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TRCS FAQ Edition #3

7/30/2020

Thank you for your additional questions and questions posed in the Instructional Model Google Form sent out earlier this month. We know that if one parent has a question, likely so do others!

TRCS will continue to send out the FAQ page weekly until school begins August 12th, then we will move to our Weekly Tiger Tracks to correspond with our families.

Should you have a new question to add to the TRCS FAQ please email help@twinriverscharterschool.org.

Reminder, Questions from previous FAQ editions that remain timely are in Italicized font.

Also, strikethrough text has been added to previous questions and answers if the answer has changed.

The last FAQ stated that classroom instruction will be live streamed Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM each day. Does this mean the student is expected to be logged in during the entire time as if he's sitting in a classroom?

Each grade level's instructional day will be different based on instructional requirements and student ages.

TK/Kindergarten - 180 minutes

1st - 3rd - 230 minutes

4th - 8th - 240 minutes

TRCS has created instructional schedules that exceed these requirements and will support our students academic growth. Your child's teacher will be sending out a specific schedule for your child's Google classroom (and real-time instruction). Each day your child will have instruction in ELA, math, and/or science history/social studies, and writing. There is also time built in the school day for silent reading, AR, and/or intervention instruction. Depending on your child's grade level there will be direct instruction by your child's teacher via recorded videos, followed by guided practice and "back table time" - small group instruction. The pre-recorded videos will be utilized while the teacher is live (synchronous) and able to monitor learning and checking for understanding. The daily schedule will have structured breaks and stretch time, as well as PE mini lessons. If you are planning for your day, plan to be at home during the morning hours to create this routine.

Here's our thinking (sometimes we refer to this as the *WHY*):

We know our students do better with structure and routine (as parents you know this too).

The more we can build our students' stamina for instructional time and a schedule, the easier the transition back to face to face learning will be (for those families who opt to return to face to face learning) later this school year.

We also have a lot of teaching to do - we learned a lot last spring and this schedule will provide the learning environment each child needs to continue their learning!

Thank you for the information regarding the ever changing situation.

You are welcome!



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Will each class be divided in their own Google classroom?

Yes!

Many of our teacher teams will be working with their grade level partners to pre-record video lessons that will be viewed in both grade level classrooms during the lesson.

Here's what this looks like: Both kindergarten classrooms may see Mrs. Sanchez's ELA lesson on the 'a' sound but Mrs. Perez will be in her own Google classroom and Mrs. Sanchez will be in her own Google classroom ensuring their own students are mastering this skill.

What school supplies will my student need this year?

Your child will be receiving their Class Welcome Letter which includes this list in the next few days. This letter provides items your child will need to be successful during Distance Learning and upon our return to school. When TRCS returns to campus this school year your child will keep their own materials at their desk.

Uniforms. I don't want to waste money or have my kids outgrow them if we can't go back. Do we have ANY IDEA what a time frame of returning could be? I want to hit the back to school sales if possible.

We're optimistic that we will return to campus later this fall.

Can you clarify from the "School Opening" Update. When it says "Because of the unique circumstances for the 2020/2021 school year TRCS will hold harmless any decision a TRCS family makes for the 2020/2021 school year." If we choose to do an independent homeschool curriculum with our kids this school year, will we still have our spot at TRCS available to either come back any time during the year, or at the very least, next year?

TRCS will hold student enrollment spots (this year) to support our families making the best decision possible for their child and family. See page 10 for additional questions on enrollment.

Since education requirements are changing, like the lack of PE requirement this year, is anyone working on getting rid of common core math?

We will have PE videos offered by our Mr. Wilson, our new middle school PE teacher. Mr. Wilson will create video instruction to support our Tigers keeping active during the school day. Although PE minutes will be waived this year we will continue to support our PE program and when we return Mr. Wilson, Mr. Sierra, and Mrs. Hines will be an all star team delivering PE to your child!

Common Core is here to stay. :))

Does my student need to have their immunizations up to date?

Yes!!! Please be sure all immunizations are completed prior to 8/7/2020. Students will not be allowed to pick up school materials without this process being completed. If you have any questions: Please email bkersting@twinriverscharterschool.org



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Questions Asked on the Instructional Model Questionnaire

Questions were copied and pasted directly into this format. **Answers are in bold font.**

Will you be sending their classes and login/passwords for accessing their classes? **Yes, that information will be sent home by August 11th if your child does not know their passwords.**

Instead of him being in hybrid class those days I would like the distance learning option.
This is a very viable option. When we return to school we will update our families on the Hybrid model. Your child will have a schedule so that you are able to plan for this distance learning week.

