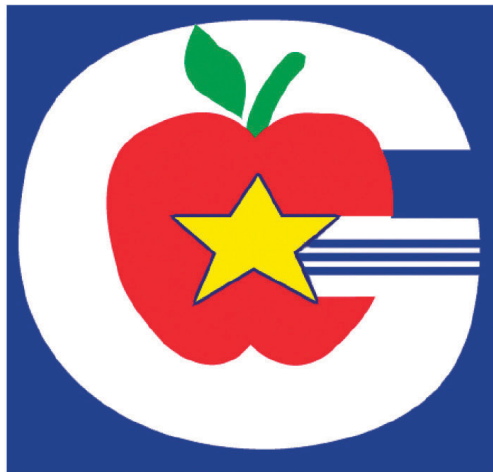


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2021/2022



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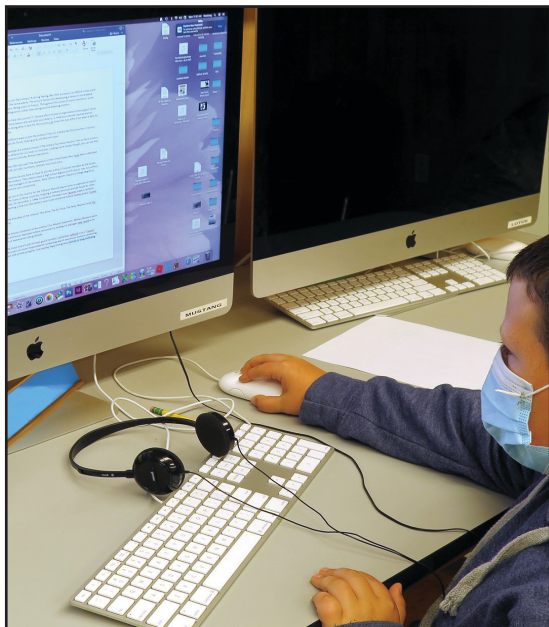
As of July 8, 2021, many of the guidelines that have been implemented because of COVID-19 are still in place. **The Return to School Plan is subject to change due to updated information from COVID-19 data, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi High School Activities Association, and political decisions that are being made daily.**

The School Board's approval of the Back to School Plan was made with the understanding that the Superintendent or his designee has the authority to make changes or adjustments as conditions for the COVID-19 Pandemic change. Updates will be posted on the Grenada School District's Facebook page and website. (www.grenadak12.com)

Grenada School District has spent a considerable amount of time, resources, and money on developing our Back to School Plan. One of GSD's primary focuses is on the health and safety of our students and staff. We have many new procedures in place and a large amount of resources such as facial coverings, gloves, mobile touchless hand sanitizers, thermometers, signage, touchless water fountains, etc. In addition, a district wide school nurse is available at each school campus.

The school district used feedback from our surveys to determine the needs of our community. Based on the survey, the absence of technology is a concern for the community. The school district is supplying Chromebooks (computers) for every student in grades K-12. GSD will make every effort to offer a high-quality education to our students in the midst of these uncharted times.

We are thankful for all the support of our parents and community as the district plans for the upcoming school year.



Registration

Online Registration

Parents should complete registration online. Help is available on the following dates: July 26-July 30, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and August 2-August 5, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A returning student whose address has not changed may sign a waiver in Active Parent registration. If the address has changed, parents will need to upload two proofs of residence. For new students, parents will need two proofs of residence, birth certificate, social security number, current immunization record, and withdrawal form from the previous school. For further information see the registration button on GSD website. (www.grenadak12.com)

GSD is encouraging all students to participate in traditional classes. However, there will be a virtual option for students who qualify based on the district virtual plan. Please refer to the district virtual plan on our website. (www.gsd.k12.ms.us/forms/virtual.pdf) Decisions regarding students with a disability will be made on an individualized basis and in accordance with the student's individualized educational plan or 504 plan.

Technology

Chromebooks

Students will be assigned Chromebooks once school begins. The parent/guardian and student will sign an agreement stating they understand the Technology Handbook and are responsible for the Chromebook. The Technology Handbook is included with the 2021-2022 student handbook. Parents may also access the Technology Handbook on the Grenada School District's website. Registration must be completed prior to receiving a Chromebook device.

