

Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't we start the year with all students on campus every day?

Based on Phase 2 protocols, we can only have 25 total people in each classroom (including teacher) or indoor facility. Currently, we have 88 sections of classes which exceed the maximum number of students allowed. Phase 3 requirements moved up to 50 people, which is why we have to wait until Phase 3 to have all students on campus at the same time.

What happens if the Governor moves to Phase 3 on August 7?

We will move to on-campus, face-to-face instruction for all students.

If we move from Phase 2 to Phase 3, will you wait until the end of the nine weeks to transition to all students on campus for face-to-face instruction?

Traditionally the governor has given a week's notice for Phase transitions. If this remains the case, we would transition the day the new proclamation would go into effect, regardless of where we are in the school year.

Yesterday you sent a hybrid plan. Is this the plan TCHS is planning to go with instead of the July 6th plan?

In the July 6th letter, I explained the different options (Distance Learning, Hybrid A/B, Face-to-Face) available for the start of school. In the most recent letter, I explained we would be using the Hybrid A/B plan while we are in Phase 2.

Are students allowed to bring their lunch as in the past?

Yes, as always, students can utilize the cafeteria or bring their own lunch. All lunches will be eaten in the classroom.

In which hour class will students be eating lunch?

Students will be eating lunch in their 4th hour classroom whether they bring their own lunch or pickup from the cafeteria.

Are the students able to use the microwaves and will they be cleaned between usage?

All of the microwaves by the deck will be moved into classrooms that do not have one. Therefore, all classrooms will have a microwave the students can use. Sanitization cleaning supplies will be provided.

Will the vending machines be operational and cleaned?

Yes, they will be operational and sanitization cleaning supplies will be available. Custodial staff will have a regularly scheduled cleaning plan.

How long will we be in the Hybrid A/B Plan?

As long as the Governor keeps Louisiana in Phase 2.

If we move to Phase 3, will TCH resume classes at 100% capacity?

Yes, full face-to face instruction of all students will take place in Phase 3.

Please tell me that kids from the same family will be in the same group.

Yes, which is why we have divided the alphabet to maintain smaller numbers and maximize social distancing.

You will be on campus with people whose last names start with A - I. What are your friends' last names?

Dividing the students alphabetically will maintain smaller numbers and maximize social distancing. To separate by grade levels to keep friends together does not achieve the intended goal. Example: all 12th and 11th graders in one group does minimize the numbers, as does alphabetically, however, every senior or junior English class will house 100% of the English classes roster which fails to maintain smaller numbers or maximize social distancing.

Is it possible for us to get school supply lists early this year so that we have the opportunity to order online ?

Yes, the supply list will be forthcoming in the next few days.

If my child is going to school half the year (2,3 days a week) will we be getting a cut in cost for tuition?

We will be in the Hybrid A/B Plan until we get to Phase 3, which means we are all back to full face-to-face instruction.

Although your child is attending school 2 to 3 days a week, our faculty, staff and business operations are continuing 5+ days a week. Teachers will be providing daily instruction, extra assignments/work for days not in attendance, and also completing lesson plans, grading, and daily responsibilities to ensure student safety. Enrollment is the same; therefore, the number of faculty and staff must stay the same. Salaries, business operations, and the overall expense of the school is mostly funded by tuition. The school is simply not in a position to offer tuition refunds given the economic realities of the situation.

What is the difference between what TCHS is offering and what the public schools/online academies are offering?

Our focus on spirituality with offering and receiving sacraments regularly along with the Catholic formation of students through regular prayer and Mass far exceeds anything that can be offered by any public school or any FREE online academy.

1. We are a College-preparatory high school. Our expectations and the mastery of content will far exceed any set forth by an online academy or public school.
2. For the beginning of the school year, 5 out of 10 days of face to face instruction with a “live” teacher in real time far exceeds pre-recorded videos and optional live question and answer zoom meets that are offered by all virtual academies.
3. The feedback and individual monitoring we provide is significant when compared to that given in public school and online academies.
4. Compare TCHS ACT scores to any public school’s ACT scores, and TCHS will exceed.

My student will be in Group A while their ride to school every day is in Group B. Are there exceptions to this? I totally understand if they cannot go on the same days. I just figured it could not hurt to ask.

If there are special situations, please contact the school. An example would be two families living in an adjacent parish, traveling 30-40 minutes to get to school, and it is the only way for them to get to school.

What masks are allowed?

Any cloth mask, whether purchased or homemade, is required for all students and faculty.

Students may wear a mask or neck gaiter (buff) of their choice. However, they must be appropriate for school and Mass, cover the nose and mouth areas, and be free of any political slogans and/or graphics. Students may monogram their masks with their initials or TCHS. Rule of thumb: If you wouldn't wear it to church, then it is not appropriate for school!

Face shields may be worn, but a face mask will still be required.

We have published an order form if you would like to purchase a mask through school, supplied by Bay Lan Advertising.

What about a virtual option if I do not want to send my student to campus?

While we are still working on what a "fully virtual" option would look like for students who elect to not come on campus, we can share some details of the plan, which are listed below. The Virtual option is designed for students who want to continue their education at TCHS but desire an at-home option due to medical concerns.

- 1) The Virtual Option is not designed to replicate the on-campus experience nor is it designed for short-term absences/absences related to a quarantine period. The aim is to provide longer-term educational continuity for our stay-at-home students so they may eventually return to on-campus learning without academic gaps.
- 2) The academic standards for students who select the Virtual option will be the same as those for students who participate in the Hybrid model and/or full return to school.
- 3) Assessments for students who select the Virtual option will be taken on campus by appointment in a room separate from other students.
- 4) Students who select the Virtual option will not be allowed to attend athletic practices, extracurricular meetings/activities, or other in-person functions. Students can participate in these virtually, when available.
- 5) Students who select the Virtual option must commit to the at-home setting for a length of time, likely one academic quarter (9 week period).

- 6) In order for students to be successful in a Virtual setting, students must demonstrate high levels of independence and/or family support for at-home learning.
- 7) Students must have consistent, extended access to a laptop/Chromebook/computer (not a tablet or smartphone) and internet on a DAILY basis.
- 8) Participation in the Virtual option does not alter the enrollment contract or tuition agreement.

Can I go to practice on days I am not assigned to be at school?

Yes you can go to practice(s) on days you are not assigned to be on campus.

How will house sorting be handled?

Students will not be sorted in the large group gatherings, as in the past. Within the first few weeks of school, freshmen and new upperclassmen will pick a house from a hat. More information will be given at that time.

Will students still be assigned a Chromebook if we enter Phase 3?

Yes, students will keep their assigned Chromebooks for the entire school year.