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### TRCS FAQ Edition #2

On Friday, 7/17/2020, Governor Newsome issued a mandate requiring all school districts/LEAs who are on the California County Watch List to begin the school year in a Distance Learning model.

This FAQ update includes new questions, as well as questions raised when we implement our blended instructional model (returning to campus). In order to support your review of this document we have grouped them into categories and added a Distance Learning for All category to the top.

As always, should you have a new question to add to the TRCS FAQ Edition #3 please email [help@twinriverscharterschool.org](mailto:help@twinriverscharterschool.org).

*Questions from previous FAQ editions that remain timely are in Italicized font.*

*Questions/Answers that are no longer needed (date or event related) will be removed from new editions.*

### DISTANCE LEARNING FOR ALL (as of 7/17/2020)

#### **Will TRCS apply for a waiver mentioned during Governor Newsome's presentation?**

Once the waiver process is provided to schools in California TRCS will look at our ability to apply for a waiver. We have been told that the waiver will be available by the end of this week to review. Please know: We do anticipate the Waiver Process will take a few weeks once we submit, so we anticipate beginning our school year August 12th in Distance Learning for all students.

#### **Will TRCS change the start date?**

No, TRCS's first day of instruction is Wednesday, August 12th.

#### **When can we pick up technology devices this year?**

TRCS will send home devices 8/10 and 8/11. More details about the pick up time will be provided the week of 8/3/2020. TRCS will be sending home Chromebooks or Ipads - TK/K/1 for all students. ELA Anthologies, math materials, and/or white boards may also be sent home with your child depending on grade level need. Your child's teacher will correspond with you the week of 8/3/2020 on what to expect.

#### **When will we find out who our child's teacher is?**

You will hear by 8/1/2020 who your child's teacher is for 2020/2021. Letters will be sent home 8/1/2020.

#### **What is the number of cases Sutter county needs to be at in order for Sutter County to come off the county watch list and we can send our children back to school?**

7 cases. (Note: Yesterday, Sutter County had 27 new cases.)

#### **What will school-wide Distance Learning look like at TRCS?**

This morning TRCS met as a staff to discuss Distance Learning and our plan for instruction beginning August 12, 2020. Distance Learning will look VERY different than it did last spring. We are taking what we learned and additional requirements to create a very robust Distance Learning opportunity for our students.



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### What to Expect:

- During school-wide Distance Learning TRCS will offer synchronous (live) learning Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 1:00PM each day.
- The afternoon will be utilized by instructional staff for additional student support including: intervention, SEL support, and/or instruction.
- All TRCS students will participate in live classroom instruction and back table classroom (small groups) instruction during the school day.
- Daily student attendance will be required and taken.
- Classroom instruction will also be recorded for asynchronous learning opportunities should your child have an appointment or miss instruction during the synchronous instruction.
  - TRCS will expect families to communicate absences on a daily basis, just as they always have.

Specific elementary school schedules will be shared by your child's teacher at the beginning of August; Middle School students will follow their early release schedule each day.

Note: When TRCS returns to campus face to face the Distance Learning option for students will change to 100% asynchronous instruction; students will not have interaction with students or their teacher during the instructional day.

### **Questions that were posed prior to 7/17/2020 that will be part of our physical return to school plan.**

#### **MASKS**

##### **Will masks need to follow TRCS dress code?**

We don't believe so, but the new order from the Governor has significantly changed our plans. Currently, TRCS plans to support our new expectation of wearing masks when we can't adhere to social distant protocols. We will be allowing free mask dress days, every day. Masks must follow free dress code standards.

##### **Please clarify TRCS mask policy: What happens if my student cannot wear one?**

If students cannot wear a mask when they are required we would ask families to continue Distance Learning for their child/ren. We will expect students to wear masks when they are required on campus: arrival and dismissal times. TRCS parents/families will play a huge role in supporting us in this endeavor as we return to school.

##### **Will masks be provided for students who do not come to school with one or forget?**

Absolutely!

##### **Will students need to wear masks at recess/lunch/breaks?**

No. Because we believe we can adhere to SD protocol during the school day we do not anticipate needing masks. We have planned more recess breaks (see handbook for schedules) and smaller groups on the playground and around campus and do not expect that our students will need to wear masks during recess, lunch and breaks.

#### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



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### **What will the first day of school look like for TK/Kindergarten families?**

This is one question of literally dozens of questions from our TK and kindergarten families. We know the first day of school is scary and exciting! *Please refer to correspondence from Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Sanchez, and/or Mrs. Perez in the coming days about all things TK/K.*

### **Will parents be able to walk on campus?**

Unfortunately, no. In order to maintain social distancing and support staff and student health we will not be able to have parents on campus. Our TK and K teachers are working on a transition plan for those first few days of school - stay tuned.

### **ACADEMIC - MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### **How many teachers will be with students in middle school?**

TRCS has modified our delivery model in middle school in order to decrease points of contact for both our middle school students and staff. There will be no more than 22 students in each classroom and the hybrid model will be for grade level alike for 1-3 / 4-6 / 7-8.

On early release days ELA, math, history, science and Advocacy/PE faculty includes (last period of the day/Advocacy will be taught by your child's 4th period teacher or Mr. Wilson):

6th grade: Ms. Hensgen, Mrs. Kee & Mr. G. Smith

7th grade: Mr. Miller, Mrs. O'Toole, Mr. G. Smith, and Mr. J. Smith

8th grade: Mr. Miller, Mrs. O'Toole, and Mr. J. Smith

On regular school days (and on a rotation basis during Advocacy class) Mr. Wilson will provide PE (outside and with SD protocols) and students will participate with one of their teacher's S2C classes.

### **Will students be able to enroll in IM1 if enrolled Distance Learning?**

Yes.

### **Will students receive grades during Distance Learning?**

Yes.

### **SCHOOL-WIDE PROCEDURES**

#### **Will the pledge of allegiance change? Will the patriotic songs continue?**

Our morning routine will change. Stay tuned!

#### **How will the students line up?**

These protocols will be reviewed with students on the first day of school. Teachers will be outside to greet students and show them where they will meet them each morning.

#### **Will the terrific tiger program continue?**

Yes, but it will be classroom-based. Students will not come to the office throughout the school day.

#### **Will the TRCS office be open for parents?**



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Yes and No. We will ask the TRCS community to not congregate in the office or main entrance areas on campus. In order to support the health of our office staff's health, parents will be asked to come in one at a time and wear masks. We will outline this protocol for our families and post it before the first day of school.

### **Will parents be able to volunteer?**

No, unfortunately until TRCS returns to phase 4 we will not allow volunteers to be on campus.

### **Will the recycling program continue?**

No, we will not be continuing the recycling program at TRCS until we move back to phase 4.

### **DROP OFF/MORNINGS**

#### **Is the morning supervision time going to change this year?**

Yes! We are encouraging TRCS families to send their children to school as close to school start time as possible. Students will not be able to play on the playground during this time.

**If a child does have a temperature greater than 100.4; a cough; been to a foreign country; came in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive; what happens then? Quarantine for 14 days? What considerations will be given to other virus or bacterial infections?**

Mrs. Kersting, our school nurse will be providing a protocol. This is in conjunction with Dr. Luu's office.

#### **Can entry point screening take place in a drive through setting?**

No, unfortunately, we don't see this as working with the amount of traffic in the parking lot and overflowing to Live Oak Blvd.

#### **What's the plan for children who walk to school that are turned away at entry points?**

TRCS families will be asked to take their children's temperatures at home. This will ensure that students are not turned away from a school entry point because of a fever. We expect that our families will support us in sending healthy children to school. Students who have a temperature will be sent back to their automobile.

Parents will not be able to drop off their children and leave the TRCS campus until we return to phase 4.

#### **How often will high traffic areas be cleaned per day? Bathrooms, hallways, front office.**

We will follow CDHC cleaning procedures for cleaning campus-wide. Hand sanitizers and hand washing stations will be available on campus for our students and staff to access. Tiger Care will close at 5:00PM each day in order to support cleaning protocol.

#### **If it is my child's turn to hybrid, is distance learning an option that week?**

Yes! This is a great option for our families who can support our hybrid schedule. Families will need to communicate this information ahead of time to their child's teacher once we create schedules.

