

TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2020-21

Grades 7-12 Instructional Delivery Models

This document outlines the three options that Tecumseh Public Schools will offer families for the 2020-2021 school year. All three plans are subject to adjustments pending the number of students enrolled in each option. The three options are outlined as follows:

- Option A: Face-to-Face
- Option B: Distance Learning
- Option C: Tecumseh Virtual Academy

● Option A: Face-to-Face



The **Face-to-Face Model, Grades 7-12**, is designed for families who feel comfortable with students returning to a face-to-face, in-school environment. It provides the opportunity for students to return to campus and interact directly – but safely – with their teachers and classmates.

THS Face-to-Face Model:

- Students are prepared to follow the safety guidelines set in place by the district
- Learn at school with Tecumseh Public Schools staff and curriculum
- Grades 7-12 students attend school during standard school hours
- Receive lessons with a teacher present
- Grades 7-12 will follow a period-by-period bell schedule. A bell schedule will be created to include the required safety measures.
- Uses technology to enhance face-to-face instruction
- Every attempt will be made to offer electives.

Face to Face Model: Safety & Cleaning Protocols:

- The Tecumseh Public School district will follow all required components of the Michigan Safe Schools Roadmap.
- Students and teachers utilize personal protective equipment
- We are required to cooperate with the county health department regarding protocols for screening students and staff as well as how to respond to positive tests from students and staff.
 - In accordance with the Lenawee County Health Department, all students and staff should be screened at the start of the day. Student screening should be conducted by parent/guardian every morning before the child leaves home. If a student or staff has a temperature of 100.4 degree Fahrenheit or higher, they cannot report to school.
 - Additional temperature screenings will be conducted at school during the student's 1st hour or homeroom class.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entry points of all buildings and in common areas throughout the schools.
- All students and staff will be strongly encouraged to wash their hands every 2-3 hours.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting practices will occur in all buildings, classrooms, restrooms, and offices. Frequently touched surfaces, door knobs, handrails, etc. will be disinfected more frequently.
- Classrooms will be cleaned/sanitized in between each class period.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned/sanitized regularly.
- Lockers will not be used. Backpacks will be encouraged to transport supplies from class to class.
- PE/Athletic locker rooms will be available to change clothes but not available for storage

What to expect on the bus:

- Transportation will be provided by the district to and from school in addition to the Tech Center.
- When possible, parents are asked to transport their child to and from school in a personal vehicle to limit the potential for virus exposure and reduce the number of students on TPS buses.
- If traveling on a bus, students will be required to wear a mask, unless a medical condition or disability does not allow it.
- Students must use hand sanitizer, provided by the district, before entering the bus.
- Bus windows will be open to promote good ventilation when appropriate.
- Buses will be cleaned/sanitized daily.

What to expect in the classroom:

- Students & Staff will be required to wear a face mask or personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the building, unless a medical condition or disability does not allow it.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available in each classroom.
- Students will be required to use hand sanitizer as they enter the classroom.
- Class sizes may be smaller depending on the amount of students that choose the distance learning or TVA option.
- Classrooms will be set up by the district to allow the maximum distance possible between students with all desks/tables facing the same direction.

What to expect in a lesson:

- Face-to-Face students will be learning simultaneously with the distance learning students at home as they follow the same schedule.
- Technology will be utilized to enhance learning and the support social distancing and other safety protocols.
- All students have been or will be provided with a chromebook.
- Student devices in grades 7-12 will be allowed to travel back and forth between home and school.
- All classroom teachers and students will have access to Google Classroom and other G Suite for Education components.

Additional Supports:

In addition to in-class instruction, teachers and schools can:

- Provide real-time support and progress monitoring
- Request student services
- Support students with IEP's and 504's.

Best for families who...

- Are prepared to follow the safety guidelines set in place by the district
- Feel comfortable sending their student(s) back to school
- Have students who can attend school physically during traditional hours

Best for students who...