If traditional campus schooling is only 1 week of the month, what are they supposed to do the other 3?
Traditional campus schooling is actually the opposite – it's a 3 weeks on/1 week hybrid model, but in some of the younger classrooms it might be 6 weeks on/1 week hybrid.

Thank you so much! We love TRCS! **We have appreciated the outpouring of support, thank you!**

Thank you for working hard to get them back in school. **We will continue to work hard to return to school.**

Why in the world would you make children wear a mask when they don't work and it's almost 0 percent chance that a child gets cv. **As a CA public school, we are required to follow state mandates with face coverings mandated (August 17, 2020).**

When are we going to know if they are going back to traditional learning or go to distance learning? I want my kids to have distance learning? **As of 7/17/2020 TRCS will begin the school year in Distance Learning mode.**

Student X will need Tiger care until 240 on Monday, tues, and Thursday but other days she will not.
Excellent. We will be happy to provide this when we are back on campus.

Gracias por todo, por pensar en el bienestar de nuestros hijos y esforzarse por mantenerlos seguros


The above information states tiger care is only available until 5? It has usually been available until 530. Because of this we have no choice but distance learning. **We apologize for this, but need to be able to thoroughly clean upwards of 10 Tiger Care rooms at the end of the day. It's imperative that we have**



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time and personnel in order to do this before staff arrives on campus in the morning. We know it's not ideal, but we are trying to ensure our students and staff's health.

What will social distancing look like for lunch since the hybrid students will join their regular classmates?

We will have 4 students per table and only 2 grade levels per lunch period.

Keep up the great work! We can't wait to return as safe healthy Tigers! **Thank you! Us too!**

Will you be allowing students off the waitlist? We're students who were given spots in the lottery still able to attend? **We will not fill slots for the 2020/2021 school year off the waitlist. If a student was added prior to 3/16/2020 they are already enrolled at TRCS. We did enroll TK and Kinder students in order to fill classes on 3/16/2020.**

Are there specific masks required? I make masks but am wondering if those will be ok or does it need to be a medical mask? **No specific masks are required. If you are buying or making ones for your children, buy or make ones they like so they will wear them.**

Will 8th grade students have the opportunity to talk to counselors for high school classes if they are choosing distance learning. **In the spring, yes! Also, Mrs. Jolly and Dr. Villalobos are able to provide several resources to support their preparation for high school with colleagues and local connections. We will keep our 8th grade students in the forefront of our minds as they transition to high school after this year.**

If my child runs a fever at school (for other illnesses besides COVID), will they be required to be tested or go through a quarantine process at home before coming back to campus?

No. Once a student is symptom free for 24 hours they will be able to return to school.

TRCS will recommend, but will not require a COVID test if a student goes home with a fever. We will ask that our TRCS Community be cognizant of any interactions with COVID-19 in order to assure their children and TRCS that they have not been exposed. We know staying healthy will take all of us working together.

I am confused about tiger care. I will need it on days even on normal school days. It also says it runs until 5, but it normally runs until 5:30. Is this changing? **Yes, in order to assure a thorough cleaning each evening in all of the classrooms Tiger Care students access, in order to support social distancing, Tiger Care will be closing at 5:00PM each afternoon.**

I have chosen distance learning for my child. **Thank you for letting us know.**



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I would prefer for my daughter to stay home and do distance-learning, but since I am a teacher in the district I will be going to work and I am unable to stay home. I do not feel like the schools are safe enough as of yet. **We know our TRCS Community is concerned with the health of their children, as are we. When we can assure both our staff and students' health we look forward to being back on campus!**

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication! **Thank you!**

We will need a chrome book. **We will be sending home devices August 7, 10 and 11. See the Welcome Back Drive Thru Flyer for more information.**

In the FAQ for 2020-2021, it states that families who choose a separate home schooling option for the 2020-2021 school year that is not through TRCS will have their spot saved for 2020-2021. Was that a typo and meant to say their spot is saved for the 2021-2022 school year instead, or is it really only for the 2020-2021 year? Also, can you give more details as to what distance learning will look like (e.g. a sample weekly schedule). I understand that the new distance learning will probably look different from the one from spring but how? I am a little concerned about the amount of time required via DL and the flexibility families require in their daily schedules. This and live video meetings were the two most challenging DL tasks for us. **Yes, let us clarify. TRCS students enrolled as of June 6, 2020 will have a spot for the 2020/21 and 21/22 school year should they provide TRCS with the information that they'd like their place saved. They will be able to return in 2021/2022. Please see answers and sample schedules on the FAQ page. We believe we have answered them there. We will provide both synchronous (live) and asynchronous learning (videos) during All School Distance Learning. When school resumes Distance Learning will move to asynchronous instruction only.**

