

TRJHS-Reopening Plan Meeting



2020-2021 School Year

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ What's Been Done To Date at TRJHS
- ▶ 3 Plans-Remote, Hybrid and Full Return
- ▶ Reopening Plan-Daily Schedule
- ▶ Sanitization Plans/Procedures
- ▶ Questions and Answers (Submitted in Advance)

Updates to TRJHS for the safe return of students...

- ▶ We are adding a nurse's assistant to the school staff who will directly assist the school nurse.
- ▶ HVAC-We are in the process of updating all of our MERV 8 filters to MERV 13 filters to improve air quality.
- ▶ We are adding 4 touch free hand sanitizer dispensers-One to each entrance of the building and one in the cafeteria
- ▶ We are adding more hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the building
- ▶ We've installed two touch free water fountains to refill bottles,
- ▶ Our school is stocked with enough PPE including face masks, hand sanitizer and other cleaning products that will help maintain cleanliness,
- ▶ We've been able to purchase two fogger machines that will be able to disinfect the building on a weekly basis.

Learning Models

*School Committee voted in the hybrid option for all schools. Per DESE guidelines, remote learning remains an option for all families.

Hybrid Model

- ▶ The student population will attend school in two groups: Cohort A and Cohort B. One group will attend in school for a week while the other group receives remote instruction. The groups alternate every other week. Priority will be given to families from K-12 that all children of the same household will be assigned the same cohort.
- ▶ High risk students requiring in school services will be placed in Cohort C which will be in school full time.
- ▶ This fall, ALL classes will be graded on our traditional letter grades and students will be required to attend classes daily, even if they are at home learning remotely.
- ▶ Chromebooks will be distributed again to students who need them for when they are remote learning.

Remote Learning

- ▶ Cohort D-Students opt to receive virtual learning full time.
- ▶ Students who opt to receive full time remote learning will be expected to attend school virtually between the hours of 7:30-1:51.
- ▶ Attendance will be tracked in each class and will be graded based on our traditional letter grades.

Hybrid Model

- Students will be separated in all areas of school by no less than 6 feet. Classrooms will be setup with desks 6 feet apart (Pictured to the right)
- Students will be scheduled into cohorts with whom they remain all day (travel together)
- Schedules will be reduced to 5 blocks per day *allows for extra time to implement all safety procedures i.e. handwashing/sanitizing, cleaning work spaces after each student. Students will maintain 7 classes but only be expected to participate in 5 each day



Class Schedule

Upcoming Year-2020-21

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
A	F	D	B
B	G	E	C
C (Lunch)	A	F	D
D	B	G	E
E	C	A	F
Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

Last Year-2019-20

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
A	G	F	E
B	A	G	F
C	B	A	G
D	C	B	A
E	D	C	B
F	E	D	C
G	F	E	D

Remote Model

- ▶ Students will be expected to be present daily for their class time as attendance will be tracked. Students will receive credit for participating in class daily.
- ▶ Teachers will teach their 5 classes per day live via Google Meets or Zoom. Google Classroom will be our main technology platform for educating our students.
- ▶ All remote academic work will be aligned to state standards.
- ▶ Activities will engage the independent learning level, and students should be able to work on those activities with minimal support from parents and caregivers.
- ▶ Grading will return to our traditional letter grades.
- ▶ Technology devices will be distributed to students who need them for remote learning.

Daily Schedule

- ▶ Students will be assigned their core classes (Math, English, Science and Social Studies), a reading or foreign language class, as well as 1 exploratory class and a music/PE class
- ▶ Cohorts will travel together, team transition times will be staggered.
- ▶ Staff will escort students throughout the building
- ▶ There will be no locker assignments
- ▶ Bathrooms will be limited to one person at a time which will be monitored by staff.
- ▶ Mask breaks will be provided throughout each day. Teachers have been encourage to take students outside as often as possible for outdoor learning and mask breaks when possible.
- ▶ Per DESE guidelines, students will be asked to wash hands (or sanitize) before entering the first class of the day. We will provide the proper hand sanitizer.

Arrival/Dismissal-Transportation

- ▶ We will adhere to all of the department of education's guidance on school transportation.
- ▶ Students will have assigned seats, 1 to a row sitting every other row. Siblings or family from the same household can sit together. Hand sanitizer will be available on each bus. Students are required to wear masks on the bus.
- ▶ Students will exit the buses, one at a time spaced 6 feet apart. Staff (administrators) will be at each door daily to facilitate the process.
- ▶ Parent drop offs will remain in the back entrance of the building.
- ▶ Staff will be assigned throughout the building each day to ensure students maintain their distance and report directly to first period.
- ▶ The Dismissal process will be similar.

Lunch

- ▶ Students will be seated 6 feet apart (minimum) and facing the same direction so they can safely remove masks to eat.
- ▶ Lunches served will be all pre-packaged items. We will reduce the lines from 4 entrances to 2 only to implement 1 way traffic.
- ▶ Students will eat in the cafeteria and library. If more space is needed they will be allowed to eat in alternate location.

