

FAQ

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How will transportation work?

We plan to have a two-tiered system: elementary picked up and delivered first in the morning and 6-12 picked up and delivered second. This will involve a change in bell schedules at the secondary level. This system will allow us to transport all students who require transportation while increasing distance between students and allowing for a small staff of drivers.

What would the schedule be for life skills students?

We plan for LifeSkills students to attend daily at all three buildings for full days (or according to their IEP).

I have a concern that masks will be worn during PE and recess because it is hard to breathe when exerting yourself with a mask on.

We share your concern and are looking at PE being done outside or off-campus.

Will sports start on time? Will sports be played as normal?

TSD has no athletics that will be offered in WIAA's new Season 1. For specifics see <https://seaintsol.net/wiaasecure/ardisplay.aspx?ID=1911>

I have an 8th grader and 6th grader and would like both be on the same

We will make sure that families attending TMS will be on the same schedule

Will bus routes change?

Routes often change each year as new families join us and others leave or no longer require transportation. This year, we're planning a two-tiered approach to shorten times on the bus and increase distances between children.

How are you going to deal with the kids in special education?

What is going to happen with the alternative school?

Each student is different and will be accommodated according to their IEP.

Cowlitz Prairie Academy will continue their program using their traditional model.

How will Cowlitz Prairie Academy handle lunches?

CPA will continue to receive lunches from TMS.

Want to know if face shields can be used instead of masks?

Students are allowed to use face shields. Staff are not allowed to use shields. This requirement has reversed several times. We're looking for masks that are transparent for staff to use during instruction that requires students to be able to see lip movements.

If her child does is homeschooled, can he still participate in extracurricular/sports? Her rising 8th grader runs cross-country and still wants to participate.

Yes.

Parent wants to know that every way to keep population safe and healthy is being exercised. Mom, Dad and daughter all have compromising health conditions.

TSD is following all of the regulations and guidance provided by Dept. of Health, CDC, Labor and Industries, OSPI. In addition, we update ourselves daily on conditions in Lewis and Cowlitz County so that we can be prepared should statistics indicate a resurgence of the virus.

Mom has questions about home schooling. How does it work? Does she have to take a course? Send in a letter of intent to homeschool to TSD?

All of the regulations and resources related to home based instruction can be found here <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/learning-alternatives/home-based-instruction> One of the requirements is filing an intent to home school form annually with the district office.

What will at-home learning look like?

All students will have a “home base” program to log into each day they are learning at home. For k-3 students this will be Class Dojo. For 4-12 students, Google Classroom. Assignments for the week will be posted there along with a suggested schedule for students for each day. In the schedule will be times for students to log into video instruction, office hours or to complete activities on their own. Students should expect to be involved in activities throughout the 6 hour school day and may have additional homework. Students will be required under the state’s truancy laws to participate in instruction. Students who do not face the same consequences as those who do not attend school on campus. Instruction will be designed to mirror instruction in the classroom.

Will students get breaks from wearing their masks during that 6 period time?

Students who are physically distant from others will be allowed to remove their masks for a “break” and also when drinking or eating.

What about band students will they still get to participation?

We are working to find ways to allow vocal and instrumental music to continue. DOH has indicated that utilizing an outdoor space with physical distancing would be an acceptable way to address this. For THS, it would be the stadium. TES and TMS are still being reviewed. For more information, contact David Hoogkamer dhoogkamer@toledoschools.us

Mom wants to know if wearing masks appropriately and if they will be washed regularly.

Our staff will work with students to make sure they are wearing their masks appropriately. Currently, we are expecting families to do their own laundry.

Will TES do an alternating schedule if need be?

We believe that we can accommodate all enrolled students at TES with the given space. We do not anticipate needing an alternating schedule there.

Worried how teacher will respond to child being so far behind due to the pandemic.

The thing to remember is that:

1. All children missed three months of school
2. “Behind” is a comparison to others and those others missed the same amount of school.
3. Teachers have always taken children from where they are in their skills and knowledge and moved them as far as they can in a given year. This year will be no different.