#### **Can accommodations for hybrid learners be made for children who struggle with electronic devices due to overstimulation and/or farsightedness?**



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Our hybrid model is our best effort to ensure all students are able to be on campus each day. We will have highly skilled staff in these classrooms to monitor. Students will be rotated into the hybrid model based on numbers in classrooms each day. Our staff will create the hybrid model classlists to support each group of students' success in the hybrid class.

**If hybrid week kids participate in lunch, recess, and PE with their traditional class – doesn't that defeat the purpose of hybrid?**

If students are outside and we can ensure social distancing we do not have to keep the group under 22 students. At our tables there will be 4 students (vs. 8 students this year), PE and recess will have space to spread out.

**Will social/emotional sessions continue? What will social/emotional sessions look like if play therapy was predominately used last year?**

Yes, these will be via Google Classroom live sessions - more on this will be shared with student families as this rolls out.

**How will speech needs be assessed and serviced?**

All student service minutes required by an IEP will be continued and offered by Mrs. Deol. Assessments will continue as well through our Special Education department.

### TIGER CARE

**Is Tiger Care still guaranteed for all children?**

No, unfortunately we will not be able to guarantee space for our older students. Once we have our Google Form information back from our families TRCS will be able to provide more information. Stay tuned.

**What are Tiger Care hours?**

In order to ensure adequate time for cleaning each evening Tiger Care will close at 5:00PM until TRCS returns to phase 4.

### LUNCH/RECESS

**Where will lunch take place?**

Lunch will continue to be outside at the tables for our TK/1st - 8th grade students. Kindergarten lunches will be in their classrooms in order that they can have lunch and then play on the TK/K playground.

**What's the plan for social distancing while eating?**

This will be shared with your child as we go over all classroom and school routines at the beginning of the school year. Only 4 students will be at each table.

***Can you please clarify the Traditional/On Campus hybrid model.***

*TRCS created this model with ONE goal: To ensure that EVERY TRCS student is able to receive instruction, on campus, every day.*



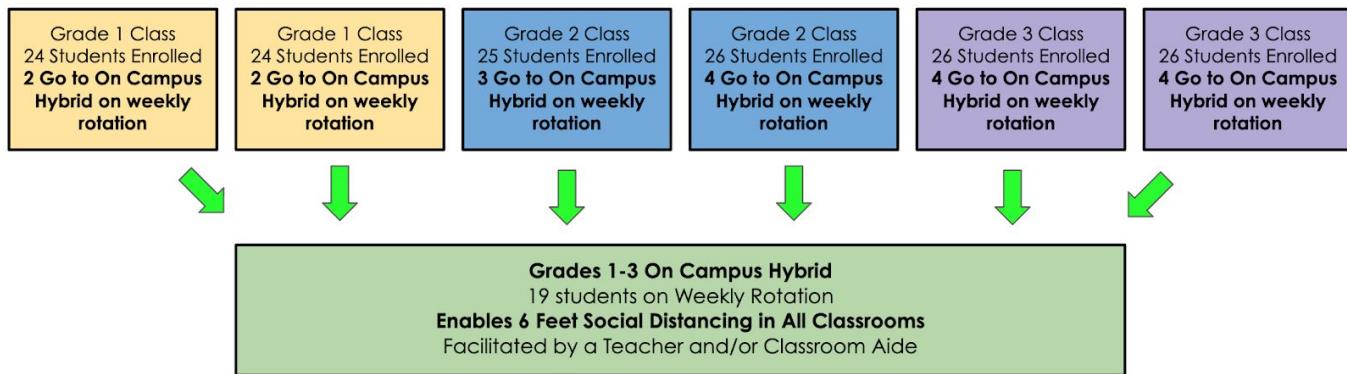
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Here are two examples of how the hybrid model looks like on campus in two grade levels:

First Grade: In first grade there are 24 students in each classroom. The maximum class size to ensure social distancing protocols are maintained is 22 students (in order to maintain a social distancing protocol of 6 feet) in order to not require masks inside the classroom setting. In order for TRCS to meet social distancing protocol 2 students from each of the 1st grade classes will be placed in the hybrid model each week.