Is there another form or anything else I need to fill out? This is my only child and I still feel confused by the process of renewing for the next school year. **If you have any questions please call the TRCS office and ask for Mrs. Rhoades, our registrar. Families should be getting correspondence in the coming days from TRCS about your child's new teacher.**

Do we need to re-apply for Tiger Care? Will it be available everyday? **Yes, you'll need to apply for Tiger Care. As we are beginning in Distance Learning TRCS will have these applications available once the school year begins. Tiger Care will be open 5 days a week.**

Thank you for your continued work. We appreciate all you do! **You are welcome!**

I'm not sure what to say at this time. I want my daughter to go back to campus. But I'm also a bit scared. I also know my student will be taken care at school but as a mother and only daughter just not



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sure what to use. **We hope that once we are able to return to campus having both options: hybrid and distance learning will make this decision easier.**

Is there still going to be a promotion ceremony on August 6th for last year's 8th graders?

We are waiting to hear back from Dr. Luu as social distancing and group gatherings continues to be a concern.

Can kids wear face shields to school? **Yes.**

My child has his own mask but for some reason he loses the mask could twin rivers provide him one? I checked yes for needing a mask but he does have one. Thanks. **We expect that students will lose their masks. We will provide one when needed.**

I picked distance learning for my son. Can I have the option to meet a teacher once a week like homeschooling. Where My son can take his work To Show to Teacher and the teacher can check His work and then give him next week's work? **On Friday's a TRCS staff member will be assigned to all students who are Distance Learning. They will ensure that work is being completed and can assist with general questions.**

What if my child learns from home because I don't want to be exposed to the virus. **We respect the decision to select Distance Learning for your child.**

Is school starting for sure August 12? I recently received an announcement that we were on a watch list and if our county didn't have a decline in covid cases we wouldn't be opening. Anyways I am very much against not opening schools and am participating in a petition to have the governor recalled for trying to rob my children of their right to an education. **We know parents are advocating for their children, just as TRCS is advocating for our students and staff.**

Please allow the students to return!! They are begging to go to school! **We agree! We miss them too!**

What will be the protocol for lunch time? Will the kids be eating in class to remain socially distant? Will parents need to provide lunch? **TRCS will have free and reduced lunches available in August. We will be working with our families to ensure no child is hungry! Lunch protocol will be 4 students per table once we return to campus.**

I want distance learning. My kids have asthma and lil nervous to send them. **We totally understand.**

I'm not understanding the hybrid track. Brooke would be only going to school a week out of the month?



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We think the graphic we created made this a bit more clear, please reach out to TRCS help desk if it's not.

What if my child loses their mask at school will there be replacement? **Yes, we will always have replacement masks.**

Spoke with Cindy about Student X. If Covid changes further into the year and the opportunity to switch to traditional is a possibility then kinder might be a better placement for Student X. Can we be placed on a waiting list in case this scenario presents itself? Do we need to talk to the registrar? Thanks.
Please reach out to Mrs. Rhoades, our registrar, she'd be happy to assist your family.

What are the symptoms that you want the kids to stay home with and is it a 2 week quarantine from school for any symptom? Also how does it affect attendance policy when they have to stay home.
We will send home some "what to look for guidance on COVID-19" in the next week or two. Although children are not as susceptible it will be helpful for everyone to know what to look for. We know that we will have other viruses and flu bugs this school year, students will not be excluded from school if they do not exhibit any symptoms. Students that are home will be able to participate in Distance Learning so attendance will not be an issue.

When we decide it is safe for them to return to on campus learning, how soon after we notify administration, can they return to campus? **In order to ensure continuity of learning for all classes we will ask families who are ready to send their children back to school to do so in one of the enrollment windows. These are listed in the TRCS Handbook and fall after 1st and 2nd semester report cards. We will outline this process again in order for our families to make these decisions in a timely manner.**

I appreciate you all so much. See you soon! **Thank you, yes, you will!!!**



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DISTANCE LEARNING FOR ALL (as of 7/17/2020)

Will TRCS apply for a waiver mentioned during Governor Newsome's presentation?

Update: As of 7/30/2020 there has not been a waiver process provided.

Once the waiver process is provided to schools in California TRCS will look at our ability to apply for a waiver. We have been told that the waiver will be available by the end of this week to review. Please know: We do anticipate the Waiver Process will take a few weeks once we submit, so we anticipate beginning our school year August 12th in Distance Learning for all students.

Has TRCS changed our start date?

No, TRCS's first day of Distance Learning instruction is Wednesday, August 12th.

When can we pick up technology devices this year?

Update: TRCS will send home devices 8/7 (Middle School) 8/10 (TK - 2) and 8/11 (3 -5).

