

Trask Middle Plan B Frequently Asked Questions



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Arrival and Dismissal

1. How do the kids enter for drop off? **Students can begin to arrive at school at 8:00 am. It is important that students do not walk or get dropped off before 8:00 am so that students are appropriately supervised and social distancing is maintained. We will have separate screening stations set up for bus riders, car riders, and walkers. Bus riders and car riders will remain in the vehicle until screening is completed.**
2. What are the drop off and pick up time ranges? **Students can be dropped off between 8:00-8:20 and picked up between 3:20-3:40. As we implement screening procedures, we may have to make adjustments to these times.**
3. How do the kids exit school for pick up? **Students will be dismissed by groups with walkers exiting first to maintain social distancing. We will use a process to dismiss car riders that allows us to call individual students to the car line when their car has arrived on campus. Busses will also be dismissed individually as they arrive on campus to pick up students.**

Athletics

1. Will they have all the sports this year? **(Updated answer)** We are awaiting additional guidance from the district regarding middle school athletics. However, sports are tentatively scheduled to start on November 4th.
2. Has a sports schedule been finalized? **(Updated answer)** A sports schedule for the 2020-2021 school year has not been finalized. However, sports are tentatively scheduled to start on November 4th. Schedules and more information will be released as soon as it is available. In order to be eligible for sports, students must be passing 5 of 6 classes and have a "C" average (70% of higher). All students will have an opportunity to improve their grades within the first two weeks of the 2nd grading period to be eligible for tryouts.
3. If sports start up will the student athletes have to attend practice everyday? **We do not have any details regarding sports practices at this time.**

Attendance Options

1. Will in-person attendance be mandatory or will my child have the option to continue remotely? **Students will have the option to remain fully remote during Plan B.**
2. Can my child stay online if I don't feel comfortable sending him back? **Yes, that is an option.**
3. Will I be penalized if I choose to continue remote learning for my child due to weak immune systems in the home and underlying health issues? **No, any student can choose to remain fully remote.**
4. Just want to make sure she stays in remote learning. **(Updated answer)** Teachers will continue collecting this information in homerooms this week (Sept 21-25).
5. Do we have to commit to a 9 week time frame? Or can we switch from remote to in person or vice versa at any time? **The district is requesting a commitment through the grading period. However, we understand that this is a difficult decision for families and will work with you to make adjustments if needed. If you have opted for fully remote learning, we may not be able to bring you back on a face-to-face schedule immediately. We will need to determine a grouping based on student participation.**
6. If we decide not to send her to school now, can she go back after the first of the year? **Yes, that will be an option.**
7. If we decide to keep them remote will the instruction still be the same as what they are currently getting? I have heard some schools are making virtual learners do Edgenuity. I want her to stay with her current teachers. **Students will have the option to remain fully remote during Plan B with their Trask teachers.**
8. My child has an IEP. Can she attend school everyday? **(Updated answer)** The NHC School Board has approved the plans for students with an IEP to have the option to attend school 4 days per week in a face-to-face setting. All students are remote on Wednesdays.

9. Is there still going to be 3 options under Plan AA/BB? (attending school on your assigned in-person days, remote learning on your assigned days with the same Trask teachers/classes, or virtual academy)? **The three options (face-to-face, remote learning, and/or virtual academy) still apply to the new student groupings.**
10. If we choose remote learning (staying home on our assigned in-person days), can we start attending in person later in the grade period? **See Question # 5.**
11. If I'm not happy with remote will she be able to go into the rotation without waiting for the end of the nine weeks? **See Question # 5.**
12. Will there be a form to fill out for the students that are remaining home for the Remote Learning? There is not a form for this. **Homeroom teachers collected this information in homeroom the week of Sept 21-25. We will be sending email confirmations next week of the information collected.**
13. If we choose for her to continue in remote learning will she be reassigned to new teachers or able to continue with the current ones? **Students in remote learning will continue with their current teachers.**