The 4 (total) first graders will be placed in a remote classroom with 2nd and 3rd grade students in one of the three (3) remote classrooms (EK Center, Room 209, or 210). Students in the hybrid class will have their own Chromebook. During ELA, math, science and history Mrs. Norton and/or Mrs. Buchner will live stream their classroom instruction to students in this hybrid classroom. Students will be provided enrichment activities and support resources (e.g., Lexia, Khan Academy, Duolingo) to enhance the hybrid classroom experience.

Hypothetically, if 4 students from 1st grade opt for Distance Learning TRCS would not need to offer the hybrid classroom option and all students would be in the traditional classroom every day (no Hybrid Track Model).



5th Grade: In 5th grade there are 28 students in each classroom. With a maximum of 22 students in each classroom; Each track 6 students would need to be placed in the remote classroom setting receiving Google Live video streaming in ELA, math, science, and history. (The 5th grade students would be in a classroom with 4th grade students.) Student tracks will be: 3 weeks in Mrs. Magiera or Mrs. Segobia's classroom and 1 week in the remote hybrid model.

Hypothetically, it would take 12 - 5th grade students to opt into Distance Learning for all 5th grade students to be in the traditional classroom every day (no Hybrid Track model).

### Additional On Campus Hybrid features:

- Each of the three remote classrooms will be facilitated by a teacher and/or classroom aide
- Once TRCS determines the number of students who select the Distance Learning option we will know how many students will need to be on any given grade level track and families will be notified
- During On Campus Hybrid week all students will participate in PE, recess, breaks, and/or lunch with their traditional class



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### **What does active screening look like?**

Active screening at TRCS will include temperature checks at entry points on campus each morning - this will be conducted by TRCS classified staff and TRCS administration. Gates open: gravel lot, park gate, and 3 gate openings at the front of the campus.

Families will not be able to drop off their students until they have been given the thumbs up that their student is cleared to enter campus.

Teachers will also conduct temperature checks one additional time during the school day.

We will also ask for TRCS families to Active Screen at home - if a student has a temperature or is exhibiting any symptoms and/or a temperature we ask that they stay home. Silver lining with our new models: Students will be able to participate in the Distance Learning Google Classroom setting that day.

### **Our little one will be starting kindergarten this year. How does the staff see social distancing working at that age?**

We know this is going to be a unique challenge! Our TK and Kindergarten teachers are well aware of the challenges social distancing presents for our youngest learners and are well prepared to meet this challenge including individual lap desks, fun carpet markers, and social distancing protocols, including more breaks and outdoor activities! (Spoiler Alert: Wait until our students see the new activity stations and sensory equipment on the TK/K/1 playground!)

### **Note: Kindergarten Schedule Change**

In order to meet the new and unique expectations for our kindergarten students for the 2020/2021 students our kindergarten classes will be moving to a half day model: 8:15AM - 12:40PM. In order to support our TRCS families with this change, TRCS will provide Tiger Care between 12:40 - 2:30PM at no cost. Tiger Care fees will be collected for students needing Tiger Care after 2:30PM.

### **Will individuals providing classroom instruction be required/allowed to wear masks?**

In order to instruct students teachers will be wearing masks and/or teach behind clear desk shields. Except for SPED, Speech, and PE teachers, all support services (e.g., Counseling, ELD, intervention) will be offered via Google Live setting in the student's classroom on their Chromebook. Our goal is to limit both our staff and students' exposure.

### **Will TRCS have PE time/classes this year?**

Yes!! Although California passed a trailer bill last week that included language that waives Physical Education (PE) minutes for the 2020/21 school year, TRCS believes in the benefit of physical education for all students. On regular school day schedules, PE classes will resume.

Note: Our PE classes will not include any contact/physical contact/ or sporting activities that share one ball. Social distancing protocols will be followed during PE class.