More details about the pick up time will be provided the week of 8/3/2020. TRCS will be sending home Chromebooks or Ipads - TK/K/1 for all students. ELA Anthologies, math materials, and/or white boards may also be sent home with your child depending on grade level need. Your child's teacher will correspond with you the week of 8/3/2020 on what to expect.

When will we find out who our child's teacher is?

You will hear by 8/1/2020 who your child's teacher is for 2020/2021. Letters will be sent home 8/1/2020.

What is the number of cases Sutter county needs to be at in order for Sutter County to come off the county watch list and we can send our children back to school?

7 cases. (Note: Yesterday, Sutter County had 27 new cases.)

What will school-wide Distance Learning look like at TRCS?

This morning TRCS met as a staff to discuss Distance Learning and our plan for instruction beginning August 12, 2020. Distance Learning will look VERY different than it did last spring. We are taking what we learned and additional requirements to create a very robust Distance Learning opportunity for our students.

What to Expect:

- *During school-wide Distance Learning TRCS will offer synchronous (live) learning Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 1:00PM each day.*
- *The afternoon will be utilized by instructional staff for additional student support including: intervention, SEL support, and/or instruction.*
- *All TRCS students will participate in live classroom instruction and back table classroom (small groups) instruction during the school day.*
- *Daily student attendance will be required and taken.*



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- Classroom instruction will also be recorded for asynchronous learning opportunities should your child have an appointment or miss instruction during the synchronous instruction.
 - TRCS will expect families to communicate absences on a daily basis, just as they always have.

Specific elementary school schedules will be shared by your child's teacher at the beginning of August; Middle School students will follow their early release schedule each day.

Note: When TRCS returns to campus face to face the Distance Learning option for students will change to 100% asynchronous instruction; students will not have interaction with students or their teacher during the instructional day.

Questions that were posed prior to 7/17/2020 that will be part of our physical return to school plan.

MASKS

Update: Per CA mandate TRCS students will be required to wear masks on campus in the classroom when we return to campus.

Will masks need to follow TRCS dress code?

~~We don't believe so, but the new order from the Governor has significantly changed our plans. Currently, TRCS plans to support our new expectation of wearing masks when we can't adhere to social distant protocols. We will be allowing free mask dress days, every day. Masks must follow free dress code standards.~~

Please clarify TRCS mask policy: What happens if my student cannot wear one?

~~If students cannot wear a mask when they are required we would ask families to continue Distance Learning for their child/ren. We will expect students to wear masks when they are required on campus: arrival and dismissal times. TRCS parents/families will play a huge role in supporting us in this endeavor as we return to school.~~

Will masks be provided for students who do not come to school with one or forget?

~~Absolutely!~~

Will students need to wear masks at recess/lunch/breaks?

~~No. Because we believe we can adhere to SD protocol during the school day we do not anticipate needing masks. We have planned more recess breaks (see handbook for schedules) and smaller groups on the playground and around campus and do not expect that our students will need to wear masks during recess, lunch and breaks.~~

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

What will the first day of school look like for TK/Kindergarten families?

This is one question of literally dozens of questions from our TK and kindergarten families. We know the first day of school is scary and exciting! Please refer to correspondence from Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Sanchez, and/or Mrs. Perez in the coming days about all things TK/K.



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Will parents be able to walk on campus?

Unfortunately, no. In order to maintain social distancing and support staff and student health we will not be able to have parents on campus. Our TK and K teachers are working on a transition plan for those first few days of school - stay tuned.

ACADEMIC - MIDDLE SCHOOL

How many teachers will be with students in middle school?

TRCS has modified our delivery model in middle school in order to decrease points of contact for both our middle school students and staff. There will be no more than 22 students in each classroom and the hybrid model will be for grade level alike for 1-3 / 4-6 / 7-8.

On early release days ELA, math, history, science and Advocacy/PE faculty includes (last period of the day/Advocacy will be taught by your child's 4th period teacher or Mr. Wilson):

6th grade: Ms. Hensgen, Mrs. Kee & Mr. G. Smith

7th grade: Mr. Miller, Mrs. O'Toole, Mr. G. Smith, and Mr. J. Smith

8th grade: Mr. Miller, Mrs. O'Toole, and Mr. J. Smith

On regular school days (and on a rotation basis during Advocacy class) Mr. Wilson will provide PE (outside and with SD protocols) and students will participate with one of their teacher's S2C classes.

Will students be able to enroll in IM1 if enrolled Distance Learning?

Yes.

Will students receive grades during Distance Learning?

Yes.

SCHOOL-WIDE PROCEDURES when we return to school:

Will the pledge of allegiance change? Will the patriotic songs continue?

