



GCMS CUSD #5

School Year 2021-2022

Return-to-School Plan

5 Days a Week In-Person Instruction: Students will attend school in-person 5 days a week during the 21-22 school year. The School Year 21-22 Calendar is located on our website at gcmsk12.org.

Self-Certification: Completion of the self-certification form will be required in the 21-22 school year. Please continue to monitor your student(s) for COVID symptoms at home. Do NOT send a student to school if they are displaying any symptoms or illness.

Masks and Social Distancing: The district will continue to comply with all IDPH recommended guidance for masks and social distancing where possible. Masks are recommended by the CDC and IDPH for all unvaccinated students but not required. We will continue to practice safe social distancing where possible.

Transportation: Buses will continue to operate at normal capacity with riders required to wear masks. The modified bus lane between the high school and elementary school could remain in place through the anticipated completion of construction in fall of 2021.

Remote Instruction: All families and students should be prepared for the possibility of remote learning days. Remote learning days may occur in cases of inclement weather or at times when the volume of COVID-related absences necessitates school closure. Students in grades 4-12 will be issued chromebooks and will continue to access Google Classroom for remote learning. Content will be delivered through Seesaw if remote learning occurs for students in PreK through 3rd grades.

Quarantines: The district will continue to comply with IDPH and Ford County Public Health guidelines for contact tracing and quarantines. Students may be required to quarantine as a result of close contact (reduced to 3 feet from 6 feet) in or outside of school if they are not vaccinated. Please be sure to report positive COVID test results to the school as soon as possible so that we can complete contact tracing in a timely manner.

Activities: GCMS will offer all of its extra-curricular activities at full capacity while following the guidance the CDC, IDPH, ISBE, IHSA, and IESA.

*All of these guidelines are subject to change.

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