

If I would like to speak or meet with Alex, what is the best way to contact him?

Alex is always available to meet with families via phone or in person. He can be reached via email, abrosowsky@quakerschool.org, or by calling the main office, 215.674.2875.

How often will students participate in their core, academic classes?

Students will receive academic class instruction daily in word study, math, science, social studies and ELA.

How will the combined academic courses work?

Varied by division, students will have a combined ELA/Social Studies and Math/Science OR ELA/Social Studies/Science. Similar to how students received this instruction previously by having the same teacher and peer group for these periods, the time is now a singular block, removing the need for a transition. The longer period will allow for greater project based learning and greater opportunity for cross-curricular teaching.

Will my student miss class to receive auxiliary services (i.e., speech, OT, PT)?

While students will be pulled from class to receive their scheduled auxiliary services, those services will only be held for 45-minutes allowing for connection with the academic instruction once they return to class.

What is the core difference between the Lower and Middle School schedules?

The core difference from the two schedules is that in the Lower School ELA is incorporated into the Social Studies and Science block. In addition, they may receive two specials periods per day which will allow greater integration of their project based learning and opportunity for movement.

When will I receive my student's schedule?

On August 13, 2021, families who have returned signed contracts will receive the name of their student's homeroom teacher and ability to sign up for a preferred date/time for conferences. On August 27, 2021, families will receive their student's individual schedule. Our faculty return on August 30, 2021, to be available for Family Conferences scheduled on September 1 and 2.

Will families need to purchase school supplies?

TQS will remove this burden from families and provide school supplies to students, but families are welcome to purchase their own supplies if so desired.

Will my student need to bring their Chromebook home daily?

Yes, students will be required to bring their Chromebook home each day to complete any homework assignments through Canvas, our Learning Management System. If a family has a home computer, students can leave their Chromebook at school. Please be mindful, however, that TQS' network security will not carry over to the home computer nor will our tech support be accessible for any issues that arise when the student is using the home computer. If you decide that your student will leave their Chromebook at school each day, please inform your student's homeroom teacher.

If there is an outbreak of positive COVID cases at TQS, will there be a return to Hyflex?

As we all have experienced this past year, anything can happen so, yes, returning to Hyflex is a possibility and we are prepared if this transition is needed.

Is TQS following the same health and safety protocols for the coming school year as were followed last school year?

Given the guidance from Montgomery County Department of Public Health, the daily temperature screening will be discontinued. However, we ask families to continue to monitor for symptoms at home in the morning prior to sending their student to school. We will continue to disinfect high touch surfaces daily in common spaces such as hallways and bathrooms, and in each classroom. Lastly, if there is a known positive COVID case within the school, we will continue to send a communication to families followed by a close contact communication, if necessary.

Was thought given to other factors, beyond extra sleep for the students, when deciding to extend the school day?

We considered many factors when considering the change in the start and end time of the school day. We recognize that for some families the later dismissal time may result in longer commute times due to an increase in traffic and we do sincerely apologize. We felt, however, the extra benefits to our students such as extra sleep and to our families such as having time in the mornings from 8:00-9:00am, for families to meet with teachers, and the rotating cycle allowing for students to learn at all their best times were strong reasons to move forward with the change in the school day. Our faculty will factor a student's commute time, evening appointments and therapies and extracurricular activities when assigning homework.

What time will bus dismissal begin?

We will begin dismissing bus students at 3:45pm. TQS has spoken with all transportation companies and they are aware of our new school schedule. Families should communicate directly with their school district transportation company regarding concerns or issues.

If my student participates in supplemental services at home in the late afternoon or early evening, is it an option for my student to be dismissed early?

Yes, we will work with families when these appointments arise, and if needed, families may pick-up their students for early dismissal. In these cases, please note that it is the responsibility of the family to contact their transportation company to inform them of the change.