



# RETURN 2 LEARN PLAN

## TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSITION PLAN OVERVIEW & TIMELINE

It has always been the goal of the Troy School District to return students to in-person learning as quickly as possible, while protecting the health and safety of our students, school staff, and broader community from COVID-19. As we have communicated since June, the 2020-21 school year should be looked at as a dial, with coronavirus conditions in the county and region requiring the “turning of the dial backward or forward” to prevent the spread of the virus as much as possible.

**FOR THE ENTIRE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, FAMILIES WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION TO HAVE THEIR STUDENT(S) REMAIN IN VIRTUAL LEARNING.**

For those who wish to return to face-to-face learning, this transition plan will bring back students in a controlled way, allowing administrators and staff to make any necessary adjustments to protocols and procedures with small groups of students.

Consistent with the need to limit exposure, students will be brought back first in a hybrid model, although that will look different at elementary than it will at secondary levels.

Priority for returning in person will be given to 1) students receiving Special Education services who have significant difficulties with virtual instruction, especially students in self-contained classrooms; and 2) younger students who the CDC and OCHD say are less impacted by COVID-19, less likely to spread the virus to others and can be cohorted into classroom groups that stay isolated from others the entire school day.

Because they cannot be isolated in cohorts and have similar response and transmission rates as healthy adults, secondary students are a higher risk, so must be returned in two groups of students who attend in-person on M/T or Th/F, and learn virtually on the alternate days. All students learn in a virtual setting on Wednesdays.

The following timeline is based on several factors outlined in our Family Guidebook to best protect the health and safety of all. **If conditions worsen, all dates will be dialed back as necessary.**

**Potential timeline for return to hybrid model of in-person and virtual learning:**

**September 1:**      **Preschool students return with limited class size**

**September 8:**      **First phase of students resume in-person OT/PT Services**

- September 22: Special Education Early On (Birth to age 3) return—100%
- September 22: Special Education Categorical Classrooms—50%  
(ECP/ASD/MiCi/MoCi/EI/Level IV)
- September 28: Special Education Categorical Classrooms—100%  
(ECP/ASD/MiCi/MoCi/EI/Level IV)
- September 28: **ALL STUDENTS and staff begin new start and end times as outlined in the Family Guide.**
- October 5: Elementary Schools start hybrid model, beginning with Kindergarten and First Grade
- October 12: Elementary hybrid continues: Students in Grade 2 and 3 begin  
Middle Schools start hybrid model, beginning with Grade 6
- October 19: Elementary hybrid continues: Students in Grade 4 and 5 begin  
Middle Schools continue hybrid model phase-in\*  
High Schools start hybrid model, beginning with Grade 9
- October 26: Middle and High Schools continue hybrid model phase-in, with all students returning by the week of October 26\*

**\*MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION:** Due to the size and additional risk mitigation considerations at secondary, we will be studying the elementary and 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition before releasing dates for the phase-in for grades 7,8, 10, 11 and 12. Our intention is to bring additional middle school grades back the week of October 19 and 26<sup>th</sup> and additional high school students no later than the week of October 26. Troy College and Career High School and IAE may have a different return phase-in schedule than AHS and THS.