

Thompson Public Schools

Welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL



Superintendent's Welcome Back Message!

It is going to be an amazing school year in Thompson Public Schools. On behalf of the Thompson Board of Education members, we wish all of our new and returning students and their families a very fulfilling school year.

Our goal is to return to school with reduced restrictions while maintaining a high level of health safety. Students, faculty, and staff will return to school wearing face coverings (masks) per Governor's Executive Order 13 (a). This order will expire on September 30, 2021. The district is waiting for new guidance from the Department of Public Health and Connecticut State Department of Education to determine what will be recommended following this date. The members of the Board of Education have sent out a survey via text to gather information from families that will help them if the decision is left to local Boards. Masks are not required outdoors.

Aside from the mask requirement, we are working to minimize other restrictions. Students will return to the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch. All sports and extra-curricular programs will be held unless there is a COVID outbreak in our schools. Approved field trips and limited size educational group presentations will be permitted. Students will maintain a three feet social distance inside and continue with frequent hand washing. The district plans to follow the cleaning procedures in place last year and run the ventilation system at total capacity. Please see the TPS school re-opening plan on the website for more detail.

Students must also wear masks while riding on the school buses. The buses will be cleaned and disinfected between bus tiers. We are encouraging students to return to riding our buses. We did not document the community spread of COVID-19 on school buses among students last year. School bus transportation proved to be a safe way for your child to get to school. This will also reduce the large volume of vehicles arriving and departing on campus each morning and afternoon.

We plan to limit the number of visitors to the school, so most meetings will continue to be virtual unless special arrangements are made. Parents may not escort their children into the school buildings unless they have a specific appointment for a meeting. In addition, all visitors must comply with screening and mitigation strategies, including face coverings.

We are excited to welcome our students, faculty, and staff back to school! If you have any questions about the start of school, please contact your child's school directly.

Melinda A. Smith, M. Ed., Superintendent

School Hours and Contact Information

School	Start Time	Regular Dismissal	Dismissal During Intersession	Office Contact
Tourtellotte Memorial High School	7:25 am	2:05 pm	1:14 pm	Donna O'Connell 860-923-9303 ext. 12455
Thompson Middle School	7:25 am	2:05 pm	1:14 pm	Tina Rekowski 860-923-9380 ext. 41316
Mary R. Fisher Elementary School	8:30 am	3:03 pm	(No intersession)	Jane Romprey or Deb Cunha 860-923-9142 ext. 31042

Dattco School Bus Service

The link to determine your child's bus stop is located on the main page of the district's website. A link will redirect you to the Dattco site where you can type in your address to determine the pickup and drop off time for your child (children).

We are encouraging families to have students return to riding a school bus this year.



New Leadership Team

Thompson has experienced a few changes in our leadership team which will help the district reach the goals and objectives of the Portrait of a Graduate; *A Thompson Graduate is Independent, Knowledgeable, and Community Connected.*

Kim Granato started her tenure as Principal at Thompson Middle School (TMS) at the end of June. Principal Dr. Nathaniel Mayo will take the lead at Tourtellotte Memorial High School on Friday, August 20, 2021. Rebecca Polacek, Assistant Principal at TMS, will join the leadership team by the first day of school.

Freshman Orientation

Monday, August 23, 2021
Thompson Public Schools Auditorium
6:00pm-7:30pm

Welcome New Faculty and Staff to Thompson Public Schools

Tourtellotte Memorial High School

Cheyenne Terrien	English Language Arts Teacher
Anne Dilko	Long-term Art Teacher
Keri Ouellette	Social Worker
Zach Veلاس	Resource Teacher
Alexandra Lamontagne	Paraprofessional Life Skills

Mary R Fisher Elementary

Nicole Beck	Grade 1
Audrey Ratliff	Grade 4
Valerie Imre	Special Education

Thompson Middle School

Gena Laplante	Reading Teacher
Brigid Gauthier	Grade 7 Math
Cortney Harvey	ELA Teacher One-Year
Jaqueline Tuttle	Special Education

District-Wide

Michelle Giammarinaro	Human Resource Director
Lauren Christian	Speech/Language
Bethany Terranova	Bus Paraprofessional