



Directors' Report
May 6, 2021

“A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole **community** finds its reflection, and when, in the whole **community**, the virtue of each one is living.”

~ Rudolf Steiner

ADMINISTRATION

Covid-19 Testing

Students, staff, and faculty who've returned to in-person learning/teaching participate in weekly Covid testing on Mondays (Group A) or Thursdays (Group B) per LAUSD requirements. Since our return to campus, we have not had a positive case. If there is a positive case, the community will be informed via a community message, and anyone who may have had close contact as defined by the CDC will be contacted individually as part of our contract tracing.

Enrollment by grade as of 5/6/21

K=79

TK=26

1st=55

2nd=56

3rd=81

4th=55

5th=56

6th=55

7th=55

8th=54

Total=572

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

WASC Self-Study and Accreditation:

The WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Self-Study accreditation process was a 360-degree evaluation of every aspect of Ocean Charter School.

Dr. James, the chair of the Visiting Committee described the process as a “forensic audit” of our school. The visit was conducted virtually May 2-5 and involved all



stakeholders, including Board of Trustee members, parents, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

The Visiting Committee was comprised of an Executive Director of a chain of Charter Schools, an Academic Director of a Leadership Academy, a middle school teacher from a Public Safety Academy, and a Senior Special Education Director of multiple Academy Charter Schools. Each of the committee members expressed gratitude and enthusiasm for ideas they learned about Public Waldorf education that they will share when returning to their schools.

The Self-Study visit culminated with a PowerPoint presentation (see attached), including Areas to Celebrate and Areas for Focus. Ocean Charter School will receive the final accreditation recommendation sometime in June.

On Thursday, May 6th, the chair of the Visiting WASC Committee, Dr. James visited Ocean Charter School in-person. He shared that Ocean Charter School is doing great things! Dr. James was impressed with the main lesson books and purchased some to use with his staff. Dr. James also asked about how he could access some of the Waldorf curriculum ideas!

Hybrid Program:

-OCS re-opened school for in-person instruction in a hybrid program 3 weeks ago, beginning on Monday, April 19th.

-A hybrid program means that students have **a combination** of in-person, on-campus instruction with their teacher combined with distance learning each week. Families have the choice to remain in only distance learning for the rest of this school year if they wish.

- The **weekly schedule** for the hybrid program involves 3 groups for each classroom. The students who returned in person have been split into 2 groups, Group A and Group B. Students whose families choose to stay in distance learning this year are in Group C.

- Students in Group C (distance learning only) have exclusive time with their class teacher for 1 period per day 4 days per week during the hybrid program. Students in Groups A and B work asynchronously at these times.

- Students not on campus in person (in Group C or during their off-campus days for Group A and B) have live zoom time with their class teacher for 50% of the in-person class time.



- Drop-off and pick-up procedures are staggered based on start times and separated physically through 4 different entry/exit points on campus.
- Siblings** are on campus for in-person learning on the same days.
- Students on campus must wear **masks** at all times except when eating and drinking.
- Physical distancing** and frequent **hand washing** are required of students on campus.
- OCS has implemented the following recommended **mitigation measures** to keep our campus safe for students and employees: limited campus access, maximum air ventilation, daily cleaning, nightly sanitizing, stable student groups, providing PPE, access to vaccinations for employees, Covid-19 Compliance Officer and Team, and weekly monitoring of LA County Department of Public Health and CA Department of Public Health updates.
- Students who've returned to campus are required to do a **daily health screening** and pass it in order to go on campus. The screening is easily done at home on an app before coming to school and involves taking the student's temperature digitally and answering a few questions about symptoms, recent travel, and wearing a mask on campus. All students returning to campus for in-person learning have access to use the app on a daily basis.
- Students returning to campus are **tested for Covid-19** each week on campus. The weekly testing happens during the school day with supervision by the child's teacher and administrative staff. The tests are self-administered, nasal tests. They are not the deep nasal ones but only go in the bottom of the nose.
- For students who return in person, OCS ask their families to socialize only with children in the same **stable student group** outside of school. The goal is to minimize the risk of transmission that could result in multiple classes having to quarantine at home for up to 14 days.

Tier 1 Program:

In order to support students with particular needs such as English Language Learners, students with special needs, students in intervention, and students for whom distance learning has been most challenging, OCS has implemented our Tier 1 program. Tier 1 offers an on-campus experience for students for 4 days/week in a specialized group. The minimum goals are to provide the social interactions we know children need, to provide supervised distance learning that ensures students are participating during their non-in person days, and to provide specialized services. The ideal is that students get support in their areas of need from their Tier 1 supervisors in addition to other



specialized support they may receive. We are achieving our minimum goals and still working towards our ideal.