

Fall School Reopening
FAQ's for Klamath Falls City Schools
CDL: Comprehensive Distance Learning
OR
River Academy

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What is the difference between CDL: Comprehensive Distance Learning and River Academy?

CDL: Comprehensive Distance Learning

When parents choose to enroll their student at Conger, Mills, Pelican, and Roosevelt Elementary, Ponderosa Middle School, and Klamath Union High School, classes will be delivered on their laptops through CDL: Comprehensive Distance Learning, when Klamath County does not meet the state requirements to have students in school buildings. CDL uses a learning management system called Canvas. The schedule each school will use during these six weeks will be the same schedule students will use when they return to onsite teaching and learning. The district will be providing each student with a laptop and each family not having Internet access with a "hotspot" that will allow all students equitable admission to daily instruction.

1. How will teachers use Canvas for teaching students?

Teachers will use Canvas to create a virtual online teaching and learning experience for students. They will use different learning tools, including the ability to record videos, insert photos, hyperlinks real time and prerecorded lessons, and assignments,

2. How does Canvas work for students?

Students will login to Canvas by either using their Clever or Google information. When a student logs in to Canvas they will be taken to their 'Dashboard'. The dashboard will show all of the courses that the student is enrolled in. From this same dashboard the student will see a 'To Do' section on the right side, along with any recent feedback regarding grades from any of their courses. Once a student clicks on one of their courses they will be taken to the course homepage. Each course is set up by teacher preference so different courses may offer students different course options. Most courses will include the homepage, modules, assignments, quizzes, pages, and grades. Some teachers can also add a discussion, course chat, conferences, etc. Each grade level range will have the same structure for ease of student and parent navigation.

3. What is expected of the student to make learning work?

The student is expected to attend the live video sessions with their teachers along with completing the modules in Canvas. Canvas has modules that act as folders for presentations, assignments, quizzes, discussions, etc. Elementary and Middle School modules are organized by week for easy access to the students. Setting up a routine and structure at home that looks and feels like a regular school day is important.

4. How does Canvas work if you are a parent?

Parents will log-in to Canvas by using their email address from the parent portal & creating a password. Once they are logged in, they will be paired with their student(s). They will also have a dashboard; however, their dashboard will show the courses they are “observing.” Canvas refers to parents as observers. If parents click on one of the courses, they can see everything the student can see, including their recent grades. The main difference for observers is that they can’t participate in the courses.

5. What will parents need to know to help their child using Canvas?

Parents will need to have a basic understanding of Canvas and how it works in order to help their children during comprehensive distance learning. We will be providing parents with resources on our district website regarding Canvas. Parents will also all be enrolled in a Training for Parents’ course in Canvas where they will be able to learn about their role as well as ask any questions on our Discussion board.

We need parents to help keep the student focused & on track as much as possible. We understand that many of our families are working & that’s why Canvas is so valuable because parents can set their notifications to receive the kind of alerts they want to receive, how often they receive them, and if they receive texts, emails or both. Knowing that their parents can see how they are doing may help hold a student accountable for their work.

6. Who do we contact for more information about CDL: Comprehensive Distance Learning?

Please contact your student(s) building principal Information is also available at www.kfalls.k12.or.us

River Academy

If parents choose KFCS's traditional homeschool option, River Academy, parents need to register their student(s) at the Klamath Learning Center. River Academy uses Odysseyware, as its 100% online self-directed curriculum. Certified KFCS teachers support River Academy and the curriculum is designed to empower students to build proficiency, achieve content mastery, and engage in rich and challenging real world applications.

River Academy is the best option if parents believe that they would like to utilize an online option throughout the 2020-2021 school year, regardless if students are able to return to on-site in person learning. If at a future time, parents want their student to return to their neighborhood school, this will be honored if the school's enrollment allows for this. The district will be providing each student with a laptop and each family not having Internet access with a "hotspot" that will allow all students equitable admission to daily on-line access to their coursework.

1. What will grades K-5 curriculum be like for students at River Academy?

In grades K-2 students will primarily use the following instructional curriculum for ELA: English Language Arts includes: Benchmark Advance, MH Phonemic Awareness, NEWSELA, and TWR, in Math: Bridges II and Dreambox, Science: Mystery Science, and SEL-HEALTH: Second Steps will be 100% online with this teacher-facilitated curriculum. In grades 3-5 students will primarily participate in Odysseyware with content support in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Sciences/History.

2. If students attend River Academy, how difficult will it be to transition into an on-site school?

At the end of each six-week period, when we return to on-site teaching, you can reconsider your choices. If the classroom in the school has available space to add an additional student you may enroll at that school. If the school does not have space and another school in the district has available space, you may attend that school.

3. What does the Odysseyware curriculum look like for middle and high school students?

Please go to the curriculum guide link: <https://www.odysseyware.com/course-catalog/oregon>

4. What are advantages for students enrolled at River Academy?

Students have flexibility to complete schoolwork around their individual needs and schedules. And still be able to participate in dual credit programs.

5. What is available for parents?

A parent portal is available; therefore parents can track their student's academic progress at any time.

6. Will music, art, and physical education be available for grades K-5?

Traditional Home School programs generally do not include K-5 options for music, physical education, and art. We are currently working on how we might provide these classes.

7. Who do we contact for more information on River Academy?

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