



Tippecanoe School Corporation Opening Plan 2021-22

The TSC looks forward to welcoming back students for the 2021-22 school year on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Beginning July 1, 2021, local school boards are responsible for implementing whatever measures and restrictions deemed necessary and prudent to address the impact and spread of COVID-19 for their buildings, facilities, and grounds, including transportation. To assist in the development of guidelines and procedures that will allow our schools to open safely in-person this fall, the TSC is using local/state data (i.e., positive cases, positivity rate, presence of variants) and is guided by several sources including the corporation physician, Tippecanoe County Health Department, Indiana Department of Health, other state health agencies, CDC, the Governor's Office, and the Indiana Department of Education.

All procedures are subject to change based on guidance from these sources and/or Executive Orders from the Governor. Thank you for supporting the TSC as we look forward to a safe reopening for the 2021-2022 school year.

In-Person Instruction

The TSC is committed to provide in-person instruction and the resumption of school activities. We believe that our students perform best academically, socially, and emotionally when they are learning in person with their peers. This model offers the highest quality of a well-rounded education and best utilizes the talents of our professional educators and staff.

Classes begin with a regular instructional in-person schedule on Wednesday, August 11. This includes school bus transportation, breakfast, and lunch.

Fully Virtual Instruction

The TSC is committed to provide in-person instruction and the resumption of school activities. TSC is not offering a fully virtual optional track for students in 2021-22 similar to what was created for the 2020-21 school year. Students who are ill or absent from school will be provided their school homework via regular channels facilitated by their classroom teachers. Students who present certain disabilities, medical or otherwise, that may interfere with their ability to learn in a general education classroom should contact their school principal.

Face Masks/Face Coverings

Effective July 1, 2021, students and staff are not required to wear masks in school, masks are optional in school and on school grounds. The TSC recommends consultation with your family medical provider regarding your decision to wear a mask. Please be considerate of others' personal choices regarding face masks and face coverings.

School Bus

Per a CDC order, masks are required to be worn by everyone on public transportation, which as it stands today includes public school district school buses. The TSC will continue to provide extra masks on each bus if students forget their masks. The TSC will provide additional communication if this federal requirement is rescinded or modified for public schools.

Vaccines

The TSC will not require or mandate COVID-19 vaccines for students or staff. The TSC recommends consultation with your family medical provider regarding vaccination of your child.

Prevention and Mitigation Measures

Prevention and mitigation measures will continue during the 2021-22 school year such as emphasizing the importance of hand washing and hygiene, building/bus cleanliness and sanitizing especially 'high touch' areas, social distancing where feasible, staying home when sick or displaying symptoms, hallway traffic patterns, classroom procedures, seating charts, restroom/lunch breaks, car rider procedures, among others at each TSC school.

Positive Cases, Reporting, Contact Tracing, and Quarantines

To help reduce the threat of spreading the virus, anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or is known positive should not enter a TSC building. Because schools are required to continue reporting known positive cases to the Indiana Department of Health school portal, when a known positive case is identified in a school contact tracing will continue to occur.

Close contacts identified through the contact tracing process will have to quarantine as follows: vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine, unvaccinated close contacts must quarantine according to IDOH guidelines.