

IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

Tuscaloosa County School System - 2021/2022 Academic Year

Tuscaloosa County School System students will return for the 2021-2022 school year on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Instruction for this school year will be in-person, in our school buildings. We will not offer the remote learning option offered during the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to practice measures that promote the health and wellness of our school communities. This includes cleaning protocols for our schools and encouraging good hygiene practices for everyone in our schools.

STEPS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS

Home Screening of Students

Home is the first point on the screening continuum. Parents and guardians should monitor their child for any signs of illness, including fever, onset of cough, etc., and keep their child home if they have any symptoms of illness. Faculty and staff should follow this same practice.

Current State Health Order

At this time, Alabama's COVID-19 public health order is no longer in effect. In the event that another health order were to be issued, TCSS would follow guidance of the health order, as we did throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Facility Cleaning

All schools have sanitizing sprayers. All school campuses will be sanitized on a daily basis.

All custodial staff will be trained in cleaning procedures effective in protecting against the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, and water fountains will be cleaned throughout the day.

Signage regarding frequent hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and proper use of tissues will be placed throughout all schools.

Staff will be trained on enhanced cleaning procedures, along with required universal precautions.

Hand soap and/or hand sanitizer will be available throughout each building.

Classrooms that have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis will be closed until the room can be cleaned and sanitized. This sanitization will be done by the Custodial Team, according to cleaning procedures that are effective in killing COVID-19 and other viruses.

All restrooms and handwashing sinks will be supplied with soap and paper towels.

Air filters will be changed regularly.

Computer labs and libraries will be cleaned between classes with either a sanitizing sprayer or with cleaning solution.

Buses will be sprayed with disinfectant between morning and afternoon routes. Drivers will spray high touch areas before each route.

Cleaning sprays and wipes are available to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects such as telephones and keyboards. The TCSS Custodial Team will clean all workspaces at their designated cleaning time, unless extenuating circumstances arise that require more frequent cleaning.

Teachers will be provided sanitizer to wipe down surfaces throughout the day.

Employees are expected to disinfect their own personal workspaces (teacher desk, phone, etc.) throughout the day, giving special attention to commonly-touched surfaces.

Secretary/Main Office Staff and Library Media Specialist stations will have plexiglass partitions installed on their desks. Sanitizing sprayers will be utilized daily to disinfect workspaces.

Students and staff will have an opportunity to wash hands before and after meals.

Child Nutrition Program staff will wear gloves in accordance with health department regulations.

Cafeterias and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the school day.

Contact Tracing

Any COVID-19-related contact tracing will be performed by Alabama Department of Public Health, not school personnel.