

"The Bridge Room is a safe place to ease back into school and routine. You can move at your own pace to catch up with no social pressure."

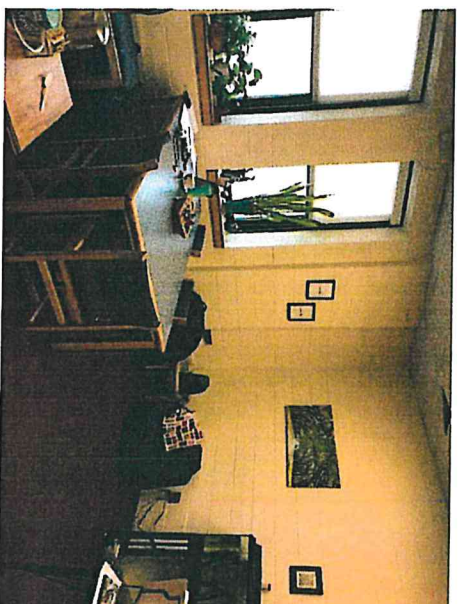
- Senior Student

How can Bridge help?

Re-entry into school can be incredibly overwhelming for a student who has faced an extended absence, especially after managing significant medical or mental health issues.

In Bridge, we:

- Support students academically by providing, or arranging for, focused academic tutoring for missed work
- Provide emotional support in preparation for returning to regular class schedules
- Help improve and stabilize attendance and academic performance
- Act as a liaison to teachers and other support services at TRHS to address the challenges hospitalized students face when they return to school
- Encourage resiliency and coping skills



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Bridge Program

**A Learning Place for Healing
Adolescents**

*Helping students
transition back to TRHS*

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What is Bridge?

Bridge — Bridge is a short-term program for students returning to Tantasqua Regional High School after five or more consecutive absences due to illness or hospitalization. Students may be returning from treatment centers for emotional-related reasons or from significant illness or injury-related absences.

Bridge helps students and their families through the re-entry and re-integration process by supporting academic, social, and emotional needs.

Our goal is to provide students with a seamless and manageable transition that minimizes stress and encourages students' academic and social success at school.

"The Bridge is a safe and structured environment. The staff is very supportive and understanding of our needs. It's been very helpful in transitioning back into classes."

- Freshman Student

Some Frequently Asked Questions

My child was just hospitalized. What do I do now?

You should contact your student's school counselor as soon as possible to discuss your student's situation. The school counselor will discuss details of the Bridge program with you. Per school policy, you and your student must attend a re-entry meeting upon the child's return to school.

How does Bridge maintain confidentiality?

School personnel, including teachers, school counselors, nursing staff and school social workers are made aware of a family's decision to participate in the Bridge service; however, details regarding the student's absence from school are kept confidential, unless students and their families agree to share.

More FAQs

How do I communicate with Bridge?

Bridge staff members provide regular contact with parent(s) or guardian(s) about their student's transition to class, academic difficulties, and progress. Family members are encouraged to contact the Bridge staff as needed during a student's participation in Bridge.

Who can I call if I have questions about Bridge?

If you have questions about the program, please call or email your student's school counselor, Kendra Cantrell, or Cristina Finn directly.

"Words cannot express our gratitude for all you have done to help our daughter. You have gone above and beyond with your support and understanding. We are truly grateful."

- Parent of a sophomore student