

Talbot County School District

2021-2022 Return to School Guidelines

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Talbot County School District plans to return to in-person instruction for all students. For those students whose medical needs, either physical or psychiatric, do not allow them to attend in-person instruction Hospital Homebound Services are available. Applications will be available upon request.

Classroom Guidelines

1. The classroom will be disinfected prior to students entering each day.
2. Seats will be placed 6 feet apart to ensure social distancing.
3. Students will be given assigned seats and must abide by the rules listed below:
 - Face Masks will be highly recommended.
 - Students must follow social distancing guidelines.
 - Students must remain seated at all times.
 - Only one student allowed out of seat at a time.
 - Must raise their hand to be called on by teacher.
4. The last 3-5 minutes of class students will wipe/clean their area.
5. Students will follow the hallway protocol to transition to their next class. Students will maintain proper social distancing by using the markers in the hall and by staying on the right side of the hall.
6. Any student who becomes ill in class will be escorted to the nurse by a staff member.

Bus Transportation Guidelines

1. **Based on CDC Guidelines, face mask will be mandatory on all School Buses.** All bus drivers will have a bus monitor to take students' temperatures before entering the bus and to enforce the face mask policy. Bus drivers and monitors will be trained on how to take temperatures and how to properly sanitize and disinfect bus before and after each use.
 - If a student has a temperature and a parent or guardian is at home the student will be asked to return home.
 - If a parent or guardian is not at home the student will be given a face shield and gloves and placed in a designated section in the front of the bus. Once the student arrives at school he/she will be placed in quarantine and parents contacted.

Students who refuse to wear a face mask on the School bus will be warned for the first offense and parents contacted, Second offense- student will be suspended off the bus for 1-3 days, Third offense- student will be suspended off the bus for the remainder of the school year.

2. Once the buses arrive on campus, only one bus at a time will be allowed to release students. Bus monitors will release students in 5 minutes increments to allow time for students to get their breakfast and report to their first period class. Monitors on the bus yard will make sure students maintain social distancing and escort them to the cafeteria.
3. Students will be released by grades levels after school to load the bus.

Restroom and Hallway Guidelines

1. Restrooms will be closely monitored by staff and administration.
 - Only two students are allowed in the restroom at one time.
 - **Face mask will be highly recommend in restroom.**
 - Students must maintain social distancing (six feet or more apart).
 - Posters on how to properly wash hands will be displayed in every restroom.
 - Custodial staff will maintain the cleanliness of restrooms with the recommended CDC and Talbot County School District procedures.
2. Hallway Guidelines
 - **Face mask will be highly recommended**
 - Social distancing must be maintained while in hallways.
 - All traffic should move on the right side.
 - Markers will be placed on floor in hallways to promote and assist in social distancing.
 - Custodial staff will maintain the cleanliness of hallways with recommended CDC and Talbot County School District procedures

The health of our students, staff and the community of Talbot County is very important to the Administrative Staff of Talbot County Schools. In the event there is an outbreak of COVID-19 within the school district and/ or community, the administrative staff, at their discretion, will return to virtual learning until such time as the threat has passed.