Exploratory, PE and Music Classes

- ▶ We will follow the traditional exploratory model-30 days in each cycle. With the 5 blocks there will be days students miss their class and will not be given extra assignments.
- ▶ PE classes will be outdoors, weather permitting.
- ▶ All music classes will start in a general music setting. We are still looking into ways we can safely maintain our band/chorus programs but they will be on hold to start the year.

New General Safety Requirements in School:

- ▶ All staff and students must wear masks at all times.
- ▶ All staff and students must keep appropriate social distance.
- ▶ Desks in classrooms will be spaced at a minimum distance of 6' apart.
- ▶ We will utilize many new hand sanitizer stations throughout the building.
- ▶ Bathrooms will be open and available for hand washing.
- ▶ No assemblies and no field trips. These will be virtual and online.
- ▶ All classes and lunches must have assigned seating.

Health/Nurse's Office Updates:

In an effort to minimize exposure of healthy students to those with infectious disease, we have several changes planned:

- ▶ Staff & student education by school nurse including proper use of PPE
- ▶ Hand sanitation stations installed throughout the hallways in the building.
- ▶ Social distance signage and floor markings in building
- ▶ Creation of a separate room for suspected respiratory illness near the Nurse's Office.
- ▶ Nurse travels directly to ill student's classroom for evaluation & treatment for minor illness/medical needs (discretion and student privacy will be maintained)
- ▶ Isolation and masking of any students presenting with symptoms of respiratory illness until parent pick up
- ▶ Parent/guardian/emergency contact pick up of any student presenting with respiratory symptoms within 45 minutes of phone call from Health Office
- ▶ Strict enforcement of Health Restrictions and return to school policy and protocol including any required medical documentation prior to student return
- ▶ For additional information, please refer to DESE's guidance document [Coronavirus/COVID-19: On the Desktop Messages](#) published July 17, 2020.
- ▶ Feel free to email Nurse Charrette with any medical questions at charrettek@Tantasqua.org

Nurse's Response

- ▶ If an individual student is symptomatic upon arrival to school, they should remain masked and adhere to strict physical distancing. Student will then be met by the nurse and stay in the medical waiting room (isolated from others but with adult supervision) until they are able to be dismissed. Goal is to dismiss within 45 minutes of notification to parents. (Continue with DESE protocols of 7/17/2020 for further guidance for testing, clearance, return to school, etc.). [DESE Guidance regarding response protocols](#)

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- ▶ Students and staff will wash/disinfect their hands after each class. We will have disinfectant stations throughout the building. Teachers and students will disinfect desks after each class with cleaning supplies provided by the school.
- ▶ We will have custodians cleaning the building the entire school day, especially common touch surfaces like stair rails and doorknobs. Several second shift custodians will be moved to the first shift to accommodate this need. We will be tracking and documenting all cleaning every day. Lunch tables will be disinfected by custodians between lunches. All classrooms and common areas will be deep cleaned at least once per week.

Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ What is data threshold for COVID + rates to move to all in school instruction or all remote learning? Is this data threshold for individual town, schools, district, or at the state level?
- ▶ What is the date that the first marking period ends?
- ▶ When is the deadline for our choice/for us to submit the Family Commitment Survey?
- ▶ Will there be teaching spaces used that do not have windows that open and/or HVAC system that does not receive filtered and fresh air, and will parents be notified that their child(ren) will be in these spaces?
- ▶ Is there a limit to the number of classes and students that special teachers teach PE art, music, etc. teach in a day/week?
- ▶ Will travel in the hallways be directional specific, one-way or some other way to keep cohorts of students from mixing during the day and especially between classes and transitions to maintain a 6-foot distance between students?
- ▶ I know many of the kids have been looking forward to getting into Jr High for the after school club aspect. Will any of those be available via zoom or another platform?

Frequently Asked Questions ctd.

- ▶ Will Jr. High students be in cohorts or mixing between classes and in the hallways during transitions? If students are mixing between classes what is the number range of students that my child may encounter each day after attending the many different subjects on their schedule?
- ▶ Will the same teacher be teaching my children in person and remotely in the hybrid model or will it be a “team of teachers teaching multiple cohorts of students?”
- ▶ Will all remote students be grouped in the same cohort and stay together for the semester/year?
- ▶ Will there be an educational/informative memo or meeting prior to the first day which outlines new rules and what students should expect when they get to school?
- ▶ What will the daily and weekly cleaning process be? Are there going to be any changes to ventilation such as opening school windows afterschool to improve airflow and kill germs?
- ▶ Will there be group work and how will this be done with regard to spacing?
- ▶ How will you handle children that do not wear their masks properly or refuse to wear masks?
- ▶ If we choose the Remote Option for our student and the data changes allowing more students to return to school, will we be forced to send our child back to school even though we are "not comfortable"? Or will we be able to continue with the Remote Option for the whole year?

Frequently Asked Questions ctd...

- ▶ Will the school be separating students 3 feet apart or 6 feet apart?
- ▶ How many students per class will there be?
- ▶ What opportunities are there for making changes? During the meeting the superintendent talked about re-evaluating things after 3 weeks, but the draft plan talked about 4-6 weeks, and in both cases it wasn't clear if the re-evaluation was to move the kids from hybrid into fully in-person (due to enough kids being fully remote), or to move the kids from remote into hybrid.
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