

Tioga Central High School Reopening Plan 2020

(updated: August 10th)



This is a brief outline of the reopening plan for the Tioga Central High School. We are still in the process of working out details and solutions for problems as they arise. I am confident this document will change as we continue toward having our students back in September. Please take the time to look through this document and bring forward questions as they arise by emailing me at jroe@tiogacentral.org, through facebook messenger : Josh Roe, or at the parent informational meetings that are posted on the school website. Thank you all for your trust, patience, and understanding as we continue to deal with this pandemic.

A. Overall Schedule:

- a. The students schedule and course requests will be the same as in years past. This has been developed through the course requests from the meetings held previously.
- b. Students will be on campus following their schedule four days a week.
- c. Wednesday of each week there will be no student on campus attendance but there will be remote learning activities during that day. Attendance will be taken on Wednesday.
- d. The first day of student attendance will be Friday, September 11th.

B. Transportation:

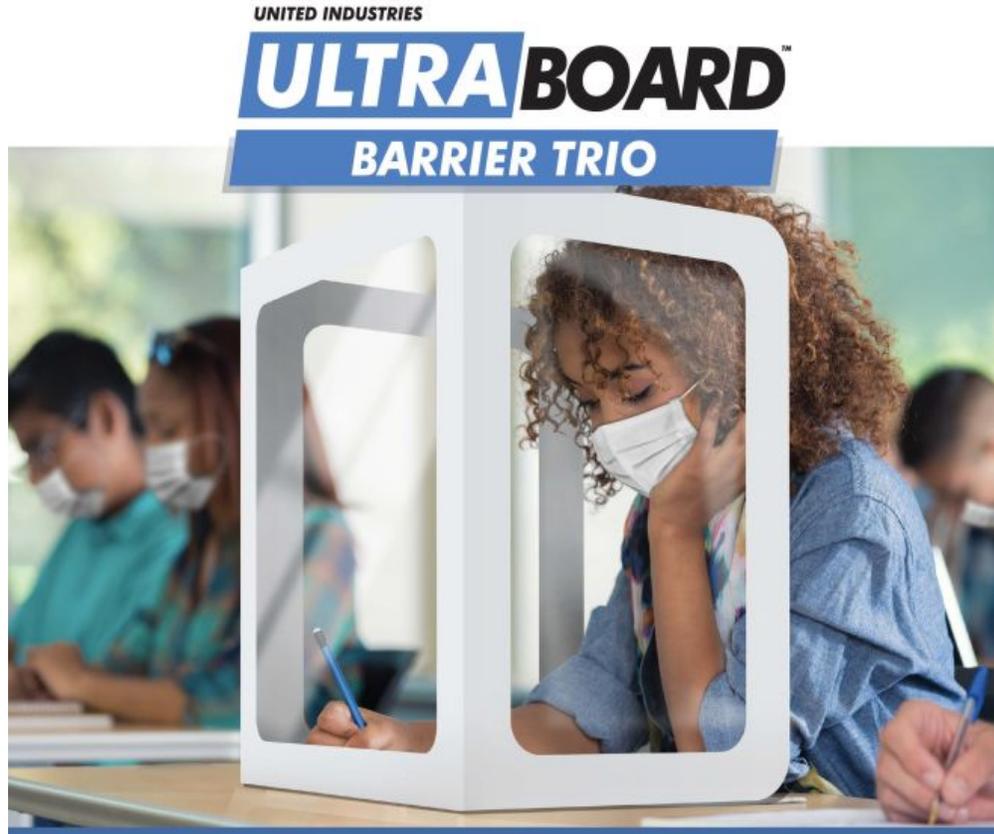
- a. Due to social distancing guidelines, TCSD will be splitting the bus routes into two different runs. UPK-4 and 5-12.
- b. Each student has access to school transportation, but will have only one pickup/dropoff address. No student will ride a different bus to an alternate location.
- c. Due to the guidelines set by the State Education Department (NYSED), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) students must wear a mask on the school bus at all times.
- d. Each student must have a signed Screening Survey Ticket to get on the bus. We will provide you with a pad of screening tickets. The ticket is a simple checklist ensuring the district your child does not have a temperature nor does your child exhibit any symptoms of COVID. Per the regulations and our plan: Parents must take their child's temperature daily and must fill out a screening survey ticket for each child, every school day regarding their temperature and symptoms.
- e. Walkers/Student Drivers/Parent transported students: Must also have a Screening Survey ticket to enter the building. The Main entrance will be the only entrance to the building and a staff member will be there to collect the Screening tickets from these students.