Isolation space in each building for any student exhibiting suspected COVID symptoms. Do we have rooms/spaces that can be used for this?

Students who exhibit COVID symptoms will be asked to stay in a separated waiting area while waiting for pick up. This is why is it critical that we have up-to-date contact information and emergency contacts for all students. Each school has space that can accommodate this and that will be disinfected following each use.

When it comes to internet how does that work with kids not in ToledoTel area?

TSD will provide hotspots to families who cannot connect to the internet through a provider. Families who choice into our district from another district will be expected to provide their own internet connectivity or return to their resident school district.

For any on campus access and mask wearing, are we looking at shorter class day?

We are considering shortened days to allow teachers time to provide online learning.

Will families be notified if our child has been exposed?

A general notice that a case has been confirmed will be sent to all in the Toledo SD. Individual notifications will be from Lewis County Public Health and Social Services as part of their contact tracing program.

Will the whole class have to remain home for 14 days if a student/staff test positive in a classroom, or will the entire school remain at home?

A response to a positive test will be at the direction of Lewis County Public Health and Social Services. TSD has little authority regarding public health emergencies.

Will lunches be provided for TMS students on the days they are distance learning?

Yes. Meals will be available for curbside pick up at TES or delivered to one of the five drop stations in the district.

Will students eat lunch in their classrooms?

Students at TES will eat in classrooms. Students at THS are planned to eat in the Commons, Library and classrooms to ensure physical distancing. Students at TMS may have a blend of classroom and commons or separated lunches in the commons.

Will school lunches be grab n' go style for all buildings with eating in classrooms? Or will the cafeteria be utilized at TMS and THS?

Lunches will likely be grab and go at all schools.

Grandparents help with childcare, they do not have internet..... I cannot expect them to provide 6 hours a day during covid crisis, will there be flexibility that I can instruct my kiddos on the weekends?

TSD will provide hotspots to families that do not have internet connection. With some initial support, students should be able to complete their assignments with support from their teacher and classmates. You are welcome to assist them in the evening if you find they need it.

How do you accommodate IEPs with at home instruction?

The answer to this question varies with each child. Please contact your child's teacher.

Will some IEP students still be able to use the Cowlitz prairie platform?

To the extent allowed by the IEP team and the IEP.

Plan for continued learning at home during extended absences related to suspected COVID symptoms, especially TES and THS students

This is one of the reasons we are working so hard to create an online learning platform. We plan to be ready to offer instruction online to all students all the time.

Is it possible to group alphabetical by last name? Alternating days if families have multiple students at TMS might be challenging for some families.

Families will attend school on the same schedule.

Wouldn't it be better to use the option where it's the same group two days in a row and then a cleaning day, and then the other group?

Our phone survey indicated that families prefer Mon-Wed; Tues-Thurs; Fri. cleaning.

Need to be able to switch gears quickly to a distance learning model. Consider incorporating the distance learning model into the on campus instruction so students are familiar with the platform and able to easily navigate it at home if needed.

This is precisely our plan. Students will be expected to engage online even when on-campus. By doing this, students are prepared in the event that we have to close unexpectedly. In addition, being able to work online eliminates snow days.

Will TES students continue the "walk to" program? Guidance is to keep cohorts of students together as much as possible.

Please consult your child's teacher.

Will TES students have student specific supplies instead of sharing?

Sharing will be limited to things that can be and are cleaned and disinfected.

Do we have enough custodial staff to meet the disinfecting/sanitizing demands?

We have enough staff, but we do not have anyone extra for leaves. We are currently searching for substitute custodians.

Will a push in instructional model be used for Resource room services?

To the extent required on the IEP

Will students be able to use lockers or cubbies

Unclear currently.

Use of locker rooms for PE classes

Unclear currently.

Will music classes continue? Band/Choir?

We are working on ways that this can be done safely. Please consult Mr. Hoogkamer.

When using cloth face covering, what are the guidelines for cleaning and standard of masks?

We have not seen guidance, but our recommendation is to launder masks daily after use.

