

❖ FAQs

1. What are the types of instruction that Tuscumbia City Schools will offer during the 2020-2021 school year?
 - a. Traditional learning will encompass what we all understand school to resemble. Although with the current environment, “traditional” is a modified version in order to address current needs and guidelines.
 - b. Blended Learning: Blended learning **will only be used** to continue the process of education for all students in the event that the student becomes incapable of returning to the classroom or the school building itself has been deemed unsafe. This is not to be confused with Virtual Learning. In the event that traditional students are moved to Blended Learning, the student will receive all work from the teacher of record from their current schedule.
 - c. Virtual Learning: Virtual Learning will require students to take all classes in a remote setting. The students will receive all work via a remote learning platform as identified by the Virtual Learning teacher. *Students will not be allowed to change options during the middle of a semester.* Students will be required to take all tests in the Tuscumbia City Schools Testing Center or scheduled with their teacher of record for alternative options.

***TCS removed the set time for a student to log on to the computer to better fit the needs of our students and parents.**

2. Will students have their temperature checked daily?
 - a. Students **will not** have their temperature checked daily to enter the building but the school system will have the ability to check the temperature of a child in the event that the child begins exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or Colbert County has been deemed a **High Risk County** by the ADPH. Due to the guidelines of the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA), all athletes will have their temperature checked until further guidance has been disseminated.
3. Will my student have to wear a mask?
 - a. All persons must wear masks in the event of a statewide or municipal order only.
 - b. Tuscumbia City Schools **may** require students to wear masks under certain conditions such as:
 - Temperature higher than 100.4
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - At the discretion of the principal

- c. Tuscumbia City Schools may routinely require staff to wear masks in the performance of their duties. It is strongly recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that all persons who are engaged in close contact activities, i.e. group activities, collaborative lessons, for all persons to wear a mask.

4. Will the cafeteria still serve breakfast and lunch daily?
 - a. Tuscumbia City Schools Child Nutrition Program will continue to serve both breakfast and lunch. There will be changes as to how students are served, where children may eat, and how many children will be in the cafeteria at the same time. All CNP workers will wear facemasks and/or face shields during the serving and preparation of the food. TCS is and will continue to seek guidance as to how best to serve students. This information will become more concrete as we get closer to the start of school and will be subject to changes as appropriate.
5. Will there be any field trips this year?
 - a. At this time, Tuscumbia City Schools will not permit any field trips other than those that are necessary or trips to other schools within the Tuscumbia City Schools District.
6. What will be the cleaning and/or sanitization protocols during the 2020-2021 school year?
 - a. All buildings will be cleaned and sanitized daily. This will include the use of foggers to sanitize each classroom along with other cleaning measures recommended by the ADPH.
 - b. All buses used to transport students are to be cleaned, sanitized, and fogged after each use.
7. Will Tuscumbia City Schools limit visitors to the campuses and other large public gatherings, arrival/dismissal during the 2020-2021 school year?
 - a. All visitors to TCS school buildings, including the Central Office will be required to wear a mask upon entry.
 - b. At this time, per the ADPH, Tuscumbia City Schools will limit non-school personnel from all school buildings. It will be imperative for all parents/guardians to phone or email any concerns or questions that they may have to their child's teacher and/or school. Exceptions to non-staff visits is for parents/guardians to deliver medicines to school nurses.
 - c. Currently, large functions such as Open House, Parent Nights, and other assemblies where social distancing is not feasible will not be offered. For all functions such as sporting events, Tuscumbia City Schools will use guidance from the AHSAA and municipal guidance to ensure that we are not facilitating the spread of COVID-19.
 - d. Schools will limit the entry points for students entering the schools. Dismissal may be staggered based on traffic flow or grade level.

8. What about library time or other special electives during school?
 - a. All students will be afforded the opportunity to participate in special electives at the elementary school level with accommodations. Students will still be able to use the library to check out books and have lessons if social distancing can be achieved. If the activity cannot be accomplished following the social distancing guidelines, then that activity will be postponed until further notice.
 - b. Physical education will still be an offering throughout the day but will be modified to limit the activities that are known to spread COVID-19. Efforts will be made to limit the amount of students that are on the playground or in the gym at a particular time.
9. How will students with special needs, health issues and/or disabilities be educated?
 - a. All students with current Individualized Education Plans (IEP), Individual Healthcare Plans (IHP), and/or 504 Plans will be given the same opportunities as all students. All efforts will be made to ensure that individualized accommodations, modifications, services, and supports are available to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
10. Will Tuscumbia City Schools still offer After School programs?
 - a. Yes, all after school programs that have been offered in the past will still be offered. The only change is that in the elementary level, the students may not be consolidated. This means that GWT and RET may offer their own after school program with tutoring and other services.
 - b. At this time all sports, music, and clubs will still be available for students to participate in as long as these programs follow the guidelines of the AHSAA or other guidelines associated with COVID-19.