### **Access to equipment at break and lunch for exercise and social development?**



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*Absolutely, students will have recess and breaks. These will be in smaller groups and classes will be assigned areas that will rotate each week in order for students to enjoy being outside and meeting our social distancing protocols.*

*Equipment will be available for students (divided up between classes in order to be cleaned in between class/group use).*

**Can TRCS parents attend the TRCS Board Meeting at TRCS?**

Yes, TRCS will be adhering to social distancing protocol (maintaining 6 feet distancing) at the TRCS board of director meetings. We also will be offering Zoom for families who would prefer to watch and listen to the meeting at home. TRCS board agendas are posted on the TRCS website under School Board, click on the Board Agendas to click on the most current board agenda. The Zoom link is now included in the header of these agendas.

**Will there be any opportunities for families to ask questions about the schedule before they need to make their choices?**

We are optimistic that following the board of directors action on TRCS's instructional plan we will be able to flesh out details in order that our parents are able to make an informed decision. We will also continue to answer questions posed by our TRCS community. We are asking all families to make a decision by July 20th in order for TRCS to plan for our August 12th first day of instruction.

**Will there be elective and/or WIN time opportunities for middle school students? Possibly online-only electives?**

Yes, we are planning for electives and WIN time opportunities for our middle school students. We will be exploring a wheel model where our students will be provided 6-8 week units. We have been considering this and think we have some great solutions. (Our Middle School staff is innovative! Stay tuned.)

**If a family has to switch to distance-learning due to a family member being diagnosed with COVID-19, would they be permitted to return to school if/when they all have a negative virus test? Would that also count as their one (1) opportunity to switch to distance learning?**

The benefit of offering a concurrent Distance Learning (DL) program is that our students will not miss instruction due to any illness (flu, colds, COVID-19) and we hope our TRCS families will take advantage of our DL program when their children are home ill. Illness will not count towards a family's choice to move to DL because our goal is to ensure a healthy TRCS Community.

**If a student chooses to start in distance-learning only and they find that model doesn't work for the student, can the student switch into an on-campus cohort mid-year?**

Yes, students will be able to opt in to on-campus learning mid-year. TRCS will provide two (2) re-enrollment windows during the school year for this to occur in order to keep the continuity of learning for all students.

**Given the extreme circumstances that we are all in, if a family elects to leave TRCS for a different home school program for the school year, will their spot be reserved for them to return next school year?**

Because of the unique circumstances for the 2020/21 school year TRCS will hold harmless any decision a TRCS family makes for the 2020/2021 school year. A student's spot will be held for the 2020/21 school year. Should a



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TRCS family want to return to the TRCS campus model during the school year they would be required to wait until one of the two (2) re-enrollment windows.

### **Will my child need to wear a mask on campus at TRCS?**

TRCS's plan is to ensure student and staff health and safety. Our goal is to limit the contacts any person on campus has should we ever have a COVID-19 case. We have limited the number of students in each classroom to 22 in order to provide 6 feet of social distancing in class. When all students are seated in their classroom, students will not be required to wear a face covering.

### **FROM SPRING 2020 (Still Relevant):**

However, CDPH and our local health officer have recommended wearing face coverings when social distancing of 6 feet is not possible. TRCS will require your support to ensure this happens. We expect during the limited times when students are asked to wear a face covering they will put one on. These times may include:

- School pickup and drop off
- Moving into and out of classrooms
- Other instances during the day when social distancing of 6 feet is not possible

Note: We anticipate that wearing masks may be required later in the afternoon for Tiger Care when classes need to be collapsed into smaller groups.

TRCS is offering our Distance Learning option for families who would prefer their child not wear a mask or prefer to engage in learning from home during this time.

### **Is TRCS going to participate in any allowable middle school sports?**

We will remain hopeful, but as of 7/7/2020, Dr. Luu has stated that contact sports in schools are excluded. For TRCS, this would mean all fall and winter sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer) would not be eligible; In spring, track individual events may be eligible. We will continue to keep our middle school students updated.

Note: Our PE delivery will also not include any contact/physical/or sporting activities that include the sharing of one ball.

### **Would a student be able to participate in sports if they are doing the distance learning model?**

This will be TBD. We have not considered, yet.