I assume masks will be required, and if so, what kind will be acceptable? Fabric? What about designs on them? We have bought some for use now and just wanted to make sure a neck gaiter with some designs and as well a small mask with designs. And by designs, I mean stars, cactus, smoke swirls..

Cloth face coverings will be required. Designs are subject to typical dress code rules (no alcohol, drug, or gang themes)

Is there access to adequate hand washing stations at each building?

Yes.

Will you be hiring additional staff to accommodate for having students in different areas of the building for social distancing?

We will be utilizing existing staff to accommodate students.

Is there another building or a second building TMS Could use to accommodate all students? Church or something?

For safety and clarity, we prefer to have students remain in our buildings. When students move to other buildings, they lose the core services (health, discipline, food service, etc.) In addition, we don't have the staff needed to serve students in other locales.

TES students- will kids be having recess?

Yes.

Will kids that didn't participate during the crisis receive special instruction to catch them up so others don't fall behind

All students will receive the instruction they need, but not “special” instruction. (See above for an explanation of “catching up”)

Very concerned she has a middle school child both parents work and the bus stop is 1.5 miles from there house so will someone be delivering meals to the house on days they are not in school? She will not allow her child to walk 3 miles to get meals. The other concern was that she said in the zoom meeting it was said students that are working from home will need to be at a computer for 6 hours a day the parent is not okay with her child being on a computer that much.

For this family, we recommend picking up meals curbside the day before and eating them the following day. We do not want children on screens for 6 hours a day.

How will 180 days be acquired?

We will operate school for 180 days according to our district calendar.

Would like to know how recess will happen with social distancing.

We don't have a clear answer to this right now.

How will my children's IEPs be accommodated during this time?

For specific questions regarding your child's IEP, please contact your child's teacher.

Can someone let her know what type of cleaners would be utilized when cleaning the elementary school.

<http://toledoschools.us/assets/tsd-cleaning-products.pdf>

Wants clarification on where the kids are going to be in the elementary school by grade. 4th 5th in cafeteria?

We won't know this until we hear from our families how many students to expect in the fall. Many families do not want their children in masks or are fearful of infection. If there are enough families who do not send their children to school, we may not need to utilize the cafeteria for classrooms.

Are there online options for elementary school students?

All grades will have online options.

If no school can high school go to running start?

Regardless of whether school is on-campus or at-home, Running Start will be dependent upon the college practices.

Concerns covid should be screened at school so there is no lying, or for parents that are already gone for work cannot do.

Parents will be asked to check their students and to answer questions about their child's health each day. We will be checking temperatures for all prior to entering buildings.

How will district deal with transportation?

We will be adopting two sets of routes in morning and afternoon. Elementary will be picked up and dropped off and then secondary will be picked up and dropped off. This will require a change to TMS and THS start and end times. Afternoons will be the same with TES going first. By doing this, we increase distances between children on the bus and decrease the amount of time that children are en route.

What's the situation with youth sports?

Please consult local youth sports groups for information about this. TSD athletics await more direction from WIAA.

My middle schooler is going to have surgery in August. I'm concerned about PE and the stairs with her recovery (I told her to discuss this with her daughter's teachers and principals once school begins and that they may be able to answer these questions for her??)

You're correct. TMS has an elevator and stair chair for handicapped students. Please talk to your principal to arrange these accommodations.

What about the bus and recess? How will mask wearing and social distancing be enforced?

See above for information on bus and recess. Mask wearing will be a process of education and prompting. Parents need to assist by reinforcing the expectation to wear a mask and providing and laundering masks regularly. If children think that their parents don't support mask wearing, we will not be able to enforce it. The safety of our other students and our staff depend upon everyone wearing masks routinely.

If we have to go back to online, are there funds to help pay for internet?

ToledoTel has indicated that they will assist families in the event of required at-home learning and the district will provide hotspots after those families are served. Students who choice in to our district are responsible for providing their own internet access or returning to their resident school district.

Concerned about having a student quarantined if they have a fever.

Students with a temperature above 100.4° will not be allowed to attend school.

