

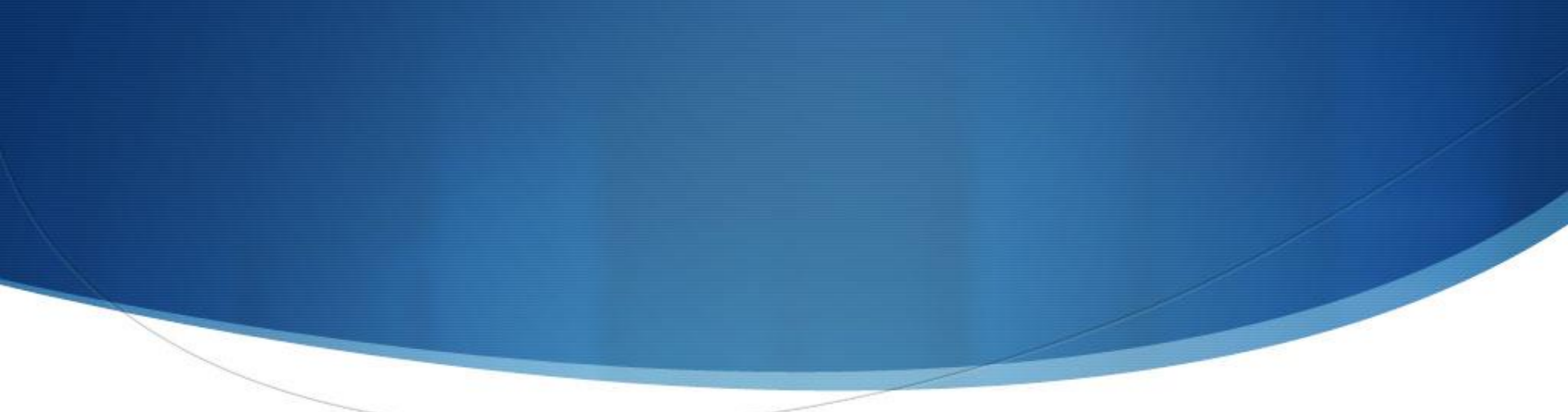
TOTOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT

A photograph of a two-story brick school building. The building features horizontal bands of tan stone or concrete between the brick courses. There are several windows, some with awnings. A concrete sidewalk leads to a glass entrance door. The foreground shows a grassy area with some purple flowers and a small tree.

2020-2021 Restart and Recovery Plan

Reopening Plan

Please note that as information from the New Jersey Department of Education has changed on a daily basis, the Totowa School District reserves the right to modify this plan.



As is required by the New Jersey Department of Education “reopening plans must account for resuming in-person instruction in some capacity.”

“The health and safety of students and staff must remain the number one priority and guide all decisions at the local level.”

Totowa School District's Guiding Principles

- ◆ Health and safety of all students and staff
- ◆ Academic and intellectual growth
- ◆ Social-emotional well-being of all students and staff
- ◆ Physical and developmental needs of students
- ◆ Equitable learning experiences

General Health and Safety Guidelines

- ◆ The district will maintain communication with local and state health authorities.
- ◆ Accommodations will be made for staff and students who are at higher risk of COVID-19.
- ◆ Staff, students, and parents will receive training on:
 - ◆ Handwashing techniques
 - ◆ Proper hygiene
 - ◆ Use of face coverings
 - ◆ Monitoring for symptoms

Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms

- ◆ Staff and students must wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit their health.
- ◆ All visitors are required to wear a face coverings unless doing so would inhibit their health.
- ◆ Students will be placed in cohorts where there will be minimal mixing between cohorts. In grades 5 – 8, teachers will travel between classrooms.
- ◆ All desks will be equipped with a clear, three-sided sneeze guard.

Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms

- Sharing of supplies will be limited and cleaned in between use.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be installed in every classroom, testing room, and therapy room as well as entrances and exits of the buildings.
- Students will wash their hands before eating, after using the bathroom, blowing their nose, coughing, and/or sneezing.

Transportation

- ◆ Students must wear face covering at the bus stop as well as on the bus unless doing so would inhibit their health.
- ◆ For the 2020 – 2021 school year, the shuttle will not be offered.
- ◆ Cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted on a daily basis.
- ◆ Students will be assigned a seat and will only be seated with siblings from the same household.

Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas

- Entrances and times will be staggered by grade level. Physical guides will be provided to ensure staff and students remain at least six feet apart.
- Students will be visually screened for symptoms upon arrival into the building as well as in their cohort.
- Throughout the buildings, common area markings will indicate the flow of foot traffic.
- Signage will be posted by entrances and exits, as well as throughout the building.

Screening, PPE, and Response to Staff and Students Presenting Symptoms

- ◆ Students will be visually screened upon arrival and in their cohort.
- ◆ All staff will be screened on a daily basis.
- ◆ Memorial and Washington Park school have a designated isolation space where staff and students who exhibit symptoms related to COVID-19 will be isolated.
- ◆ When a student or staff member tests positive, the school nurse will immediately notify the local health officials, staff, and families of a confirmed case.
- ◆ The Totowa School District has purchased masks, gloves, smocks, and sanitizing stations that will be available and accessible.

Contact Tracing

- ◆ School nurses and School Safety School Specialists will complete a COVID-19 Contact Tracing Course.
- ◆ The district will have an open communication system that allows staff, students, and families to self-report symptoms and/or exposure to the school nurses.
- ◆ The school nurse will notify the local health department if any individuals who exhibit symptoms or have had exposure.
- ◆ The district will collaborate with the local health department to assist with contact tracing.

Contact Tracing

- Upon notification of a positive COVID-19 test of a staff or student, trained professionals from the community will contact individuals who came into close contact and recommend next steps.
- The district will communicate to families about positive cases, as necessary.

Facilities Cleaning Practices

- ◆ Memorial and Washington Park schools will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the guidelines and protocols set by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- ◆ Routine cleaning/disinfecting of surfaces that are frequently touched will be conducted throughout the day.
- ◆ Additional custodial staff will be deployed on site during the in-session portion of the school day to ensure adequate cleaning/disinfecting.

Meals

- ◆ Specific snack times will be designated for each grade level. Students will remain in the classroom and will be required to wash their hands before and after snack.
- ◆ The district will provide a 'pickup-and-go' lunch and the following day's breakfast for students. Meals will be labeled and individually packaged by Pomptonian Food Services and placed outside each cohort's door.
- ◆ Students who are remote learners can receive their lunch/breakfast via a drive-through service between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Physical Education

- ◆ The Totowa School District is implementing a hybrid model of instruction with the school day starting at approximately 9:00 A.M. and ending at approximately 1:20 P.M.
- ◆ All specials classes will be offered remotely through virtual instruction.

Field Trips and Extra-Curricular Activities

- All field trips and extra-curricular activities are postponed and/or suspended until further notice.
- The district will explore options for potential virtual group events.

Academic, Social, and Behavioral Supports

- ◆ Teachers will utilize a variety of tests and assessments to determine if a student is at-risk of not meeting the proficiencies of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- ◆ Students who are at-risk will receive supplemental instruction to meet the students' needs in the areas of academic, social, and emotional learning.
- ◆ Evaluation of students' progress towards proficiency will be on-going throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Academic, Social, and Behavioral Supports

- Communication between the school and the parent will ensue and parents will be apprised of their child's progress.
- Guidance counselors will create programs based on students' social and emotional needs. Consideration will be given to the impact of social isolation.

Scheduling of Students

💧 School Day

- 💧 Washington Park – 9:00 A.M. – 1:20 P.M.

- 💧 Memorial School – 9:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

- 💧 Times are approximate. School principals will notify parents of staggered entry and dismissal times.

- 💧 45 minutes to 1 hour for mathematics, reading, and writing

- 💧 45 minutes to 1 hour for social studies and science

- 💧 Social studies and science will be a combination of in-person and virtual instruction.

Scheduling of Students

- Special classes will be 45 minutes and will be conducted virtually.
- The school district policies for attendance will be followed.

Digital Divide

- ◆ Students will have access to a school issued computer during the school day.
- ◆ In the event a student is in need of a school issued computer for remote instruction, one will be provided. Details regarding arrangement for pickup will be forthcoming.
- ◆ The complete version of the Totowa District Restart and Recovery Plan 2020 is posted on the district website at www.totowa.k12.nj.us