Our morning routine will change. Stay tuned!

How will the students line up?

These protocols will be reviewed with students on the first day of school. Teachers will be outside to greet students and show them where they will meet them each morning.

Will the terrific tiger program continue?

Yes, but it will be classroom-based. Students will not come to the office throughout the school day.

Will the TRCS office be open for parents?

Yes and No. We will ask the TRCS community to not congregate in the office or main entrance areas on campus. In order to support the health of our office staff's health, parents will be asked to come in one at a time and wear masks. We will outline this protocol for our families and post it before the first day of school.



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Will parents be able to volunteer?

No, unfortunately until TRCS returns to phase 4 we will not allow volunteers to be on campus.

Will the recycling program continue?

No, we will not be continuing the recycling program at TRCS until we move back to phase 4.

DROP OFF/MORNINGS

Is the morning supervision time going to change this year?

Yes! We are encouraging TRCS families to send their children to school as close to school start time as possible. Students will not be able to play on the playground during this time.

If a child does have a temperature greater than 100.4; a cough; been to a foreign country; came in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive; what happens then? Quarantine for 14 days? What considerations will be given to other virus or bacterial infections?

Mrs. Kersting, our school nurse will be providing a protocol. This is in conjunction with Dr. Luu's office.

Can entry point screening take place in a drive through setting?

No, unfortunately, we don't see this as working with the amount of traffic in the parking lot and overflowing to Live Oak Blvd.

What's the plan for children who walk to school that are turned away at entry points?

TRCS families will be asked to take their children's temperatures at home. This will ensure that students are not turned away from a school entry point because of a fever. We expect that our families will support us in sending healthy children to school. Students who have a temperature of 100.4 will be sent back to their automobile. Parents will not be able to drop off their children and leave the TRCS campus until we return to phase 4.

How often will high traffic areas be cleaned per day? Bathrooms, hallways, front office.

We will follow CDHC cleaning procedures for cleaning campus-wide. Hand sanitizers and hand washing stations will be available on campus for our students and staff to access. Tiger Care will close at 5:00PM each day in order to support cleaning protocol.

If it is my child's turn to hybrid, is distance learning an option that week?

Yes! This is a great option for our families who can support our hybrid schedule. Families will need to communicate this information ahead of time to their child's teacher once we create schedules.

Can accommodations for hybrid learners be made for children who struggle with electronic devices due to overstimulation and/or farsightedness?

Our hybrid model is our best effort to ensure all students are able to be on campus each day. We will have highly skilled staff in these classrooms to monitor. Students will be rotated into the hybrid model based on numbers in classrooms each day. Our staff will create the hybrid model classlists to support each group of students' success in the hybrid class.



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If hybrid week kids participate in lunch, recess, and PE with their traditional class – doesn't that defeat the purpose of hybrid?

If students are outside and we can ensure social distancing we do not have to keep the group under 22 students. At our tables there will be 4 students (vs. 8 students this year), PE and recess will have space to spread out.

Will social/emotional sessions continue? What will social/emotional sessions look like if play therapy was predominately used last year?

Yes, these will be via Google Classroom live sessions - more on this will be shared with student families as this rolls out.

How will speech needs be assessed and serviced?

All student service minutes required by an IEP will be continued and offered by Mrs. Deol. Assessments will continue as well through our Special Education department.

TIGER CARE

Is Tiger Care still guaranteed for all children?

No, unfortunately we will not be able to guarantee space for our older students. Once we have our Google Form information back from our families TRCS will be able to provide more information. Stay tuned.

What are Tiger Care hours?

In order to ensure adequate time for cleaning each evening Tiger Care will close at 5:00PM until TRCS returns to phase 4.

LUNCH/RECESS

Where will lunch take place?

Lunch will continue to be outside at the tables for our TK/1st - 8th grade students. Kindergarten lunches will be in their classrooms in order that they can have lunch and then play on the TK/K playground.

What's the plan for social distancing while eating?

This will be shared with your child as we go over all classroom and school routines at the beginning of the school year. Only 4 students will be at each table.

Can you please clarify the Traditional/On Campus hybrid model.

TRCS created this model with ONE goal: To ensure that EVERY TRCS student is able to receive instruction, on campus, every day.