Breakfast & Lunch

1. Any info on lunch? **Students will be provided breakfast and lunch. Trask is a CEP school, so there is no charge for any student.**
2. Will we have lunch in the cafeteria? **(Updated answer) Students will pick up their lunch in the cafeteria and return to their classrooms. We will re--evaluate the usage of the cafeteria later in Plan B.**
3. Can she bring a snack and a drink? **Yes, students will be able to bring healthy snacks and drinks.**
4. Will students have access to a type of refrigeration and heat source for middle and high school students for their lunches brought from home? **Similar to previous years, students do not have access to refrigeration for their lunches. They should be bringing lunches that can be stored in the classroom that do not require refrigeration or heating. Lunch is available from the cafeteria for all students.**
5. How will students have lunch? **See question #1.**
6. Can students bring lunch from home? **Yes. They should be bringing lunches that can be stored in the classroom that do not require refrigeration or heating.**

Daily Schedule

1. Will the daily schedule when in person be a normal school schedule with all class periods? **(Updated answer) The district expectation is that schools return to a more traditional schedule for Plan B. Our school will continue to deliver concurrent instruction for face to face and remote learning, blending synchronous and asynchronous instruction. The district has provided some parameters. However, we are still finalizing the daily**

schedule within those parameters that takes our group sizes and staffing into consideration.

2. What will the day look like for the students when they are remote? **Students will have scheduled opportunities for synchronous instruction and office hours while working remotely. We are collecting data regarding student group sizes before we finalize the daily schedule.**
3. What will the class day look like for in person learning? Attend all blocks (like a regular school day), attend some on different days for longer time? **See question #1.**
4. I would like to know what the time spent in school will look like. Will there be mainly live instruction from the teachers, or will it be some live instruction with the rest of the time spent completing assignments for online submission as if they were home? **(Updated answer) During face-to-face days, students will primarily be participating in live instruction with their Trask teachers. We will have opportunities for them to log on to their Google Classrooms as needed to ensure they can access resources and submit assignments, but the emphasis will not be on technology.**
5. I would also like to know if there will be opportunity for outdoor breaks/recess. **Yes, we will be providing outdoor recess and breaks (weather permitting).**
6. If we choose to keep our child at home for the days she's supposed to be in person, will she have the normal Zoom classes? Or will she have to work on her own without live teacher instruction? **We will provide synchronous instruction similar to Plan B, but there will be adjustments made to accommodate for face-to-face transitions and procedures.**
7. Is the remote going to stay exactly as it is now? **See question #1.**
8. For the 3 days the kids are learning from home, will they continue to have regular Zoom classes with their teachers as they do today? **See question #1.**
9. Will the teacher be teaching both the in-class students and the Zoom class simultaneously? **Yes. We will be developing parameters for this instruction for student safety and privacy.**
10. What will school look like? Same room all day? Same 8-10 students all day? **See question #1. Students will transition between several classrooms during the day. The number of students in the classroom will vary depending on the size of the room and social distancing requirements. Also, procedures for disinfecting rooms between transitions will be in place.**
11. Will the schedule remain the same? Same as it is now during remote learning? Or will it transition to a "normal" school day? **See question #1.**
12. Will the bell schedule be the same? It states currently updating this page on Trask website. **See question #1.**
13. How will teachers handle face to face students and virtual students at the same time? Or will they have different instructors? **Teachers will be providing instruction to their students face-to-face and remotely. We will utilize settings for synchronous learning that allow us to manage this process effectively.**

