

Hello Parents - This message is to update you with two pieces of important information. School system administrators believe that face-to-face instruction is the most viable option for students to excel and are seeing that some students who have chosen virtual instruction are having difficulty. Now, TCSS is putting new parameters in place to impact student success.

1. Return to School Intent Form is now available on each school website

Parents wishing for their children to return to school can now complete a Return to School Intent Form. All students, including high school students, can return to school on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020. The inclusion of high school students transitioning to in-person learning before the semester ends provides an opportunity for quicker mastery of content and a higher chance of success for those who are struggling while learning virtually.

The process to return to in-person learning is as follows:

1. Complete the electronic **Return to School Intent Form by Friday, September 25, 2020.**
 - Form is available on each school website and social media page.
 - Form must be completed by Friday, September 25th.
 - Parent must complete **one form per student.**
2. Obtain schedule for return to in-person classes.
 - Schedules will be available via Infinite Campus for elementary and middle school students.
 - Schedules will be available via Infinite Campus or from a school administrator for high school students.
3. Return to school on Tuesday October 13th.

It is important that parents complete the electronic intent form before a student is allowed to return to in-person learning. School staff must be aware of the intent to return so schedules can be prepared or adjusted as needed.

2. Friday, September 25, 2020 is the last day to declare intent for virtual learning

When students choose to attend school virtually, the master schedule for teachers and traditional students shift drastically. As parents and students continue weighing their learning options and electing to switch to virtual learning, many classes have been combined and educators have been asked to teach both virtual and in-person classes.

To create a more manageable learning environment, TCSS has established a date where students wishing to attend school via Troup County Virtual Academy (TCVA) will have to **make a choice by Friday, September 25, 2020**. This deadline will provide more stability to students' schedules and educators' course loads. In addition, if parents choose to TCVA, students will remain in virtual learning for the remainder of 2020.

For parents and students wishing to move from in-person learning to virtual learning, the process is:

1. Students and parents must meet with school personnel to discuss virtual learning expectations and schedule changes.

2. Students will be virtual learners until January 5, 2021.
3. Parents must complete the Troup County Virtual Academy paperwork to request the online learning model.
4. Students can begin virtual learning after discussing – and agreeing to – the expectations of virtual learners.

For requests to go virtual after the deadline of Friday, September 25, 2020, parents and students will have to complete a hardship process with their school to move from face-to-face to virtual learning.

If parents or students have any questions about their intent to return to school or the virtual learning declaration deadline, they can contact their school or send an email to info@troup.org.

Have a great evening,

Troup County School System