Here are two examples of how the hybrid model looks like on campus in two grade levels:

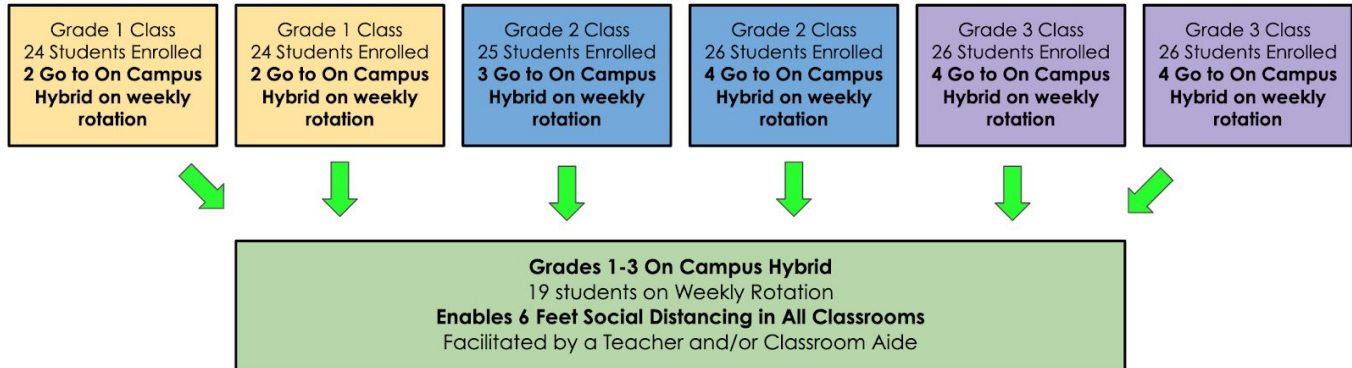
First Grade: In first grade there are 24 students in each classroom. The maximum class size to ensure social distancing protocols are maintained is 22 students (in order to maintain a social distancing protocol of 6 feet) in



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order to not require masks inside the classroom setting. In order for TRCS to meet social distancing protocol 2 students from each of the 1st grade classes will be placed in the hybrid model each week.

The 4 (total) first graders will be placed in a remote classroom with 2nd and 3rd grade students in one of the three (3) remote classrooms (EK Center, Room 209, or 210). Students in the hybrid class will have their own Chromebook. During ELA, math, science and history Mrs. Norton and/or Mrs. Buchner will live stream their classroom instruction to students in this hybrid classroom. Students will be provided enrichment activities and support resources (e.g., Lexia, Khan Academy, Duolingo) to enhance the hybrid classroom experience. Hypothetically, if 4 students from 1st grade opt for Distance Learning TRCS would not need to offer the hybrid classroom option and all students would be in the traditional classroom every day (no Hybrid Track Model).



5th Grade: In 5th grade there are 28 students in each classroom. With a maximum of 22 students in each classroom; Each track 6 students would need to be placed in the remote classroom setting receiving Google Live video streaming in ELA, math, science, and history. (The 5th grade students would be in a classroom with 4th grade students.) Student tracks will be: 3 weeks in Mrs. Magiera or Mrs. Segobia's classroom and 1 week in the remote hybrid model.

Hypothetically, it would take 12 - 5th grade students to opt into Distance Learning for all 5th grade students to be in the traditional classroom every day (no Hybrid Track model).

Additional On Campus Hybrid features:

- Each of the three remote classrooms will be facilitated by a teacher and/or classroom aide
- Once TRCS determines the number of students who select the Distance Learning option we will know how many students will need to be on any given grade level track and families will be notified
- During On Campus Hybrid week all students will participate in PE, recess, breaks, and/or lunch with their traditional class

What does active screening look like?

Active screening at TRCS will include temperature checks at entry points on campus each morning - this will be



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conducted by TRCS classified staff and TRCS administration. Gates open: gravel lot, park gate, and 3 gate openings at the front of the campus.

Families will not be able to drop off their students until they have been given the thumbs up that their student is cleared to enter campus.

Teachers will also conduct temperature checks one additional time during the school day.

We will also ask for TRCS families to Active Screen at home - if a student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher or is exhibiting any symptoms and/or a fever we ask that they stay home. Silver lining with our new models: Students will be able to participate in the Distance Learning Google Classroom setting that day.

Our little one will be starting kindergarten this year. How does the staff see social distancing working at that age?

We know this is going to be a unique challenge! Our TK and Kindergarten teachers are well aware of the challenges social distancing presents for our youngest learners and are well prepared to meet this challenge including individual lap desks, fun carpet markers, and social distancing protocols, including more breaks and outdoor activities! (Spoiler Alert: Wait until our students see the new activity stations and sensory equipment on the TK/K/1 playground!)

Note: Kindergarten Schedule Change

In order to meet the new and unique expectations for our kindergarten students for the 2020/2021 students our kindergarten classes will be moving to a half day model: 8:15AM - 12:40PM. In order to support our TRCS families with this change, TRCS will provide Tiger Care between 12:40 - 2:30PM at no cost. Tiger Care fees will be collected for students needing Tiger Care after 2:30PM.