### **When will my child find out who their teacher will be for 2020/21?**

In a couple of weeks, TRCS will switch over to a new student information system (Aeries). You will receive an email from TRCS inviting you to set up a new Parent Portal account. The first item you will see in the Parent Portal is the [Aeries Parent Data Confirmation](#) form. Please complete this online form to ensure we have accurate and up-to-date contact information, medical information, and other important information for your family. We are very excited that the new system will include registering (Emergency Forms, Medicine, Walk Off Forms) electronically. Once you have completed the Aeries Parent Data Confirmation form, your child/ren will receive their 'Welcome Letter' from their teacher(s)! We will share the date in the TRCS App in order for you to ensure you receive this information.



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### **What does TRCS have planned for 8th Grade Promotion activities?**

We continue to monitor group gathering recommendations from our public health officer. In order to host our 8th grade promotion ceremony we will need to ensure that gatherings are allowed. We have set a promotion date in August for our 8th grade families and will continue to update families in the coming weeks as we have more information regarding large gatherings.

### **Has TRCS added any additional resources/sites we should access?**

Yes! TRCS now has a YouTube video where we are excited to share helpful and inspirational videos, as well as TRCS staff and families leading our Pledge of Allegiance. You can access the TRCS YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfiTHpGrqMmiHgR1HC4Bf6Q> Be sure and subscribe to receive any updates - we plan to upload several new videos in the coming weeks!

### **School Nutrition Program: How can I get breakfast and lunch if I was receiving free or reduced breakfast and lunch at TRCS? Can anyone get breakfast and lunch at my neighborhood school?**

TRCS students have also been invited to access lunch during the summer through our district partners. Breakfast and lunch continue to be served around the Yuba-Sutter Community for **every** school-aged student. Please see YCUSD, LOUSD and MJUSD websites or call the TRCS office for additional information and updates on times and locations.

### **Will the TRCS office be open this summer?**

Yes, the TRCS office is open 8:00AM - 3:30PM. Please leave a message on the general message and we will return your call should you need assistance outside these work hours.

**Please Note:** The TRCS staff is practicing social distancing practices. We ask that only one visitor comes into the office at a time and visitors wear a mask in the TRCS office.



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TRCS Instructional Learning Models 2020-2021



## Traditional / On Campus Hybrid

## Distance Learning

**TRCS students attend school on campus daily.**

### **Placement of Students:**

- Two (2) classrooms per grade level: Cohort (same students together) environment/Students stay with same cohort all day
  - Each student will be placed in On Campus Hybrid track for one week of instruction each month (Schedule TBD to accommodate SD)
    - SPED and EL students will remain in classroom setting/all tracks
  - Middle School: Teachers will rotate to classrooms (same cohort) to reduce cross-student exposure

### Safety Protocols:

- Active Screening: Arrival & Mid-Day
  - Classroom Setting: Maximum 22 students / 6 feet distance
  - Social Distancing (SD) protocols will be followed during: breaks/recess/lunch/dismissal;
    - Masks will be encouraged, when SD cannot be maintained
  - Disinfecting frequently and extensive end-of-day cleaning practices
    - Additional deep campus sanitization: Wednesday/Friday PM

### Instruction Delivery:

- Teacher delivered daily instruction
  - On Campus Hybrid track delivery: Google Live video streamed into hybrid classroom with instructional aide/teacher supporting instruction

### Additional Considerations:

- Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: Regular School days: Tiger Care available
  - Wednesday/Friday: Early Release (12:35) Schedule: Tiger Care available

## Requirements:

- Support COVID-19 health recommendations including; Encouraging children to social distance at school; Engaging in proper hygiene and health practices; Keeping children at home exhibiting any symptoms

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### Placement of Students:

- Parent request: By July 20, 2020
    - Requires approval by TRCS administration
    - Approval criteria will include confirmation of distance learning(DL) engagement/ attendance: spring 2020
    - Families may opt in to DL once per year

### Instruction Delivery:

- Teacher created weekly schedule in Google Classroom
    - Student follows this schedule
    - Schedule outlines 240 minutes of daily instructional opportunities
  - Instructional materials provided in Google Classroom
  - Access to a TRCS staff member 30 mins/week for questions/materials needed
  - Self paced lesson delivery via videos (daily or as noted)

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle School</u>
ELA	ELA
Math	Math
Science (2X/wk)	Science
History (2X/wk)	History

### Requirements:

- TRCS student will be required to demonstrate and document engagement in 240 minutes of instructional time each school day.