14. How will the classes be set up? **See question #1.**
15. Would the class schedules/times be the same? **Students will have the same classes and teachers. However, the daily/weekly schedule will be adjusted to take face-to-face transitions and needs into consideration.**
16. Do we know what the hours of school will be for the in-person teaching? **See question #1.**
17. Will we have gym (Not health, GYM), and if so, are we changing out? **Students will participate in gym. Students will be encouraged to dress out, but it will not be required. We will have a process in place to allow students to change in the locker room while maintaining social distancing.**
18. Will we leave classes and move to different ones or stay in one classroom the whole day? **Students will transition to different classes when on site face-to-face.**
19. Will school hours be the same as usual or will the students be done earlier than normal? **School hours will remain 8:20-3:20.**
20. What program will they use to do online school on their days off? **Similar to remote learning currently, teachers will not be using a dedicated program for remote learning. Teachers will continue to provide synchronous instruction for students at home on a revised schedule.**
21. If I chose for my student to stay fully remote how often will she have contact with her teachers? Will she be able to be in the classroom remotely? Will she just get assignments and be on her own? **See question #6.**

Health & Screening

1. Will masks be strictly enforced? **Yes, masks will be strictly enforced. The primary goal of schools during a pandemic is to maintain safe public health conditions while providing education services. Guidance for masks can be found on page 5 of the [Public Health Toolkit](#) and in the [CDC guidance document](#) on wearing and removing cloth face masks.**
2. What types of masks will be used? **The [Public Health Toolkit](#) provides guidance on masks. A double-layered cotton mask is recommended.**
3. Are we the parents providing them? **We will have masks available for students. However, students are welcome to wear their own masks.**
4. What is the plan to keep kids socially distant at all times and wearing masks properly? This question pertains to times that the kids may not be in a classroom (walking in the halls, etc.)? **We will utilize staggered transitions so teachers can safely monitor students in the hallway. We will also have scheduled bathroom breaks during the day. If students need to be in the hallway at other times, they will be provided an escort.**
5. What happens when there is a case of coronavirus in a student's classroom? What happens when there's a cluster of coronavirus in an individual school? If there's a surge in the community will we go back to Plan C (fully remote)? **The procedures for exposure/confirmed positive are listed in the [DHHS - Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 \(K-12\)](#).**

6. What classroom precautions are going to be taken? **We will be adhering to the recommended guidelines for social distancing, masks, and hand washing as precautionary measures. Guidelines can be reviewed in the [Public Health Toolkit](#)**
7. Is Trask prepared to welcome kids back to in person learning safely? **Yes, we will be following the guidelines in the [Public Health Toolkit](#).**
8. Will the teachers also be required to stay at home for 2 weeks returning on 3 week rotation? **(Updated answer) Teachers will be here for face-to-face instruction in all AA/BB rotations.**
9. What is needed for my son to have his medication at school while he is on site for learning? Also how do I go about getting that medication to the nurse. **Please contact Nurse DeMuria about medication (ashley.demuria@nhcs.net, 910-350-2142 ext 76009).**
10. How many children will be in my daughters classes at one time? Governor cooper said it was safe for elementary school children to be closer than 6 ft apart but did not say so for middle and high schoolers, how was this decision made with this info in hand? **The decision was made at the district level with input from the NHC health department. At Trask, class sizes will vary from approx 14-18. Requirements for Plan B social distancing are still required for students in grades 6-12, per the [Public Health Toolkit](#).**
11. Will the AA/BB schedule put more kids in the school at one time vs. the three week rotation? **Yes, the AA/BB schedule invites 50% of students to face to face learning each rotation as opposed to 33% on the previous rotation. If your family is not comfortable with the increased numbers, you can elect to remain fully remote until your family feels safe returning to school face to face.**
12. Will hand sanitizer be provided for all students in and outside the classroom and if not provided are students able to bring hand sanitizer or wipes to keep in back packs? **All classrooms and common areas will have hand sanitizer. However, students are permitted to bring a small container of their own to keep in their book bags.**
13. Will desks be wiped down during class change? **Desks will be wiped with the district approved disinfectant between class changes.**
14. If masks are needed and singing is not going to be allowed, how is band going to work? With this being airborne, it seems that all the heaving breathing and spit that goes along with instrument playing would not be the best thing in an enclosed space with lots of students. What procedures will be followed and how can you ensure the safety of my kids? **We are awaiting more specific details for band and chorus. The district lead for these courses is reviewing items for purchase that account for your concerns.**
15. What happens if you get an outbreak or some positive C-19 Kids or Staff? **See question # 5.**
16. Will the schools provide mandatory weekly covid testing for students and staff? **There are no plans to regularly test students and staff for COVID. The school is implementing screening measures in accordance with [Public Health Toolkit](#).**