Will students with an IEP have a different schedule?

Possibly. It will depend upon their IEP, family desires and the needs of the child.

Wants to know are there going to be consequences for kids who don't keep a mask on or play with it during the day?

We are not interested in using discipline or punishment in regards to mask use. Students must wear a mask. If they cannot or will not, we will work with the student and family to find an acceptable solution.

Will speech continue via zoom meetings? packets did not work well.

Please consult your child's therapist.

Will preschool have manipulatives for small children?

To the extent that we can do so safely, yes.

Daughter needs to know about cheer and how that's going to work.

Please consult your coach. All activities are based upon our ability to follow protocols and avoid exposures.

If a teacher/para/staff member tests positive, how will that play out for school shutting down? My son would be on an emotional rollercoaster if school opened, then closed, then opened, then closed. Constant testing must be present in order for me to send my student to school

When a case of COVID is identified in our schools, LC Public Health will do contact tracing and notify all who have been exposed along with recommendations for response. We will notify all when there has been a confirmed case in our schools and allow LC PHSS to do their contact tracing to notify those who should be concerned. We will follow LC PHSS recommendations for our response.

COVID testing is outside the scope of our work. Testing is done by your primary care physician.

Regarding one on one learning, Times mom can't do that. I wonder what could be a solution for my autistic son (at least once a week) .

The individual needs of students will be accommodated. Please contact your son's teacher for specifics.

My autistic daughter goes to a different district. Schedule conflicts of when they would go to school if I send them?

Please alert your children's teachers and administrators to this issue so that accommodations can be made.

When both boys are special needs cannot walk or talk in wheelchairs are they making them wear masks?

The following people should NOT wear masks:

Those with a disability that prevents them from comfortably wearing or removing a face covering.

Those with certain respiratory conditions or trouble breathing.

Those who are deaf or hard of hearing and use facial and mouth movements as part of communication.

Those advised by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to that person.

What would day care look like if schools were to close?

Please consult your daycare provider.

From Community Forum 8/12/20

what if you do not have available wifi and are not able to drive to hotspots, and the only internet availability is phone...??

Based on responses to our phone survey conducted in July, we have a list of those families who need internet access and we will provide T-Mobile hotspots for those families.

It seems like there are a lot of "free" hours/ on our own time. I want to make sure I understand this correct. Each grade level will have two blocks per day where they have live access to their teachers and where they are learning from their teachers? are there a minimum number of educational hours expected?

Each grade will have a minimum of a morning instructional block and an afternoon instructional block. During those blocks, students will receive instruction in a variety of ways- live or recorded. Students will have access to their teachers throughout the day. Like they would in the classroom, they may need to wait until the teacher is able to respond to them, but there will be a variety of ways for the student to access their teacher. They will also be encouraged to talk to their classmates. Instructional hours remain at the same standard, so students should expect to spend a minimum of 6 hours each day engaged in their studies. "Free time" is limited to lunch, breaks and passing times- the same as if the child was on-campus.

Will there be textbooks and materials provided for kids to use? Will ELA books be provided or are kids expected to read online? Art class materials?

The use of books and materials is being discouraged in order to minimize the need to connect on a face-to-face basis. Most content will be provided online. When that isn't possible, teachers will arrange distribution in safe ways. For specifics on this, please contact the teacher of the class you're interested in.

Are all toledo schools continuing with at home learning until a reopening plan is approved? I hear different things on a daily and would like some clarification please.

Yes. All Toledo schools will open in the at-home format (online) only on September 2.

how will kids with extra learning needs be handled

For some, it will mean on-campus instruction. For others, it will mean specially designed instruction conducted online. Each child's learning needs are unique and are addressed individually. For specifics on your child, please consult your child's teacher.

When will my elementary student get their email address?

TES students grades 1-5, will have email addresses, but not email accounts, to facilitate at-home learning. This protects them from spam and outsiders while also allowing them to participate in our online instruction through Google Classroom. Addresses follow this pattern: Gradyearfirstinitiallastname@toledoschools.us. So a first grader with the name Rachel Jones would be 32rjones@toledoschools.us These addresses have already been provided for all students at TES except for new arrivals and Kindergarteners.

when will we be able to pick up chrome books for at home learning?

