



TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS REENTRY PLAN for August 2021

Each LEA, under the direction of The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, is required to post a plan for the safe return to in person learning and continuity of services. Transylvania County Schools had options for in person as well as online learning during the 20-21 school year. Due to the popularity and demand for an online option, Transylvania County Schools has established The TCS Online Learning Path School to continue to meet the need as we move forward.

Transylvania County Schools strive to be transparent in sharing information with our community and keeping them up to date on COVID information and the impact on our schools. We will continue to follow all protocols set forth by the governor and the Department of Health and Human Services. As we move forward, TCS will continue to focus on the prevention and mitigation for keeping students, staff and our families healthy as we work to avoid moving all learning to strictly online. In the table below you will find more specific information. Transylvania County Schools welcome our community's input. [Please offer any thoughts or suggestions that you feel we should thoughtfully consider as we move forward.](#) If you have questions please contact Audrey Reneau, Federal Programs Director or Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent Transylvania County Schools at 828-884-6173.

Please continue to visit this page as we update requirements based on CDC Guidelines and the decisions of the local Board of Education.

Reopening Plans	Teaching and Learning	Social Emotional Wellness	Health Precautions	School Facilities and Students	Transportation	School Nutrition Program
<p><u>Plan A</u> <u>(August 2021)</u></p> <p>Minimal Social Distancing</p>	<p>Focus on in-person learning, with preparedness to shift to Plan B or Plan C, if the need arises.</p> <p>*Option to enroll in TCS Online Learning Path</p> <p>Elementary Reading Specialists hired to work closer with students in small settings to close the reading achievement gap, created by Covid.</p> <p>Additional Teacher Assistants hired to lessen the teacher/student ratio and provide more direct support.</p>	<p>Staggered Start for incoming Kindergarten Student and Pre K students.</p> <p>Blue Ridge Health on school sites (in person and virtual services)</p> <p>Restorative Practices, Pre K -12, for SEL Framework.</p> <p>MTSS SEL Supports with explicit behavior interventions</p> <p>3 Signature CASEL Practices embedded into staff meetings, classes, etc.</p> <p>Extra Personnel added for</p>	<p>*Minimal Social Distancing in Hallways and Common Areas</p> <p>*Grades Pre--12: Masks or similar PPE devices will be determined by the governor and local Board of Education.</p> <p>*Decisions will be made and shared concerning the mask requirements for TCS staff</p> <p><i>*TCS will follow the NC Governor orders for the return to school in August 2021</i></p>	<p>Updated Air Quality and improved ventilation</p> <p>Sanitation items for daily cleaning</p> <p>Visible directional arrows to assist with students traveling safely throughout school.</p>	<p>Buses will follow normal procedures, unless NC Governor indicates otherwise.</p>	<p>All Meals are Free- for all students</p> <p>Parents: Make sure and fill out Free/Reduced Lunch Application forms! You will be given one at school, but you can do that online this year as well! This helps TCS with specific federal funding.</p>

	<p>District Instructional Support hired to analyze mathematical gaps, created by Covid and determine a plan moving forward.</p> <p>Social Emotional (Creative Movement) position created at BES to give students an outlet for SEL needs.</p> <p>Emphasis on closing learning gaps through offering 2 sessions of summer school during the summer of 2021 for students who have fallen behind academically.</p> <p>Remediation services during the 21-22 school year as needed.</p> <p>Additional support for special student populations.</p>	<p>SEL support through School Counselors, Mental Health Therapists.</p>				
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TCS Online Learning Path:

<p><u>TCS Online Learning Path</u></p> <p>If students select the TCS Online Learning Path, each student must remain in the TCS Online Learning Path for the entire 2021-2022 academic year. This enrollment period ended in April 2021.</p>	<p>Students in grades K-12 will be 1:1 with a chromebook</p> <p>Courses will be rigorous and aligned with state expectations. Students will be held accountable to Transylvania County academic standards.</p> <p>Students in grades 6-12 will receive numeric grades, based on work completed.</p> <p>Students in grades K-5 will continue with Standards Based Grading.</p>	<p>Social Emotional Check-Ins required:</p> <p>Elem: Once per month MS/HS: Once per quarter</p>	<p>Students are encouraged to continue to follow all NC requirements when out in their community.</p>	<p>Students will not be on school campus</p>	<p>Students will not use school transportation</p>	<p>To Be Determined, based on need.</p>
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