17. With rotation will students be sharing desks and lockers? **Students will not be sharing desks during classes and they will be disinfected between classes. We do not have lockers.**
18. How many students will be in each class? **At Trask, class sizes will vary from approx 14-18. Requirements for Plan B social distancing are still required for students in grades 6-12, per the [Public Health Toolkit](#).**
19. What safety measures are being put in place to ensure the teachers, students and staff stay healthy? **We are adhering to guidelines from the [Public Health Toolkit](#).**
20. What requirements are there while my child is at school (e.g. masks, hand sanitizer/hand washing, etc.)? **We are adhering to guidelines from the [Public Health Toolkit](#).**
21. Will students be screened - including temperature checks - before being transported to school? **Temperature checks will not be done before students board the bus. Parents must complete a signed attestation and have it on file with Transportation before the student will be permitted to board the bus, and the form is good for the 2020-21 school year.**
22. Will students be screened - including temperature checks - before entering school? **Students will be screened, including temperature checks, before they are permitted to enter the school. For car riders and bus riders, this will be done before they exit the vehicle. For walkers, this will be done before they enter the building.**
23. What is the notification process and protocol if someone tests positive for COVID-19 at the school? **See question #5.**
24. What is the protocol for reporting/quarantine/tracing and return to school? **See question #5.**
25. How do you plan to handle the increased student-exposure hours in an AABB model compared to the 3 week rotation? How is INCREASING exposure improving safety, especially since the research shows that time duration of exposure INCREASES the likelihood of transmission as the time period increases. **Requirements for Plan B social distancing are still required for students in grades 6-12, per the [Public Health Toolkit](#).**
26. How are you gonna keep the student 6ft apart and how are you gonna make sure the students keep their masks on properly? **We have set up classroom furniture, floor markings, etc. to maintain social distancing. Students will be required to wear masks on campus unless they are participating in scheduled mask breaks.**

Open House

1. For new students to Trask, will there be an open house or a time where the parent and student(s) can come and visit the school so the student knows where to go the “first” day? **Due to the final inspections for our renovation project, our building will not be available in time for an Open House. However, we know how important it is for students to feel comfortable when they arrive on their first day. We are working with the district's**

Communication and Outreach department to provide a video tour. Also, we will have staff positioned throughout the building to ensure all students get to where they need to.

2. Will there be an open house for new students? **(Updated answer)** We are not able to host an open house. However, over the next two weeks, students and parents will have opportunities to meet teachers and staff at 8 different locations in our district. This Wednesday (9/30), the [Trask Mobile Lab](#) will be at New Providence Park, Cape Harbor, Kings Grant Park (Lord Byron Rd.), and Meridian Village. The following week (10/7) we will be in Alamosa & Surrounding neighborhoods, Port-o-Pines, and the Bent Tree subdivision. See the [link](#) for details.
3. Will there be an option for students to visit the school prior to their start date so they can see where their classes are located? My daughter is in 6th grade and has never been inside Trask. See question #1 and 2.
4. My 6th grader is nervous about never being in the school before. Any type of orientation/tour would be appreciated if at all possible. **While we can not provide a traditional orientation, we are discussing options to orient students to the school.**
5. Will there be an open house for the 6th grade class so they will be familiar with the school before they start? The transition can be intimidating. **While we can not provide a traditional orientation, we are discussing options to orient students to school staff members and the building layout.**
6. I really would like to take a tour of the school my 6th grader will be attending before I have to send him off to a new place. I think this would be beneficial to both of us. **We agree that orientation and open house activities are an important part of transitioning to a new school. However, due to the final inspections for our renovation project, our building will not be available in time. We are working with the district's Communication and Outreach department to provide a video tour. Also, we will have staff positioned throughout the building to ensure all students get to where they need to.**
7. Is there an open house planned? See question #1 and 2.