Canvas Training Course

All students will need to complete the training course on Canvas (Learning Management System). To access this course, students will log into Clever and click on Canvas to complete the course, "Passport to Canvas: Quick Start Guide for Students." GSD recommends that parents complete the training with their student(s). The Canvas training will demonstrate how to navigate instruction, find assignments, and take assessments.

Technology

Internet Access

Students needing internet to complete assignments will be able to access it at Grenada High, Grenada Middle, and Grenada Elementary Schools' parking lots. Parents and/or students will be able to access the internet from these points. Virtual students need access to high speed internet.



Meet the Teacher

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Meet the Teacher will take place on August 4, 2021, except for PreK. PreK students will meet their teachers on August 3, 2021. Times will be announced on the GSD website, Facebook page, and through the GSD newspaper. At this time, all visitors will be encouraged to wear a facial covering. This may change pending decisions made by the CDC and/or Mississippi Department of Health.



Precautions and Protocols

Vaccinations

Grenada School District will continue to promote COVID-19 vaccinations for all eligible students, teachers, and staff. All eligible students, teachers, and staff 12 years of age and older should receive COVID-19 vaccination. The district is working on partnering with an agency to provide on-site access to the COVID-19 vaccines for appropriate school age children with parent permission and faculty and staff who agree to be vaccinated.

Health and Safety

If a student is sent home ill with flu-like symptoms (temperature of 100.4 or greater, coughing, sneezing, body aches, diarrhea, sore throat, etc.) and it is not COVID-19 related, we ask that parents keep students home for a minimum of 1 day (24 hours) to monitor symptoms. This is a suggestion to allow a chance for symptoms to appear.

Exposed to COVID-19

What is considered close exposure? Any individual who has had close contact with COVID-19, which is 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more within 24 hours. To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.

Parent/student/staff is to report to the principal when he/she has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The student/staff who is considered a close contact must show proof of being fully vaccinated or submit to school-based COVID-19 testing or proof of outside testing. Parents must sign a consent form (www.gsd.k12.ms.us/forms/%20COVIDscr.pdf) in order for their child to be tested. For students/staff who agree to be tested, the school nurse will administer a nasal swab every 2 days for 7 days. If the results are negative or they have been vaccinated, the student/staff will be allowed to remain at school. If the student/staff refuses the school based COVID-19 testing, they can opt to be tested by their primary physician every 2 days for 7 days or quarantine for 7 days. On the 7th day, the student/staff will get tested by their primary physician. If the test is negative, they may return to school. All results must be brought to the school. If a student/staff member is determined to be a close contact and has not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, has not been fully vaccinated, or refuses COVID-19 testing, that individual must quarantine for 14 days. **GSD will continue to update our guidelines as we receive information from the Mississippi State Department of Health. The school principal is to contact Dr. Tina Herrington for all COVID-19 questions and concerns.**

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While waiting on results:

- Temperatures should be taken twice daily.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19: fever, coughing, shortness of breath, or other symptoms.

Student or Staff with COVID-19

If test results are positive, whether from school-based testing or an outside source, the person is to remain in quarantine for 10 days after the date of last exposure. A physician and/or Mississippi Department of Health (MDH) should provide parent/staff with written dates of quarantine (copy of results will be needed). If a person has been in close contact with staff and/or students, the district will inform him/her of potential exposure.

Before Leaving the Residence

Parents/Guardian will check their student(s) temperature and ask questions relating to COVID-19.

Have you been around anybody with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

If the answer is yes, the student must show proof of being fully vaccinated, agree to school based COVID-19 testing, be tested by their primary physician, or quarantine for 14 days. (See School-Based COVID-19 Testing/Screening on the website.)

Have you been having any symptoms related to COVID-19 (fever {100.4 or greater}, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of senses {smell or taste}, coughing, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea)?

If the answer is yes to the above question, the student needs to stay at home and monitor symptoms. Contact the school, so the student can complete school work virtually.