Announcements will be made to all families when check outs are arranged. We are planning to be able to provide one Chromebook for each student in the district. We may come up short and are depending upon families who have their own devices to use them so that others who have none may use ours.

So are we doing online learning exclusively, a hybrid option or in class? we're talking about both wearing masks and online learning so I'm confused.

TSD must be able to respond to current circumstances, so we have a plan that includes components for at-home, hybrid and on-campus instruction. When we open school, we will use the at-home component. As we begin to reopen, we will begin to draw on the other components of our plan. On Sept. 2, we will be exclusively at-home (with a few exceptions for students with disabilities)

are the kids still riding the bus?

Yes. When they are served on-campus only.

how do we go about un-enrolling our students from TMS? for homeschool

Families who intend to homeschool need to complete the "Intent to Homeschool" form <http://toledoschools.us/assets/home-based-instruction.pdf>. Once complete, your child(ren) will be disenrolled and you'll be responsible for their schooling.

How will the kids know when and where to login on 9/2? Their schedules? Etc...

Teachers will contact families (if we have correct contact information) with instructions on how to sign up. For grades 1-3, you'll get Class Dojo alerts. For grades 4-12, you'll get an email invitation to join your class(es). For Kindergarten, you'll receive a phone call arranging a time to do initial testing with your teacher.

I'm a working mom. I wasn't very involved in last years online learning. is this program going to work for kids to be able to learn on their own with videos or will they need a parent to lay things out? my son is in 7th grade

It is our intention and our plan that instruction will be between the teacher and the student- just as it is in the classroom. The parent's role is to monitor progress, provide encouragement and correction and stay in contact with school staff on a regular basis.

what about bus schedules?

Schedules will be developed when we know which families will require transportation and when we return to on-campus instruction. Students with disabilities will be contacted by transportation and/or their teacher.

when will the parents of grade schoolers know who their teachers are?

Class lists will be posted on the front door of TES on August 19. Please wear masks and social distance when checking these rosters.

What if we want to "home school" part time but also do half time with the district as well? how would that work? i know a parent needs 45 college credits to be a home school teacher, on your own and a wslp(learning plan) that is approved, correct?

Please contact your child's teacher. We are willing to partner with you to home and public school your children.

Are lunches going to be provided to the homes like last school year?

Yes, however delivery of meals will be to five collection stations: LDS church on Henriot, Cowliiz Prairie Grange, Hwy 505, Jackson Hwy S. next to R&R Tire and the Chevron station on Toledo/Vader Rd (Hwy 506).

Are chrome books being provided for all students this year?

Yes.

do elementary kids have email as well?

If they do not have a google email account, one will be created for them.

if kids are working on worksheets or their Chromebook watching videos or (?) will the teacher be available to help just as they would in the classroom?

They will be available to students throughout the day via a variety of online tools. Like the classroom, your child might need to wait and while waiting, may choose to ask another student in the class for their opinion. One bonus: they will not need to ask to use the restroom.

so we are doing at home learning until we get notification that we go back to the class room?

Yes. Please note that the reverse is true. When we return to on-campus learning, we expect to be able to switch to at-home instruction overnight. If snow makes going to the building impossible, we will notify everyone that we'll be learning at home. This will avoid snow make-up days and get us out of school in June on schedule.

how will classes work, such as choir, art etc during online learning?

For specifics on individual classes, please consult the teacher of the class.

Also, i was told that all teachers will be doing their "teaching" and zoom from their own classrooms instead of home. is this the case?

All staff who are able will be working from school. This allows for collaboration, access to all school resources including reliable internet. We also believe that it is healthier for our staff than "living at work" (working from home)

From my perspective, my kids need more than the ability to email or chat their teacher! Is the open Zoom room a requirement for the teachers?