- Are prepared to follow the safety guidelines set in place by the district
- Prefer face-to-face, physical interaction with teachers and students
- Are more comfortable with face-to-face reinforcement and support

● Option B: Distance Learning, Grades 7-12



The Distance Learning TPS Model, Grades 7-12, provides the opportunity for students to continue to learn at home while remaining registered at their enrolled school. This model is designed for families who don't feel comfortable sending their children back to school but ultimately plan to rejoin their enrolled school in the future.

Based on the number of parents who choose this option, students will be placed in classes where all students are learning from home or a portion of the class is learning from home. In both environments, students will follow the 20-21 school schedule and bell times.

Key Features:

- Tecumseh Public Schools
- 7-12 students able to learn from home
- Students are taught virtually by a TPS teacher streaming live via conferencing technology
- Lessons taught during standard school hours
- Grades 7-12 follow traditional period-by-period bell schedule
- Stay connected with enrolled school and community
- Continue receiving the services your child needs at your enrolled school or in a real-time virtual manner
- Maintain enrollment status and content order/pacing at your brick-and-mortar school with ability to transition back to face-to-face instruction at the end of the semester or when possible

What to Expect:

- Teachers will provide daily instruction utilizing web conferencing technology.
- The daily student-teacher interactions will provide a structure similar to that in a classroom setting where teachers will facilitate and guide student learning.
- The curriculum and seat time will mirror face-to-face instruction.

Additional Supports:

In addition to live lessons, teachers can:

- Hold online class meetings
- Respond to individual students daily
- Provide real-time support and progress monitoring virtually
- Make appointments for face-to-face meetings with students as requested
- Request student services including counseling.
- Support students with IEP's and 504's.

Best for Families Who...

- Are available during traditional school hours
- Can ensure students log on at designated times
- Would like to maintain their connection to their enrolled school
- Would like to maintain content order and pacing to the in-building instruction.
- Are not ready to send their child(ren) back to school for the first semester

Best for Students Who...

- Work well independently at home
- Successfully participate in video calls with family and friends now
- Successfully participated in distance learning in the spring
- Are comfortable using a computer and other virtual technology
- Enjoy interacting online

● Option C: Tecumseh Virtual Academy



The Virtual Model through the Tecumseh Virtual Academy (TVA) School offers learning anytime and anywhere. It is a flexible and customized learning model that supports students' unique, individual needs, while satisfying state requirements for completion.

Virtual Model Key Features:

- Established with Tecumseh Public Schools since 2012
- Fully accredited and state aligned curriculum
- Tecumseh Virtual Academy is a part of Tecumseh Public Schools
- Complete lessons accessible online – anywhere, anytime.
- Standard school year calendar
- Required weekly mentor / student meetings

What to expect 7-12:

High school students will have one assigned teacher per course. Students will complete self-paced lessons and have the option to be supported via conferencing technology. Students must be enrolled in six courses. Students must complete all final exams under the supervision of a TVA staff member. Students are mandated by the State of Michigan to conduct a weekly meeting with a TVA staff member.

Course options for grades 9-12 in the TVA include: [9-12 Courseware Options](#)

- 12 AP courses
- 14 world languages
- 30 college and career ready courses,
- +100 electives
- +100 core curriculum options
- +100 career and technical courses

Course options for grades 7-8: [7-8 Courseware Options](#)

- Core Classes (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies)
- Electives (limited selection)

Parent Involvement

- It is recommended that parents partner with the teacher as a learning coach or guide – this is an average commitment of up to 2 hours per day, depending on the student. Parents can support learning by assisting with the following:
 - Monitor student daily
 - Maintain weekly progress and attend weekly meetings
 - Ensure content mastery
 - Help with course navigation

Additional Supports:

- Scheduled tutoring sessions with TVA staff members via conferencing technology
- Guided notes for select classes
- Text to read options for courses

Best for families who...

- Can ensure students log on at designated times
- Can ensure students attend mandated weekly meetings
- Need a flexible schedule
- Can commit to virtual learning for at least one semester

Best for students who...

- Are highly motivated
- Successfully participate on video calls with family and friends now
- Successfully participated in distance learning in the spring
- Work well independently at home
- Are comfortable using a computer and keyboard
- Enjoy interacting online