C. School Day Beginning:

- a. The doors will open at 8:30am in the high school.
- b. Busses will stagger drop offs to decrease congregation.
- c. Students must have a mask on if they are standing at any time in the building.
- d. From 8:30 to 8:44 students will have time to go to their lockers, pickup breakfast, and go to their homerooms. Breakfast may be eaten in the cafeteria or homeroom depending on the amount of students and drop off times.
- e. Students will be allowed to carry backpacks between classes.
- f. **There will be zero wandering at this time.**

D. Homeroom:

- a. Students will get to homeroom directly after they pick up breakfast and lockers.
- b. In homeroom, each student will pick up their personal barrier (pictured below) and Chromebook.



- c.
- d. The period bells will run as they typically do, but one period cycle later. For example, the first period is the traditional second period time frame 8:51-9:34.
- e. Eighth period will be from 2:46 - 3:29.
- f. There will be a staggered dismissal at each period's bell to reduce hall traffic. For example, grades 9 and 11 release at the traditional bell, while grades 10 and 12 release a few minutes later.
- g. Hallways will be one-way where possible.
- h. When a student enters a classroom, they can set up their personal barrier on the desk or table.
- i. Class sizes have been decreased to create social distancing and to potentially give mask breaks.
- j. Special guidelines will run classes such as band, chorus, art, tech, and PE.

E. Lunch:

- a. Lunch is scheduled for 5a and 5b as in our tradition.
- b. We will be staggering the dismissal to lunch as the line warrants.
- c. There will be one hot choice, one cold choice. Both will be trayed for the student.
- d. The barriers below will give students the ability to eat together and socialize without a mask under the guidelines.
- e. If a student stands from their seat, their mask must be on.



f.

F. Dismissal:

- a. Students will return to their homerooms to return their chromebooks and barriers.
- b. They will stay there until released by bus number to load to decrease congregation.
- c. At this point there are no after school activities allowed by the current guidelines.
- d. All students will be out of the building by 3:45.

G. Wednesday: Remote Learning

- a. An activity or lecture of high quality where attendance can be taken whether through zoom, google classroom, or paper packet will be created and assigned each remote Wednesday.
- b. Students may be transporting their chromebook home on Tuesday night.
- c. Off-line students will also have a thumbdrive to transport video lessons and documents in the event a student has no internet access.

H. Full Remote Option:

I am going to insert my opinion here. I believe there is no replacement for the face to face instruction that occurs in person within a classroom. The daily interactions ,question and answer session, and the connections created between a teacher and a student are invaluable. In addition, the last 14 weeks of school last year will be no indication of the pace at which remote learning will look like this year. My classes averaged 2 assignments per week. Since the remote classes must stay on pace with the in-person classes, I expect the workload will, at minimum, double per class. That being said, I understand the current state of the pandemic and how each family has to make a choice for the education and safety of their children.

- a. The all-remote option is a minimum five week commitment. Students may not switch to and from remote learning except at these times.
- b. Families that choose the all-remote option must have access to reliable internet.
- c. Class videos or zooms will be required to watch or attend for each lecture.
- d. If a zoom is opened, it will be during the students scheduled period and they will be required to attend during that time frame.
- e. Late work will fall now under the grading policy of each class.
- f. Academic dishonesty will be more closely monitored using software to track student work.

Many of the guidelines and mandates are set forth to keep our students safe while attempting to continue their education. Any student who attends in person must follow the guidelines set by the district with regard to the use of masks and social distancing protocols for the health and safety of not only themselves, but the other students. In the event a student cannot follow the guidelines outlined above, they will be in violation of the code of conduct and potentially assigned to the remote learning model.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as the school attempts to balance the health and safety guidelines with the goal of continuing the education of our students as best as we can during this pandemic. Thank You.

Mr. Roe
HS Principal.