Will individuals providing classroom instruction be required/allowed to wear masks?

In order to instruct students teachers will be wearing masks and/or teach behind clear desk shields. Except for SPED, Speech, and PE teachers, all support services (e.g., Counseling, ELD, intervention) will be offered via Google Live setting in the student's classroom on their Chromebook. Our goal is to limit both our staff and students' exposure.

Will TRCS have PE time/classes this year?

Yes!! Although California passed a trailer bill last week that included language that waives Physical Education (PE) minutes for the 2020/21 school year, TRCS believes in the benefit of physical education for all students. On regular school day schedules, PE classes will resume.

Note: Our PE classes will not include any contact/physical contact/ or sporting activities that share one ball. Social distancing protocols will be followed during PE class.

Access to equipment at break and lunch for exercise and social development?

Absolutely, students will have recess and breaks. These will be in smaller groups and classes will be assigned areas that will rotate each week in order for students to enjoy being outside and meeting our social distancing protocols.



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Equipment will be available for students (divided up between classes in order to be cleaned in between class/group use).

Can TRCS parents attend the TRCS Board Meeting at TRCS?

Yes, TRCS will be adhering to social distancing protocol (maintaining 6 feet distancing) at the TRCS board of director meetings. We also will be offering Zoom for families who would prefer to watch and listen to the meeting at home. TRCS board agendas are posted on the TRCS website under School Board, click on the Board Agendas to click on the most current board agenda. The Zoom link is now included in the header of these agendas.

Will there be any opportunities for families to ask questions about the schedule before they need to make their choices?

We are optimistic that following the board of directors action on TRCS's instructional plan we will be able to flesh out details in order that our parents are able to make an informed decision. We will also continue to answer questions posed by our TRCS community. We are asking all families to make a decision by July 20th in order for TRCS to plan for our August 12th first day of instruction.

Will there be elective and/or WIN time opportunities for middle school students? Possibly online-only electives?

Yes, we are planning for electives and WIN time opportunities for our middle school students. We will be exploring a wheel model where our students will be provided 6-8 week units. We have been considering this and think we have some great solutions. (Our Middle School staff is innovative! Stay tuned.)

If a family has to switch to distance-learning due to a family member being diagnosed with COVID-19, would they be permitted to return to school if/when they all have a negative virus test? Would that also count as their one (1) opportunity to switch to distance learning?

The benefit of offering a concurrent Distance Learning (DL) program is that our students will not miss instruction due to any illness (flu, colds, COVID-19) and we hope our TRCS families will take advantage of our DL program when their children are home ill. Illness will not count towards a family's choice to move to DL because our goal is to ensure a healthy TRCS Community.

If a student chooses to start in distance-learning only and they find that model doesn't work for the student, can the student switch into an on-campus cohort mid-year?

Yes, students will be able to opt in to on-campus learning mid-year. TRCS will provide two (2) re-enrollment windows during the school year for this to occur in order to keep the continuity of learning for all students.

Given the extreme circumstances that we are all in, if a family elects to leave TRCS for a different home school program for the school year, will their spot be reserved for them to return next school year?

Because of the unique circumstances for the 2020/21 school year TRCS will hold harmless any decision a TRCS family makes for the 2020/2021 school year. A student's spot will be held for the 2020/21 school year. Should a TRCS family want to return to the TRCS campus model during the school year they would be required to wait until one of the two (2) re-enrollment windows.



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Will my child need to wear a mask on campus at TRCS?

TRCS's plan is to ensure student and staff health and safety. Our goal is to limit the contacts any person on campus has should we ever have a COVID-19 case. We have limited the number of students in each classroom to 22 in order to provide 6 feet of social distancing in class. When all students are seated in their classroom, students will not be required to wear a face covering.

FROM SPRING 2020 (Still Relevant):

However, CDPH and our local health officer have recommended wearing face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet is not possible. TRCS will require your support to ensure this happens. We expect during the limited times when students are asked to wear a face covering they will put one on. These times may include:

- *School pickup and drop off*
- *Moving into and out of classrooms*
- *Other instances during the day when social distancing of 6 feet is not possible*

Note: We anticipate that wearing masks may be required later in the afternoon for Tiger Care when classes need to be collapsed into smaller groups.

TRCS is offering our Distance Learning option for families who would prefer their child not wear a mask or prefer to engage in learning from home during this time.

Is TRCS going to participate in any allowable middle school sports?

We will remain hopeful, but as of 7/7/2020, Dr. Luu has stated that contact sports in schools are excluded. For TRCS, this would mean all fall and winter sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer) would not be eligible; In spring, track individual events may be eligible. We will continue to keep our middle school students updated.