Policies and Procedures

1. Should we bring our devices when we come in person or leave them at home? **(Updated answer)** Students will not be expected to bring devices during face-to-face days.
2. Is there a dress code and if so what will it be? **The dress code is on pg. 20 of the [Trask Student and Parent Handbook](#).**
3. With the dress code - are there restrictions regarding masks (type, color, print)? **Students are encouraged to wear masks that are a solid color or patterned without writing. The masks are expected to follow the NHCS Student Dress Code Policy 8520 which states Clothing, jewelry or buttons with letters, initials, symbols, or wording that is obscene, offensive, inflammatory, or detrimental to the instructional process are not allowed. Gang-related clothing, accessories or symbols as identified by local law enforcement agencies will not be allowed; Clothing, jewelry, book bags or other items which are**

associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups, and about which students have been notified may not be worn.

4. Will the school require students to follow dress code in regards to specific colors. I did not do any back to school shopping this year due to remote learning and trying not to have the added expense of buying clothes in certain colors for my girls to attend school every 3 weeks. I understand that they will still need to follow New Hanover county dress code but trying to avoid purchasing clothes just to follow the color code. **(Updated answer)** As a school, we feel strongly that our dress code helps to instill school pride and provides a safe environment for all students. Therefore, we will continue to have a Trask dress code, but understand your concerns in Plan B. During Plan B, our emphasis will be on implementing procedures for student safety and supporting student learning. If families need support regarding this, please contact Ms. Hyman at treasa.hyman@nhcs.net. We will be happy to assist you.
5. What will requirements be for masks? Will solids or certain colors be required? See question #3.
6. Will phones be considered an allowable device during Plan B? Trask is an Away for the Day school. Cell phones should not be visible during the school day, including lunch and dismissal. Students should turn off and secure phones in bookbags for the duration of the day.
7. How will activities that require a large group (assemblies) be handled? We will not host mass gatherings in Plan B.
8. How will fire drills be handled? We will follow our same procedures for fire drills in accordance with NC General Statute **115C-288c.** However, classes will use social distancing when exiting the building and staging outside.
9. Will there be any bathroom breaks or will we have to use bathroom passes? Classes will have scheduled bathroom breaks each period. If a student needs to go to the bathroom outside of the scheduled time, an escort will be provided.
10. How do we purchase Trask shirts? Shirts are available through the [PTA online store](#). We have a limited supply on site.
11. Does the laptop need to come into class for the days in class attendance? See question #1.
12. Will there be Physical Education and will students be required to wear masks throughout? Students will participate in gym. Students will be encouraged to dress out, but it will not be required. We will have a process in place to allow students to change in the locker room while maintaining social distancing. The requirements for PE vary based on activity location (inside, outside), social distancing, and activity level (vigorous, non-vigorous).
13. Will students have lockers, or will they be having to carry everything with them like last year? Students will be able to carry their belongings with them in bookbags. We no longer have lockers on campus.

School Supplies

1. Will there be a list of school supplies needed for in class instruction? **I am working with grade levels to provide a list of necessary school supplies. We will ensure that all students and teachers have what they need for the first three weekly rotations to allow families time to obtain materials. If families need support regarding this, please contact Ms. Hyman at treasa.hyman@nhcs.net. We will be happy to assist you.**
2. When they go back to face-to-face do we have to bring supplies or will the teachers give us a list of things to or things we need. **See question #1.**
3. Do we need book bags? **Yes, book bags will be permitted but they are not required. However, we no longer have lockers.**
4. Is there anything other than what we are already using in class that we need? **See question #1.**
5. What supplies will be needed? **See question #1.**