Headed to the Bus

GSD recommends students wear facial coverings before they get on the bus and should social distance. Social distancing means people should remain greater than 6 feet apart. Upon entering the bus, students will have the opportunity to put hand sanitizer on their hands. While on the bus, students are encouraged to wear facial coverings. Social distancing is encouraged when possible. Students will exit the bus and go straight to their designated area. When students enter the building, GSD recommends students wear a facial covering.

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Entering School

GSD recommends that students wear facial coverings while in school.

Elementary PreK- 5 The students will go straight to their class. The teacher will be standing outside their doorway. The teacher will check students' temperatures.

GMS, each grade has a specific drop off at the campus and reports immediately to their homeroom class. When entering the building, staff will be present to check the temperature of each person. The four drop off locations are as follows:

Bus riders will enter by double doors next to the cafeteria on Fairground Road.

8th graders will enter from Jones Road through the circle drive.

7th graders will enter from the north entrance of the 7th grade hall.

6th graders will enter under the awning at the end of the 6th grade hall, across from the Band Hall.

GHS, upon arrival students will be encouraged to wear their facial coverings and walk to the designated locations.

9th graders and any other students whose 1st period class is in the 9th grade building will walk to the front doors of the 9th grade building.

10th graders will walk to the south side doors under the breezeway.

11th graders will walk to the back doors near the airplane.

Seniors will walk to the front doors outside the main office. If there is a line at any location, students will remain 6 feet from one another as they wait their turn for temperature checks.

If the student has any symptoms, he/she will be sent to the isolation room.



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Breakfast/Lunch

After a teacher has cleared the student of COVID-19 symptoms, the student will be allowed to go to the cafeteria for breakfast.

Students will be able to take off their facial coverings to eat. The student should social distance where possible.

Students will be able to choose items according to the National School Lunch guidelines.

Parents will not be allowed to eat with students in the school building.



Virtual Students

Students enrolled virtually will be allowed to pick up lunch at Grenada High School. They may pick up lunch from 10:30-11:30 A.M. only.

Please complete an application for Free/Reduced Lunch online at www.MySchoolApps.com

All meals provided for 2021-2022 school year will be free for students under the Seamless Summer Option from USDA.

Daily Procedures

While in Class

Students and staff will be encouraged to wear facial coverings. The school will try to keep students 6 feet apart, but it will be difficult in most cases.

Class Changes

Students will be encouraged to wear facial coverings while changing classes.

Bus & Car Riders Going Home

Students will be encouraged to wear facial coverings while on the bus along with practicing social distancing when possible. Students will go directly to their car or bus and leave campus

Virtual classes

The students will watch instructional videos, live instruction, complete assignments, and complete assessments in Canvas (Learning Management System). Students will be required to work at least 330 minutes per day. **7**

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Visitors

GSD recommends that visitors wear appropriate facial coverings. Visitors to campus will have their temperature taken and logged upon entry. Any visitor with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to enter the building. Visitors will be limited to the foyer area except as deemed by the school principals. GSD encourages communication with staff to be done by phone or virtually.



Grades

The schools will follow the district policy for grades which is a minimum of two daily grades and one test grade per week. All students may be required to attend school to test in some cases such as nine weeks tests, common assessments, or state tests.

Activities/Athletics

The Grenada School District will follow the guidance and activities calendar of the Mississippi High School Activities Association in regard to activities and athletics.

As of April 20, 2021, MHSAA decided full time virtual students will not be allowed to participate in athletics and activities.



Communications

The Superintendent will make all final decisions on the method of communication and content as related to COVID-19. The Public Relations Department will manage the updates made to the Grenada School District website and Facebook page. Administrators will send out information through phone messages by using AIMS Web Messages. All current updates will be posted on social media. Teachers will send out information to their students by using Canvas.

Facebook Page



Grenada School District

www.grenadak12.com

Return to School Dates

GSD Staff - Monday, August 2

GSD Students - Thursday, August 5

Grenada Elementary
Pre-K & 1st - 226-8900
2nd & 3rd - 226-2584

Grenada Elementary
4th & 5th - 226-2818

Grenada Middle School
6th, 7th & 8th - 226-5135

Grenada High School
9th - 12th - 226-8844

Grenada Career & Technical Center
226-5969

Grenada Enrichment & Transition Center
226-3311

