



TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL

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THS/TMS Parents and Students,

I wanted to provide a brief update regarding the return of in - person attendance at Tecumseh Middle/High School for the 2021-2022 academic year. There will be minor changes in procedures and protocols as we attempt to provide a safe and secure learning environment. Tecumseh Middle/High School will follow the health guidelines outlined in the Warrick County School Corporation plan.

In this document, you will learn of the changes to the general school day for students at Tecumseh. Student arrival, access to water fountains, and spacing in the cafeteria are some of the items that have been modified/alterd to create a more sanitary learning environment. Procedures have been adopted to ensure that we are following the recommendations/guidelines for the return of students to a traditional school setting. As we navigate this year, student safety and emotional well-being will serve as the compass that determines our course of action.

We want to thank all parents and students for their patience as we work through the planning of the 2021-2022 school year. Please know that we are attempting, to the best of our ability, to make this school year a great experience for students, parents, and the Tecumseh community. We are aware that all questions will not be answered by this correspondence. Please contact the TMS/THS office or direct questions to our school email.

Sincerely,

Tim Long
Jason Fischer

Tecumseh Braves



Reopening Plan

Fall Semester - 2021

Tecumseh Middle/High School Plan to Reopen

Student Arrival

- There will be no temperature checks upon arrival
- High School Bus Riders will enter school at Entrance 3
- Middle School Bus Riders students will use Entrance 4
- High School Car Riders/Parent Drop Off enter the school at Entrance 1
- Middle School Car Riders enter the school at Entrance 2
- Masks must be worn

Lockers

- Students will be issued lockers in the traditional method
- High School students will keep the same locker each year at THS
- Lockers will be assigned in groups based on graduation cohort at the high school

Passing Periods

- 5 minutes in length
- Students are required to wear masks
- Traditional water fountains will not be available
- Clear water bottles are highly encouraged
- Touchless water refill stations are available to students
- Water bottles and cups may not be shared

Classroom Instruction

- Hand sanitizer is available to all students
- Desks will be spaced to maximize social distance
- No desks will be directly facing one another
- Desks and high touch areas cleaned frequently
- Students may only clean their individual desk

Lunch

- One location (THS Main Cafeteria)
- Students will not be eating breakfast/lunch in the upper gymnasium this year
- Student seating arrangements spaced to adhere with social distancing guidelines
- Social distancing signage on floors in lunch serving line
- Tables will be cleaned after each session
- Cafeteria staff will wear PPE
- Hand sanitizer is available to all students

Isolation Room

- This is the designated area for those experiencing Covid – 19 symptoms
- Students feeling ill or with an elevated temperature report to this area
- Located in the 200 hallway (Upper Library location)
- Temperature will be taken and recorded
- School personnel will assess student health
- If a student displays symptoms of illness or Covid-19 they will remain in this area until dismissed
- Students will not be in contact with student population or staff until cleared
- Students WILL NOT report to the THS Nurses' Office with illness for fall semester
- Parents will not be permitted access to the isolation room
- Area will undergo a thorough cleaning at the conclusion of each school day
- Mandatory PPE requirement for any staff member working in the isolation room

Visitors

- Visitors will be admitted to the TMS/THS office one at a time
- Access to the building will be limited to office area at TMS/THS
- Visitors will be required to wear masks
- Social distancing will be strictly enforced in the office area
- All parent/teacher meetings will occur virtually when possible
- Parent/Teacher meetings occurring at school will occur with firm social distancing protocols
- A faculty member will escort visitors with appointments to correct location

Student Dismissal

- Bus riders dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
- Car riders and students participating in ECA activities dismissed at 2:55 p.m.

Student Arrival

Due to social distancing guidelines, Tecumseh Middle/ High School will be dividing students in designated groups. For the 2021-2022 academic calendar, students will report to a designated area upon arrival. The area that students report to will be determined by their mode of transportation to school. Students that ride the bus to school will enter Tecumseh High School using Entrance 3. Tecumseh Middle School students will use Entrance 4. Entrance 3 is in proximity to the upper concession stand used during boys' basketball games. Once inside the building, high school students will enter the Varsity Gymnasium and take a seat on the bleachers. Students that ride the bus will remain in the gymnasium until dismissed at approximately 7:35 a.m. daily. Middle school students that ride the bus will be directed to designated areas by school personnel when they enter the building using Entrance 4.

High school students who drive to school or are transported by a parent/guardian will enter the school building using Entrance 1. This is the main entrance at the front of the high school located next to the office. Once students enter the building, they will report to the school auditorium. The auditorium is labeled with signage and is located next to Entrance 1. Students will remain in the auditorium until dismissed by an educator that is providing supervision in the area. Middle school students that are transported to school by a parent/guardian will use Entrance 2 to enter the building. Once inside the building, Tecumseh Middle School staff will direct them to a seating area in the auxiliary gym or middle school gym.

All high school and middle school students who ride the bus and eat breakfast will use Entrance 3 to enter the building. Students will report directly to the cafeteria using the Ag/Tech hallway.

Locker Assignments and Passing Periods

It has been a tradition for students at Tecumseh High School to be assigned the same locker for their entire tenure at THS. We are happy to announce that this tradition is being revived for high school students this year. Passing periods between classes will be five minutes in length.

Academic Class Schedule

- 1. Period One- 7:45 – 8:35 (5 minute passing period)**
- 2. Period Two- 8:40 – 9:25 (5 minute passing period)**
- 3. Period Three- 9:30 – 10:15 (5 minute passing period)**
- 4. Period Four- 10:20 - 11:20 (4A and 4B –Lunch/Homeroom)**
- 5. Period Five- 11:25 – 12:25 (5 minute passing period)**
- 6. Period Six- 12:30 – 1:15 (5 minute passing period)**
- 7. Period Seven- 1:20 – 2:05 (5 minute passing period)**
- 8. Period Eight- 2:10 – 2:55**

Key Points

- Five (5) minute passing periods
- Masks are required during passing periods
- Touchless water refill stations for plastic bottles available in halls

Random Temperature Checks

Tecumseh Middle/High School will not be administering temperature checks when students enter the building for the 2021-2022 academic year.

COVID-19 Isolation Room

In the event that a student feels ill or experiences an elevated temperature, they will report to the “upper library” in the 200 hallway. This entrance is located in proximity to the school cafeteria. Tecumseh Middle/ High School will err on the side of caution as the safety of students and staff will be our number one priority throughout the school year. Signage will be posted on the isolation area and all students will be trained on the procedures for this room. Our goal is to keep all illnesses isolated and prevent the spread of any virus throughout the student population. The nurses’ office will be used for the daily administration of medication and student social/emotional needs. School personnel will administer a temperature check and evaluate student illness. If a student is experiencing an elevated temperature and/or is exhibiting symptoms of an illness, parents/guardians will be contacted by school personnel to discuss student health.

Lunch

Students will be served lunch in the school cafeteria this year. Middle school and high school students will not eat lunch in the upper gymnasium. High school students will eat during 4th period. Middle school students will be served lunch during 5th period.

Bathroom and Water Fountain

No student will be allowed to drink directly from a water fountain. All traditional water fountains have been disabled to begin the academic year. Portable and touch-less water refilling stations have been installed throughout the school. Tecumseh Middle/ High School ask that students bring a clear water bottle to use as needed. Social distancing signage will be placed at all water fountains and bathroom entries. The bathroom and water fountain areas have been modified to comply with the social distancing guidelines recommended by the Warrick County School Corporation.