

# Trenton Public Schools

*“Children come first, Los niños son primero”*

Mr. Ronald Lee  
Interim Superintendent of Schools



September 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Based upon feedback from students, parents and staff on the length of time students were spending daily in their virtual classrooms on computers, the Trenton Public Schools (TPS) is modifying the school day schedule. Effective, October 5th, Trenton Public Schools will shift to a unified schedule with all Kindergarten to 12th-grade students starting class at 8:00 am. TPS students will follow their classroom schedules from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and then break for lunch until 1:05 pm. At 1:10 pm., all students continue instruction by working independently on schoolwork. From 1:10 to 2:05, select students are scheduled for individual or small group work with their teachers. The new schedule provides a focused instructional framework and reduces screen time while increasing access to one to one and small group student/teacher connections.

The new schedules are as follows:

## High School Schedule

Block 1 Period 1/2	Block 2 Period 3/4	Block 3 Period 5/6	Block 4 Period 7/8
8:00-9:00	9:05-10:05	10:10 - 11:10	11:15-12:15
Teacher / Student Lunch 12:20-1:05			
Starting at 1:10 all students are expected to engage with instruction and complete assignments and classwork. The instructional day for students concludes at 2:40. During this time selected students are scheduled to work with teachers as noted in the next section.			
School Time: 1:10 - 2:05 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday Teacher Initiated and Teacher Driven (RTI, Individual Student Meetings, Small Group Meetings)			
Teacher Meetings / PD 2:10-2:40 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday Monday - Teacher-Directed Meetings/PD Tuesday - School/Home Contact (Calls Home, Emails to Parents, Remind) Thursday - School Level Meeting Friday - School/Home Contact (Calls Home, Emails to Parents, Remind)			
Staff Meeting / School / District Based PD on Wednesdays - 1:10-2:40			

### Middle School Schedule

Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
8:00—8:28	8:28-9:20	9:22-9:32	9:34 -10:26	10:28-11:20	11:22-12:18
Teacher / Student Lunch 12:20-1:05					
School Time: 1:10 - 2:05 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday Teacher Initiated and Teacher Driven (RTI, Individual Student Meetings, Small Group Meetings)					
Teacher Meetings / PD 2:10-2:40 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday Teacher-Directed Meetings/PD School/Home Contact (Calls Home, Emails to Parents, Remind) School Level Meeting					
Staff Meeting / School / District Based PD on Wednesdays - 1:10-2:40					

### ELEMENTARY School Schedule

HR	Per 1	Per 2	Per 3	Per 4	Per 5	Per 6	Per 7	Per 8
8:00 - 8:10	ELA 30 min	ELA 30 min	ELA 30 min	Math 30 min	Math 30 min	Science 30 min	Soc Stud 30 min	Special 30 min
-----8:00 to 12:15-----								
Teacher / Student Lunch 12:20-1:05								
Scheduled Student Contact Time: 1:10 - 2:00 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday Teacher Initiated and Teacher Driven (RTI, Individual Student / Small Group Support, Small Group Meetings)								
Teacher Meetings / PLC 2:05-2:40 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday								
Staff Meeting / School Based PD on Wednesdays - 1:10 - 2:40								

We will continue to monitor virtual instruction and learning to ensure that we meet the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

Ronald C. Lee  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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The new schedule provides a focused instructional framework and reduces screen time while increasing access to individual and small group student/teacher connections. The new schedules are also posted on our website and on social media

Lastly, the district has posted on our website the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment notice for the 2020-21 school year.

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Interim Superintendent of Schools

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Superintendente Interino de Escuelas



30 de septiembre, 2020

Estimados Padres y Tutores,

Basándonos en los comentarios de los estudiantes, los padres, y el personal sobre el tiempo que los estudiantes pasaban diariamente en sus aulas virtuales en computadoras, las Escuelas Públicas de Trenton (TPS) están modificando el horario del día escolar.

A partir del 5 de octubre, las Escuelas Públicas de Trenton cambiarán a un horario unificado con todos los estudiantes de Kindergarten al grado 12 comenzando la clase a las 8:00 am. Los estudiantes de TPS seguirán sus horarios en el salón de clases de 8:00 am a 12:15 del medio día y luego se tomarán un descanso para el almuerzo hasta la 1:05 pm. A la 1:10 pm, todos los estudiantes continuarán la instrucción trabajando independientemente en las tareas escolares. De 1:10pm a las 2:05pm, los estudiantes seleccionados están programados para el trabajo individual o en grupo pequeño con sus maestros.

El nuevo horario proporciona un marco de instrucción enfocado y reduce el tiempo de pantalla mientras aumenta el acceso a las conexiones de estudiantes/profesores con estudiantes individuales como de grupos pequeños. Los nuevos horarios también se publican en nuestro sitio web y en las redes sociales.

Por último, el distrito ha publicado en nuestro sitio web el aviso de Evaluación de Aprendizaje Estudiantil de Nueva Jersey para el año escolar 2020-21.

Atentamente,

Ronald C. Lee  
Superintendente Interino de Escuelas