Each teacher will maximize their availability to students for support. We don't require specific ways for teachers to meet our mission of providing opportunities and meaningful experiences to empower students to achieve their goals. Our professional education staff needs to be able to draw on many tools at their disposal to achieve their purpose. If you find that your child is not receiving sufficient attention, please request accommodations from your child's teacher.

when will middle school kids find out who their teachers are?

Please contact TMS for specifics.

So do I understand right that there will be no live teaching during the week with lessons being pre-recorded and then provided by a link?

This is inaccurate. Instruction during the week will take many forms. We don't limit our professional educators to only live or only recorded. You can expect a variety of formats, assignments and choices for your child.

now having multiple kids in different schools like elementary and middle, and they (the student) are feeling overwhelmed with the amount of work that is being given, (like how math was moving forward a lesson a day,) how can we help the student if they fall behind?

The key to assisting your student is helping them advocate for themselves. If they or you sense they are falling behind, it is critical that you contact the child's teacher. Chances are, the teacher is already aware of this situation and has talked to your child about it. If not, just as you would do if your child was on-campus, you'd make plans with your child and the teacher to correct the problem. It is important that, as the parent, you don't try to do the teacher's work or your child's work.

what are the plans for students that 2 weeks in are just not doing well with online learning?

Just as we do with students who are not doing well with on-campus instruction, we make accommodations, plans and interventions to correct the situation.

So are teachers going to take a cut in pay.

When students are on-campus, we have control of the environment and our work is largely under our direction. When students are learning at-home, we have very little control over their environment. Throughout this crisis, our teachers and staff have worked much harder than usual. Imagine trying to direct someone online how to fix your car's engine when they've never fixed an engine before as opposed to directing them when you're both in the same shop. Now imagine trying to do that when they don't show up to do the work. No. There will be no cut in pay.

are school supply lists going to be listed

Yes. Buildings are working those up for publication.

and what are the plans for holiday break and spring break?

Same as always: rest.

What will we be expecting to be happening on September 2nd

Students and families will log into their homerooms. We recommend that you practice this prior to Sept. 2. Many teachers will have zoom meetings scheduled to welcome students and get started on the first week. Typically, the first week of school is spent going over expectations and protocols. We expect this to be the same, but with different lessons.

how will parents know if there child is behind on school work

By logging into Family Access daily via the link on our website. If you haven't done this, we are developing a lesson on how to do this that will be part of the Parent Partner class.

Is the school calendar out yet?

<http://toledoschools.us/assets/tsd-calendar-2020-21.pdf>

Do you think parents and teachers are going to be fully ready for September 2 start or could we start later?

I don't think anyone is ever fully ready for the first day of school, but the first day always comes and goes and everyone learns from it and does better on the second and third days. Starting later would just postpone the same experience. Parents and staff: we've got this!

If the students start on line learning on Sept 2nd, when will the next evaluation be to determine in person return to school? Is it week by week or is it month by month or quarter to quarter?

TSD is evaluating the trends on a daily basis. We want to begin returning the minute it becomes safe to do so. We plan to have stages of reentry beginning with our youngest students and moving through hybrid opening to full opening over time as metrics and public health departments indicate.

If parents are working, what about child care for the kids during the school week who do have parents that are unable to be at home during the school day?

TSD isn't able to provide a good answer for this. It is the most difficult issue to overcome. We are encouraging parents to work with friends, family and their church to seek options.

are there any plans to work with the daycares that will have students??

Yes. To the extent we are informed, we plan to schedule students so that daycare providers don't have multiple teachers in a grade level to coordinate with. When we have hybrid schedules, we want to schedule all of the children at a daycare on the same schedule to the extent possible.

will there be state testing this year?

Yes.

is there an assessment for middle schoolers? so we as parents can keep our kids on track.

TES uses STAR 360. TMS and THS use NWEA MAP testing. These are well-established. We are working out the logistics of doing at-home assessments. It is critical for us that parents don't "help" their students with these assessments.

if a child isn't feeling well when we do return to school, will they need to be tested before coming back?

There is no TSD requirement that a child be tested for COVID. Healthcare decisions like this are between a family and their healthcare provider.