutrition Service staff and over 100 Transportation staff working. Supporting this program supports Lincoln County.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



#mealsonthebus



Meals Available to All Youth in Lincoln County



SPORTS SEASON 1

Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent

To begin Monday, October 12 (fingers crossed). Since we expect to have some limited in-person instruction requirements met by Monday, October 12 we can open for Season 1 sports. This is for speed and agility camps. Watch for information from your schools on registration procedures and don't forget to contact your medical provider so that you have a current physical. We will begin to open our facilities for our own district use slowly and carefully. This will require full athletic registration. We will need more room as a district because we have to go to much smaller cohort numbers. We will open to third parties as soon as we can. This may include playgrounds. We also are in continued conversation to provide free golf opportunities to all 7-12th grade LCSD students and look forward to starting this season with our community golf course partners soon.

SCHOOL-AGED CHILD CARE

NEW

LCSD is working with community partners throughout the County to support the expansion of school aged child care options. We are aiming to have them all running by Monday, October 12. The following childcare options are available, with priority going to Essential Staff including our LCSD staff:

Lincoln City Parks and Recreation: 20 slots for kids ages 5-11 from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday. For more information and to register please go to Lincoln City Parks and Recreation website: <https://www.lincolncity.org>

Newport Parks and Recreation: between 30-40 slots for school-aged kids. More information and details will be posted as the County enters Phase 2. Please visit the Newport Parks and Recreation website for updates and information: <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/par/>

Toledo Public Library: 10-15 slots ages 5-11, 7:45-4:15, Monday-Friday. The City of Toledo is graciously partnering with LCSD to let us use a room at the Toledo Public Library. LCSD will provide the staff and operate the program, including providing meals on site. To register please visit the LCSD website: <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/academics/early-learning/>

Oregon Coast Community College Waldport Location 15 slots ages 5-11, 7:45-4:15, Monday-Friday: LCSD is finalizing a partnership with OCCC to use their Waldport campus. LCSD will provide the staff and operate the program, including providing meals on site. To register please visit the LCSD website: <https://lincoln.k12.or.us/academics/early-learning/>

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORTS

Stefanie Gould, Director of Special Education

As we start the new school year, special education teachers have been reaching out to connect with parents/guardians of students who receive special education services. The teachers are working with families to discuss how the implementation of services will look during CDL and potential hybrid/in-person school. Services such as speech, occupational therapy, etc. will be provided via teletherapy. Students enrolled in Edmentum that have an IEP, will have a special education case manager from their "home-zoned" school assigned to them; these case managers will go over how special education works with Edmentum. If you have questions regarding special education and your child, please start by contacting your "home-zoned" school and they can connect you with a special education case manager.

HELP PROGRAM

Katey Townsend, LCSD McKinney-Vento Liaison and HELP Program Coordinator

During the 2019-20 school year, 999 children birth to 12th grade were identified as lacking stable and adequate housing in Lincoln County. Included in that number were 801 students in the K-12 schools which accounts for 14.5% of the student population. These students were eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act that helps them stay in school and succeed.

2020-21 Resources

Provided by LCSD HELP Program - 541.265.4506



	<p>COMMUNITY SERVICES CONSORTIUM HOUSING ASSISTANCE 541-574-2280 ENERGY ASSISTANCE 888-851-0242 COMMUNITYSERVICES.US</p>	<p>LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD SHARE 541-265-8578 FOODSHARELC.ORG</p>	<p>OREGON HEALTH PLAN 541-265-0430 OHP.OREGON.GOV</p>
	<p>SALVATION ARMY FAMILY SERVICES 541-265-6814 NEWPORT.SALVATIONARMY.ORG</p>	<p>FAMILY CARE CONNECTIONS 1-800-845-1363 SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN 541-261-7410 HEARTSWITHAMISSON.ORG/SAFEFAMILIES</p>	<p>211INFO.ORG CALL 211 OR TEXT ZIP CODE TO 898-211</p>
	<p>LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON - LINCOLN COUNTY 541-265-5305 OREGONLAWHELP.ORG</p>	<p>SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 541-265-2248 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES GOVSTATUS.EGOV.COM/OR-DHS-BENEFITS</p>	

STATE OF OREGON UNEMPLOYMENT DEPT. OREGON.GOV/EMPLOY/UNEMPLOYMENT

lincoln.k12.or.us/family/resources Find this document with live links, bus information and meal delivery, technology resources, enrollment and more..

A student and/or their family are considered eligible for the HELP Program if they are living:

- In an emergency or transitional shelter
- In a motel or hotel
- In cars, campgrounds, RV parks, or inadequate housing (lack of utilities, an infestation of pests, mold, etc.)
- With relatives, friends or others temporarily due to economic hardship, loss of housing, or a similar reason due to a lack of alternative accommodations.

What the Program Provides

The HELP Program works with students and/or their families to eliminate the barriers related to school attendance and success. The program can provide:

- Assistance with school fees
- Access to free meal programs
- School supplies
- Access to donated school clothes
- Information/help with internet resources
- Information/help with transportation
- After-school programs
- Tutoring and homework help
- Early childhood and parent programs
- Referrals to numerous community resources

Contact

East County (Toledo, Siletz, Eddyville): **541-336-4357**
 North County (Lincoln City): **541-996-4878**
 West County (Newport): **541-574-5824**
 South County (Waldport): **541-563-8584**
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WELCOME BACK STAFF AND STUDENTS!

Enjoy some images submitted from our first week. #LCSDStrong



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