Note: Our PE delivery will also not include any contact/physical/or sporting activities that include the sharing of one ball.

Would a student be able to participate in sports if they are doing the distance learning model?

This will be TBD. We have not considered, yet.

When will my child find out who their teacher will be for 2020/21?

In a couple of weeks, TRCS will switch over to a new student information system (Aeries). You will receive an email from TRCS inviting you to set up a new Parent Portal account. The first item you will see in the Parent Portal is the [Aeries Parent Data Confirmation](#) form. Please complete this online form to ensure we have accurate and up-to-date contact information, medical information, and other important information for your family. We are very excited that the new system will include registering (Emergency Forms, Medicine, Walk Off Forms) electronically. Once you have completed the Aeries Parent Data Confirmation form, your child/ren will receive their 'Welcome Letter' from their teacher(s)! We will share the date in the TRCS App in order for you to ensure you receive this information.

What does TRCS have planned for 8th Grade Promotion activities?

We continue to monitor group gathering recommendations from our public health officer. In order to host our 8th grade promotion ceremony we will need to ensure that gatherings are allowed. We have set a promotion date in



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August for our 8th grade families and will continue to update families in the coming weeks as we have more information regarding large gatherings.

Has TRCS added any additional resources/sites we should access?

Yes! TRCS now has a YouTube video where we are excited to share helpful and inspirational videos, as well as TRCS staff and families leading our Pledge of Allegiance. You can access the TRCS YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfiTHpGrqMmiHgR1HC4Bf6Q> Be sure and subscribe to receive any updates - we plan to upload several new videos in the coming weeks!

School Nutrition Program: How can I get breakfast and lunch if I was receiving free or reduced breakfast and lunch at TRCS? Can anyone get breakfast and lunch at my neighborhood school?

*TRCS students have also been invited to access lunch during the summer through our district partners. Breakfast and lunch continue to be served around the Yuba-Sutter Community for **every** school-aged student. Please see YCUSD, LOUSD and MJUSD websites or call the TRCS office for additional information and updates on times and locations.*

Will the TRCS office be open this summer?

Yes, the TRCS office is open 8:00AM - 3:30PM. Please leave a message on the general message and we will return your call should you need assistance outside these work hours.

Please Note: The TRCS staff is practicing social distancing practices. We ask that only one visitor comes into the office at a time and visitors wear a mask in the TRCS office.



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TRCS Instructional Learning Models 2020-2021



Traditional / On Campus Hybrid

Distance Learning

TRCS students attend school on campus daily.

Placement of Students:

- Two (2) classrooms per grade level: Cohort (same students together) environment/Students stay with same cohort all day
- Each student will be placed in On Campus Hybrid track for one week of instruction each month (Schedule TBD to accommodate SD)
 - SPED and EL students will remain in classroom setting/all tracks
- Middle School: Teachers will rotate to classrooms (same cohort) to reduce cross-student exposure

Safety Protocols:

- Active Screening: Arrival & Mid-Day
- Classroom Setting: Maximum 22 students / 6 feet distance
- Social Distancing (SD) protocols will be followed during: breaks/recess/lunch/dismissal;
 - Masks will be encouraged, when SD cannot be maintained
- Disinfecting frequently and extensive end-of-day cleaning practices
 - Additional deep campus sanitization: Wednesday/Friday PM

Instruction Delivery:

- Teacher delivered daily instruction
- On Campus Hybrid track delivery: Google Live video streamed into hybrid classroom with instructional aide/teacher supporting instruction

Additional Considerations:

- Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: Regular School days: Tiger Care available
- Wednesday/Friday: Early Release (12:35) Schedule: Tiger Care available

Requirements:

- Support COVID-19 health recommendations including; Encouraging children to social distance at school; Engaging in proper hygiene and health practices; Keeping children at home exhibiting any symptoms

Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California Public Schools: CDE June 2020

Placement of Students:

- Parent request: By July 20, 2020
 - Requires approval by TRCS administration
 - Approval criteria will include confirmation of distance learning(DL) engagement/ attendance: spring 2020
 - Families may opt in to DL once per year

Instruction Delivery:

- Teacher created weekly schedule in Google Classroom
 - Student follows this schedule
 - Schedule outlines 240 minutes of daily instructional opportunities
- Instructional materials provided in Google Classroom
- Access to a TRCS staff member 30 mins/week for questions/materials needed
- Self paced lesson delivery via videos (daily or as noted)

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle School</u>
ELA	ELA
Math	Math
Science (2X/wk)	Science
History (2X/wk)	History

Requirements:

- TRCS student will be required to demonstrate and document engagement in 240 minutes of instructional time each school day