

Zane Trace Local Schools Reopening Provisions

Zane Trace Local Schools will be starting August 31, 2020. We have decided to start the school year later to allow the district to receive trainings for all safety protocols, professional development regarding Google classroom, and the time to create remote learning formats. Several organizations and constituents have developed the plan based on best practices by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health.

These are only provisions for reopening. Please contact your building administrator for more detailed plans.

In late June the state of Ohio provided guidelines for schools to reopen for the 2021 school year. Zane Trace is committed to working on the following general principles to guide our school district to re-opening school:

- Zane Trace Local School District will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
- Zane Trace Local School District will work closely with the Ross County Health District to promote safety in our schools.
- Zane Trace Local School District will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy the facilities.
- Zane Trace Local School District recognizes the need for consistency in areas of operation while acknowledging that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies.

Remote Learning

In response to the needs of our community Zane Trace remains committed to providing consistent, recognizable, in-person learning 5 days a week. Families that do not feel comfortable sending students to school in person due to COVID-19 **MUST** contact building administrators for remote learning opportunities that have been greatly enhanced by Zane Trace Local School District staff over last Spring.

- Students selecting a remote learning plan will be required to remain on plan by semester.
- Grading procedures will remain the same for all students.
- Professional development will be ongoing with staff to maintain student achievement.
- Advanced curriculum may be limited.
- If there is a state-mandated closure, ZTLSD will require all students to follow the remote learning policy.
- The district is working on a detailed remote learning plan that will be approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

Transportation

Transportation will be one of our biggest challenges. Parents are more than welcome to transport their children to school. If parents elect to have their children ride a bus, the following guidelines will be followed:

- ZTLSD will permit 2 children per bus seat. Small children within the same family may be permitted 3 per seat.
- We will attempt to seat siblings together.
- Seating charts will be utilized for contact tracing if needed.
- Face masks are required for students.
- ZTLSD will adhere to further guidelines as provided by the state or local health department.
- Students will only be permitted to ride one bus.

Classroom

ZTLSD will inform parents that safety protocols are in place, but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk.

- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible.
- Students in grades K–12 are required to wear a mask in accordance with state guidelines.
- Classroom personnel are required to use a face covering when in close proximity.
- Classrooms will be free of clutter and unnecessary materials.
- Students will be spaced out to maximize social distancing.
- Increased efforts will be taken to sanitize and disinfect classrooms regularly.

Recess

ZTLSD recognizes physical activity is a healthy component to child development.

- ZTLSD will make every effort to maintain consistency with other safety procedures during recess time.
- Cleaning procedures will be in place for all playground equipment.
- Students must sanitize hands after recess.
- Parents may “opt-out” their child from recess. Students will still be required to be with other students inside/outside, but will not be participating with recess activities.

Food Service

ZTLSD will offer food service. Logistics will be determined in compliance with the Ross County Health District regulations.

- Students will be given as much individual space as possible.
- There will be limited ala carte.
- Individual condiments will be used.

- Meals will be “Grab n Go”.
- Utilization of open spaces within the building for food service will help maintain social distancing.

Visitors/Volunteers/Vendors

ZTLSD is committed to reducing student contact with non-school personnel.

- Visitors are discouraged from being in school facilities.
- Visitors are required to wear masks.
- There are different level of school visitors and the district will make a decision for each situation.
- Vendors will not be permitted to enter the school or deliver to students.
- Parents/guardians are to contact the building office upon arrival.

Social and Emotional Health

The district will have Counselors and a Wellness Resource Coordinator to assist staff and students.

Student Health Assessment

Parents are responsible for monitoring their children for signs of illness and to communicate with the school promptly if they think their child might be sick.

Communications when a student/staff member has been diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive case:

Communication will be developed by the Ross County Health District, not the school district. A common template will be developed to include the following:

- Specify to parents which classroom the confirmed case was in. More generalized statement to the building staff.
- The school district will cooperate with the Health District so that they can work with social tracing.
- 14-day Quarantine will be required of any student or staff member who tests positive with COVID-19 and anyone who is determined to have "exposure" as determined by the Health Department

The Ross County Health District will write a letter for the school district to use and the letter will explain/define what is considered "exposure" to COVID 19 that would require quarantine.

Student health issues that are NOT diagnosed as COVID-19:

- The duration of home stay for a child sent home with a fever is fever free (without medication) for 72 hours (three full days) AND improvement of all other symptoms for 72 hours AND at least ten days have passed since symptoms started.

- Temperature will be taken upon return to school. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, we would notify the Ross County Health District and follow their directions.
- On the day of return to school, the student must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse or her designee.

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