Student Groupings

1. Will we get to choose again? **Homeroom teachers will be surveying students in homeroom the week of September 21-25. If you would like to change your family's plans for Plan B, please make sure you communicate that information to your student's homeroom teachers this week.**
2. Will the students in their group all be in the same classroom? **(Updated answer) Students are grouped alphabetically. Students in each group will be assigned to a rotation.**
 - **Group AA: Last Names (A-K) on Mondays/Tuesdays beginning 10/12**
 - **Group BB: Last Names (L-Z) on Thursdays/Fridays beginning 10/15**
3. The schedule for last name students, is this a week rotation face to face? **See question #2.**
4. If we initially choose to keep our child at home the days she's supposed to have in-person schooling, can we later decide to send her to school for her given days ? **Yes, we will work with families. However, we may need to make adjustments to their assigned days based on student participation.**
5. I have three children in three different schools, elementary middle and high school. Can they each make their own decision on staying remote or moving to plan B? For instance, can one student choose to stay remote while his brothers do plan B? **Yes, families can make decisions based on the needs of individual students.**
6. Who do we email/contact about keeping our children home on the remote schedule listed as option 2? **Teachers will be collecting this information in homerooms next week (Sept 21-25).**
7. If we send our child to in-person classes according to the rotation schedule and then decide later that we would rather keep her home for the in-person week, is that allowed? **Yes, that will be allowed. However, if you decide to go fully remote and decide to return to school, there may be a delay in assigning you to a rotation based on the number of students participating in each group.**

8. Can we change our minds at any time or do you require a 9 week commitment for the in person rotation? **(Updated answer)** There are three options for families (listed below). You will be able to modify your choice between fully remote and in-person learning. However, transitions from virtual learning to remote (or vice versa) will be more challenging within the grading period.
 - Option 1: Participate in AA or BB face to face each week as scheduled
 - Option 2: Continue to participate in remote learning with Trask teachers, but not attend scheduled face-to-face days
 - Option 3: Continue to participate in Virtual Academy with Edgenuity (fully remote)
9. What about group c students? On 9-22, the secondary principals met and decided to regroup students alphabetically by last name. Group 1 will be last names (A-K) and Group 2 will be last names (L-Z).
10. How do I know if I'm A or B schedule? See question #2.
11. What is the point of splitting groups of kids - presumably to isolate and keep groups of kids small and consistent - only to offer an opportunity for people to request changes? Most people will request changes to have their child(ren) be grouped with friends. How will you control this so that the groups remain small enough to be effective? **We are monitoring the individual class sizes as we adjust group changes upon request.**
12. My question is my child is in Group B im going to try it out and see how it goes before I make a final decision to do what's best for his safety. Will he go every Thursday and Friday of the week? **If a student selects to participate in face to face instruction, they will attend weekly. Group 1 (AA) will attend Monday & Tuesday. Group 2 (BB) will attend Thursday and Friday.**

Transportation

1. How/when will bus schedules be sent out to families? **(Updated answer)** Bus route information can be accessed via the Edulog Parent Portal App once the bus arrangements have been made. They will also be published on the [NHCS.NET](#) transportation page under Bus Routes. Finally, parents can use the computer based PowerSchool website and view bus details for their children (not the Powerschool phone application). Given the changes to AA/BB, this information will be updated by 10/7.
2. If initially we choose to drive our child to and from school, can we later decide to send her on the bus? **You can request a bus at a later time. However, there is a processing time for bus requests and it may take longer to set it up given the circumstances.**
3. On the bus, will I have to share a seat with my two other siblings or do I get my own? **This will be determined by the transportation department and will be contingent on capacity and demand.**
4. Will we have to wear masks on the bus? Yes. **You can find the guidelines for transportation on page 12 of the [NC Public Health Toolkit](#).**

5. What if students are a car rider in the morning and a bus rider in the afternoons? **Many students have different AM and PM transportation. We can easily accommodate this.**
6. How will my child be able to safely ride the bus to/from school? **See question #4.**
7. You did not have the option of Van Riders for Transportation as a category. How do I submit that information? **For transportation purposes, van riders are grouped with car riders.**