

Thomasville Remote Academy of Innovative Learning (TRAIL) Draft Information

The Thomasville Remote Academy of Innovative Learning (TRAIL) program is designed for highly motivated learners in Grades 4-12 who:

- Desire an alternative to the traditional classroom environment due to COVID-19; and/or
- Are Thomasville City Schools families as well as charter, private, and homeschool families seeking flexible instructional options for any variety of reasons.

The TRAIL program will provide students with a personalized educational experience that is flexible, rigorous, and innovative. Students will engage in learning including online and interactive off-line instructional materials facilitated by certified teachers.

Students will be enrolled in their base TCS school but will receive instruction in both synchronous (live online) and asynchronous (on-demand) formats through the Canvas Learning Management System.

Students will use TCS-issued technology devices to access the courses. Access to high-speed internet, either at home or through a reliable hotspot, is required to participate in the TRAIL program.

Students in Grades 4-8 will participate in grade-level instruction through TRAIL. Instruction will be available in reading, math, science, and social studies, as well as certain elective and enhancement activities.

Students in Grades 9-12 will have the ability to participate in online learning from a variety of sources, including THS online courses, credit recovery options, and North Carolina Virtual Public School courses.

Students will be graded per TCS policies and will take applicable end-of-grade and end-of course tests as well as teacher-made assessments.

Potential action steps:

- Develop online curriculum for delivery in grades 4-8
 - Possible collaboration with Lexington for curriculum development
- Identify at least one teacher at LDES and TMS to be the online course facilitator (depending on enrollment, may need more than one facilitator)
- Identify courses at THS that can be offered online, through Edgenuity, NCVPS
 - Determine budget factors for NCVPS enrollment
- Submit for Board approval
- Begin recruitment processes
- Identify students for TRAIL
- Create a section in PowerSchool at each grade level/HS course for TRAIL
- Once students are enrolled, determine EC/EL needs

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