

Zane Trace Middle School Back To School Tentative Plan*

*Subject to change at any time

Through the past couple of months, the administrative staff at the school has been working diligently to provide the safest and most efficient environment for all of our students and staff for the upcoming school year. Much of this information has been shared to the community via phone calls, social media, board meetings, and in-person meetings. If, after reading through this document, you have additional questions specific to your own situation, feel free to contact me via email at jberry@ztlisd.org.

Some of the most common questions that have been asked over the past several weeks will be addressed to the best of my ability at this time.

1. Lockers/Cubbies:

Lockers will not be assigned for students in grades 7 and 8. Those students will be permitted to carry bookbags throughout the day (subject to search by authorized school personnel). Cubbies will still be issued for students in grades 5 and 6. These cubbies can only be accessed at 3 times during the day. Those times are before 1st period class, during the intervention period, and after school. The cubbies issued to students will be spaced out as much as possible.

2. Classes:

Students will be traveling from class to class. They will be switching classes based on their schedules, not as a group. Every class will have assigned seats and students will be spaced out as much as possible. Class sizes will vary based on the number of students in the grade level as well as the number of students attending the physical classroom vs. the Remote Learning option. Students are required to wear masks in conjunction with the state orders. The school, including all classes, will be using a sanitizing product called BioShield that should be effective for 90 days. Teachers and custodial staff will also work to sanitize the building every day.

3. COVID diagnosis:

If a child has received a positive test, the Ross County Health District will be notified. The Health District then conducts their investigation and advises the district of how to proceed. Student names are not released to the public due to Students Rights and Privacy.

4. Remote Learning:

In the Middle School, every student will be receiving instruction/guidance from the general education teachers for every subject. If a student decides to participate in Remote Learning, it is a semester by semester basis. In order to receive more details or to enroll, the parent will need to meet with the building principal to discuss it and to complete the necessary paperwork. To schedule an appointment, please call the school at 740-773-9854 or email the principal at jberry@ztlisd.org.

5. Transportation:

Transportation will be one of our biggest challenges. Parents are more than welcome to transport their children to school. Students will not be permitted into the building until 7:30am. Latchkey will not be an option for Middle School students. 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. Students will not be permitted to ride home with friends if it involves riding a different bus.

6. Cafeteria:

Students will be spaced out as much as possible while eating lunch. We will be utilizing the latchkey area, the stage in the cafeteria, and the stage in the MS gym. Ala Carte choices will be limited. A Grab-and-Go style lunch will be used. No food from vendors will be allowed in the building this year. Students will still be permitted to bring their own lunch.