



OCTOBER 20TH
RETURN TO SCHOOL- TMS

Talawanda School District



TMS Restart Plan for 2020-2021

Below are the current plans for reopening Talawanda Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. We believe it is important to provide as much information as possible as to how the school day will look for students in this critical time. Under the advice of district leadership and county and local agencies, we believe the following plan can help keep our students and staff as safe as possible. We will continue to update our plans as we learn more and find best practices for safety.

During the school year there could be a chance that our building or district will be required to close, per the Health Department. If this occurs, students will be able to access their remote learning via Google Classroom. Additional information will be sent to families via school messenger.

All students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times during the school day with the exception of eating breakfast and lunch. There is a risk as students will be in contact with each other and staff more than 15 minutes and less than 6 feet. This is a risk of direct contact.

Guiding Principles for Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- ***Distance: As much social distancing as possible (6 Feet when possible).***
- ***Time: Spend as little time close together as possible. Minimize visitors.***
- ***Hygiene: Keep hands clean with frequent washing and hand sanitizer***
- ***Cleaning: Clean surfaces often, between people***
- ***Face Coverings: Keep nose and mouth secretions to yourself by wearing face coverings***
- ***Screen: Check daily temperatures, and do symptom (wellness) checks for those working/entering building***

School begins 10/20 for 6th grade students and 10/22 for 7th/8th grade students.

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Safety Procedures and Protocols

ARRIVAL

- **The school doors will not open until 7:45, please plan accordingly.**
- Students will not be using lockers to keep movement in the hallways during class changes.
- Students must wear a mask on school transportation.
- Students will be allowed to carry backpacks for the 2020-2021 school year.
- When students enter the building they will go directly to their first period class.
- Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria and students will be dismissed to class.
- Students will need to bring their own water bottles filled each day. Drinking fountains will not be accessible except for filling bottles.
- Families need to do well-checks at home and notify the school if students exhibit any symptoms of COVID 19.

HALLWAYS

- Classes will switch at staggered times to reduce the number of students in the hallways.
- Students will be directed to go immediately to their next period class and hallways will operate in a circular fashion
- During cold weather, coats can be dropped off in the student's locker after they report to their first period class and retrieved at the end of day.
- Lockers will not be used during the school day.

CLASSROOMS

- Teachers will make every attempt to distance students as much as possible.
- School supplies that are needed will be kept in classrooms when possible.
- Shared classroom supplies will be limited.
- Classes with labs will be more demonstration to limit shared materials
- Students and staff will be required to wear masks.
- Desk shields will be available for each student.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in every classroom.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to students.
- Disinfectant spray has been provided to each classroom.
- High touch areas (desks, keyboards, etc) will be cleaned as much as possible between groups of students
- Our music courses are unique and will follow additional criteria:

- Students enrolled assume additional risk in these courses
- Every attempt will be made to space out during singing or playing of instruments
- At any given time, only 75% of students will be singing or playing an instrument
- An additional space can be provided for students who need to move to a new location while not playing/singing

RESTROOMS

- Restroom breaks will be assigned during class periods by teachers.
- If a student needs to use the restroom outside of the assigned time, the teacher will work with the student to allow them to use the restroom.
- Students will need to sign out and follow the teacher's procedures prior to leaving the classroom.
- Students will use hand sanitizer or wash hands upon returning to the classroom.

LUNCH

- Students will use hand sanitizer/wash hands before eating lunch and upon returning to their classes after lunch.
- Lunch will be divided into two areas, both the cafeteria and the commons.
- Tables will be marked to socially distance as much as possible
- Students will remain in their seats during the lunch period and must wear a mask unless eating.
- Students will have assigned seats in the cafeteria.
- Students who pack their lunch will go directly to their seats.
- Students who choose to purchase lunch will enter the cafeteria, and be given either a tray of food or be able to select pre-packaged items.
 - Lunch items may be individually wrapped to limit contact
- Students may be given a card they will be able to use that has their information to eliminate the need for them to type in their lunch code on a shared keypad.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.

C.A.R.E. ROOM

- Any students who become ill during the school day will be assessed by the school nurse or school administration.
- Students who exhibit any symptoms related to Covid-19 will be held in the C.A.R.E. room until someone can pick them up. The school will make contact with families of students who exhibit any symptoms.
- **It is imperative that ill students be picked up from school immediately.**

DISMISSAL

- Classes will be dismissed by room number to reduce the number of students in the

hallway.

- Dismissal may be adjusted based on the number of students being picked up.

Supplies/Materials Needed at TMS

GENERAL MATERIALS

- All TMS students should bring a water bottle to school each day as the drinking fountains will not be operational. Students may fill their bottles as needed during the day.
- Each student should plan to have a backpack for their school materials and lunch (if they pack a lunch). Students will also need to carry their chromebooks and desk shields. Students may use string bags but a full size backpack might be easier for the student.
- Lockers will not be used except to store coats. Students should plan to keep additional items in their backpacks
- Every attempt will be made by teachers for daily items (binders, journals, notebooks, etc) to be stored in the classrooms to alleviate the amount students must carry.
- Students will be responsible for their lunch card. TMS will supply students with a lanyard but the student is responsible for the card.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Basic materials are all that we require of our TMS students.
- Students should each have: pencils with erasers, pens, notebooks, folders for materials.
- Some teachers will request students to have 3-ring binders but this is not mandatory, it might help with organization for students. Any specific class materials will be discussed with students in the first few days of school.

Talawanda District Links / Information

Talawanda School District Pandemic Plan

- [Click Here for the TSD Pandemic Plan](#)

Talawanda School District Covid-19 Information Dashboard

- [Click Here for the TSD Covid-19 Dashboard](#)
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Selection of Remote Learning or Face-to-Face

Students are not able to move between the two options (remote/F2F) during 2nd quarter. If the district continues to offer choice after December 2020, changes can be made at that time to go into effect in January 2021.

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available via ProgressBook on (or before) Monday, October 19th. TMS will send out a message on school messenger as soon as all schedules are visible. Students will receive a physical copy of their schedule in their first period class on 10/20 (6th graders) or 10/22 (7th and 8th graders).

If you need access to Progressbook, please contact Mrs. Michael at TMS: (513) 273-3300 or michaelr@talawanda.org

TMS 2020-2021 Bell Schedule

1	8:00 – 8:57	(57)
2	8:59 – 9:53	(54)
3	9:55 – 10:49	(54)

6th Grade Lunch		7th Grade Lunch		8th Grade Lunch	
Lunch	10:51-11:21 (30)	4	10:51-11:45 (54)	4	10:51-11:45 (54)
4	11:23-12:17 (54)	Lunch	11:47-12:17 (30)	5	11:47-12:41 (54)
5	12:19-1:13 (54)	5	12:19-1:13 (54)	Lunch	12:43-1:13 (30)

6	1:15 – 2:09	(54)
7	2:11 – 3:05	(54)

TMS Students will be in-person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students will not report to TMS on Wednesdays and they will have asynchronous work to complete on these days.