



Orange County School District
Hillsborough, NC

INTERNET Hub

WHY:

- To help meet the WiFi access issues experienced by some OCS families, Orange County Schools will open Internet Hubs at schools throughout the county to provide WiFi access to students so that they can access digital content, download/upload assignments, and communicate with their teachers via email. We will continue to provide WiFi access at all of our middle and high school parking lots. However, our Internet Hubs will provide students with an indoor option with access to restrooms. The OCS Internet Hubs are not the same as the OCS Supervised Learning Labs (SLLs). For more information about OCS SLLs please contact, Mr. Richard Lewis, Director, School Community Resources at richard.lewis@orange.k12.nc.us or at (919) 732-4166 ext: 5

WHERE:

- OCS Internet Hubs will first be available at schools that are closest to areas throughout the county that have limited to no WiFi access. Locations at this time are:
 - **Pathways Elementary School (cafeteria)**, starting **Monday, September 14**
 - **Efland Cheeks Elementary School (cafeteria)**, starting **Monday, September 23**
 - **New Hope Elementary School (cafeteria)**, starting **Monday, September 30**
- OCS Internet Hubs will be located in each school's cafeteria. Signed-up participants will enter and exit through the cafeteria entrance doors only. Signs will be posted to guide participants to the cafeteria entrance.

WHEN:

- Beginning Monday, September 14, the OCS Internet Hub at Pathways Elementary School will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Hubs will not be open when OCS is closed for holidays or teacher workdays.

TIME:

- Due to social distancing guidelines and to ensure adequate time for cleaning between participants, students will be required to sign up for one of two times - 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **OR** 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students and their chaperones are **not** required to stay for the entire two hours, but they are welcome to if they need the full two hours.

HOW to SIGN-UP:

- Advanced reservations are required for entry to any OCS Internet Hub. **Effective September 9th** a space can be reserved by contacting the OCS Technology Hotline at 919-245-4014. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. At this time, we are asking families to only sign up for one space per week.

- A reservation is necessary and required as space will be limited. **Students and parents who show up without a reservation will not be accommodated due to the** limited number of spaces available per the Orange County Health Department's guidelines. **Due to the restrictive nature of this situation, only 50 people will be allowed in a Hub at one time.**

SAFETY:

- Social distancing protocols will be strictly followed. **Face coverings must be worn at all times** by both students, parents/caregivers, and staff. Please know that safety guidelines will be strongly enforced. For more information about district health protocols [click here](#).
- At each school, the Internet Hubs will be located in the cafeteria to reduce traffic throughout the schools. Symptom and temperature checks will be taken prior to a family entering the center. Students and parents who fail either health check will not be allowed to enter.
- Each station will be cleaned thoroughly once a student departs. OCS will adhere to all Safety Protocols as outlined by the Orange County Department of Health.

OCS INTERNET HUB GUIDELINES:

- **ONLY** Orange County Students and a parent/guardian/caregiver can access an OCS Internet Hub.
- OCS students, K- age 15, **must be** accompanied by an adult for the entire duration of their time in an OCS Internet Hub. The adult does not have to be their parent. (Students 16 years old and above do not need an adult to accompany or remain with them.)
- All students, adults, and staff will have their temperature checked as they enter.
- All students, adults, and staff **must** wear a mask the entire time while in the school and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Students must be prepared with:
 - their own devices
 - their Student ID numbers to login to Canvas and any passwords needed in order to access and complete assignments
 - headphones if engaging in a class meeting
- Please be advised that:
 - OCS Internet Hub staff can **not** supervise students.
 - OCS Internet Hub staff will not be able to help students access and navigate instructional platforms and they will not have access to students' passwords.
 - Other than general needs, tech support **will not** be onsite.
- Participants will have access to a restroom.
- **No** food or drinks, besides water, are permitted.
- Transportation will not be provided by OCS.
- OCS Internet Hub staff will disinfect tables and chairs after each use.

ADULT SUPERVISION

- Adult supervision must be provided by families/caregivers for students 15 or younger throughout a student's time in an OCS Internet Hubs. OCS will not supervise, provide child care for siblings or any type of individual or group instruction.

QUESTIONS:

- Families who have questions about the OCS Internet Hubs may contact: Jason Johnson, Executive Director of Student Support and School Improvement, at jason.johnson@orange.k12.nc.us or 919-695-6334