

Hybrid instruction in Trenton Schools:

GET THE FACTS!

Trenton Public Schools are planning to shift the school district's students from remote instruction to hybrid instruction on May 3rd.

Here's what Trenton parents need to know:

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION'S OPINION	FACT
Students in Trenton need to be back in school every day.	Students would only attend school in-person two half-days per week and would leave before lunch time. They would be on remote instruction the other three days.
Students in Trenton need to be with their teachers in-person.	Students who are in school will be sitting at their desks, working on their computers while teachers are delivering instruction from their desks. All students log into Google Meet/Zoom to receive instruction.
Students in Trenton need to be around their peers in school to socialize.	Students will not have recess or lunch at school and will be masked and socially distanced while in the classrooms as well as the school buildings. Students will eat breakfast socially distanced behind shields at their desks. Social interaction during COVID-19 will not look the same as it did before.
Reopening school buildings is a return to normalcy.	There is nothing normal about hybrid instruction. When students leave school, they have 45 minutes to get home on school/public buses or on foot, eat lunch, and then return to virtual instruction for the remainder of their school day.
Students in Trenton should be in school because they are not at risk for COVID complications.	Cases among young people are on the rise. Students can also be COVID-19 carriers who infect those in their households. Some students with COVID-19 have developed serious problems such as intussusception, diabetic ketoacidosis, and Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C).
Most people are getting vaccinated so it's safe to open schools.	Only 38% of Trentonians are vaccinated and there are no vaccines approved for children under 16. Trenton is seeing a rise in the infection rates among young people. 11% of new cases in Trenton are in the newborn to 16 age group.
Other districts are opening. Why not Trenton?	118 NJ school districts are still all-remote, including Hillside, Paterson, Passaic, Pleasantville and Jersey City. Trenton is unique from their surrounding suburban counterparts. The infection rate for Trenton is at least two to ten times higher than their suburban counterparts. Many Trenton students do not ride district buses, they use public transportation which puts them at a higher risk for infection.

Is hybrid instruction worth the disruption for Trenton families for the remainder of the school year?