

GOSNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-22 Ready for Learning Plan
Plan for Continuity of Services



GOSNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOSNELL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Actions and Assurances to Ensure GSD is Ready for Learning

Ensure the continuity of teaching and learning

To ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum whether students are learning on site or at a remote location, the Gosnell School District incorporated Google Classroom in all classrooms for grades K-12. Google Classroom enables teachers to share resources, practice, videos and personal instruction with students. Teachers post all assignments, activities and videos from their curriculum on Google Classroom daily so that students are able to continue learning in the event they are absent.

Students who are sent home to quarantine are expected to login to their Google Classroom for assignments and to watch videos of instruction from their teachers. Students are given the option to join class live via Google Meet or watch the recording of the lesson at a later time.

Address unfinished learning from the prior year

During the 2020-21 school year, Gosnell School District teachers kept daily lesson plans and collected data on students in order to identify learning gaps as well as keep track of lessons so that the next year teacher will know where to begin.

After reviewing end of year data, teachers began working on curriculum documents and pacing guides in order to address the skills that students did not master from the year before. These skills are re-taught during intervention and Title time each day.

Data from screeners that will be given during the first week of school will help teachers to plan their instruction based on student needs and help identify any other skills that students may need to receive intervention or additional instruction.

Gosnell School District has curriculum guides in all grades K-12. Teachers use resources linked to these guides and adjust each year as needed based on student data.

Utilize a learning management system (LMS)

Gosnell School District has chosen to utilize Google Classroom as its Learning Management System (LMS). Google Classroom enables teachers to directly communicate with students by sending assignments and links to instructional videos as well as allowing the teacher to grade work and give students feedback. Google Classroom also enables guardians to be actively involved in their child's progress. Parents can join with teachers permission under a guardian link and it allows the parent to see the work that their child has completed or needs to

complete and lets them see any feedback or grades that have been given from the teacher. Teachers also use the Google Meet feature of Google Classroom in order to have live meetings with students.

Schedule teacher training for how to use the LMS

Once Google Classroom was chosen as the district's Learning Management System, the entire professional development schedule for the 2020-21 school year was amended to give time to teachers for training. Teachers spent an entire day learning how to create digital classrooms, incorporate assignments and videos as well as other technology tools that can be used to enhance learning in Google Classroom. The district created break-out sessions for teachers to register for the trainings that they needed based on their experience with Google Classroom. All sessions were taught by current GSD certified teachers who were already using these strategies in their classroom.

For the 2021-22 school year, professional development was given on updates to Google Classroom and Google Meet as well as other features that are available through Google. Teachers that were new to the district attended a New Teacher Orientation where they were extensively trained in Google Classroom.

Schedule teacher training for blending learning (delivery of instruction)

To help prepare teachers to use blended learning in the classroom, teachers received professional development on different tools that can be used with Google Classroom as well as Screencastify, which is a program the district purchased to allow teachers to record themselves teaching lessons that can easily be linked to Google Classroom. Teachers also received training for other free resources that are available to educators.

Provide support for parents and students

Gosnell School District has a commitment to provide one -to-one technology to all of its students. As part of that commitment, the district has provided continuous professional development to its teachers to prepare students for the use of technology.

The district has three hotspots around the campus for parents and students to have access to the district's internet service. In the past few months, the district purchased hotspots for three activity buses that will allow students to continue work on their chromebooks while traveling to and from activities. These buses are also being used in various locations around town to help students and parents that need internet service for their student that is learning off-site.

Communicate and interact with parents, students and the community

The Gosnell School District will communicate and interact with parents, students and the community in a variety of ways. Methods of communication include direct text messaging to GSD families and staff, social media, website, mail outs, letters sent home with students, signage, district app, parent meetings in person or Zoom, electronic communication with parents and students through our LMS, electronic surveys and news media.

The district has established a COVID-19 Point of Contact that will directly notify families of each student/staff member who has been identified as a probable close contact. The district is following all guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health.

The district updated its website which enabled parents and staff to have a district app on their smartphones. This helps with sending out information to parents and staff more consistently.

The district has also offered numerous COVID-19 vaccination opportunities on campus for students ages 12 and older as well as their parents to receive the vaccination. The district will continue to offer these opportunities throughout the school year.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The Arkansas Department of Education, in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Health and the Governor's Office, released 2021-2022 COVID-19 Guidance for Schools (DESE, July 27, 2020).

Gosnell Public Schools will continue practicing preventative measures such as masking, physical distancing, screening, testing, ventilation, handwashing, and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine, and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection.

The Gosnell School District adopted a Mask Mandate on August 30, 2021 that requires all individuals that enter the school buildings to wear a mask properly. Outside use and during physical activity classes, students are allowed to remove their masks if deemed appropriate by a school employee. This plan will be reviewed every 30 days by the school board.

To facilitate in-person learning five days a week, Gosnell Schools will implement practices that promote physical distancing between individuals and groups of individuals when possible but will do so in a way that does not impede student engagement. Hand sanitizing dispensers are available in all buildings and students are strongly encouraged to frequently wash their hands. Classrooms and desks are sanitized frequently throughout the school day as well as restrooms and buses. Gosnell has also installed fresh air ventilation in order to help provide clean air to classrooms.

Employees are required to self-screen daily and complete a form signing that they are not sick nor have they been exposed to someone who is sick. Parents screen students at home each day for fever and/or sickness.

STUDENT LEARNING

Gosnell School District offers on-site instruction five days a week that all students are required to attend. Teachers are required to post daily lessons, materials and videos to Google Classroom so that individuals that are absent for any reason will have access to learning. Students have the option to use a feature from Google Classroom called Google Meet that allows the student to virtually watch the class live while other students that are on-site are receiving the instruction.

ALTERNATE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION (AMI)

In the event that the Gosnell School District or an individual school must modify on-site instruction and pivot to remote learning, the district or school will follow the Gosnell Public Schools approved Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) plan. If positive cases have evolved to the point that an AMI day is necessary, the superintendent shall take the following steps:

- Notify the designated DESE Point of Contact (POC)
- Report the AMI day in the LEA Insights portal. The AMI day for the school or district will also be reported in eSchool; and,
- Participate in consultations with the DESE and ADH.

Teachers and staff will report onsite if a school or the district pivots to AMI due to COVID unless they have been quarantined or tested positive for COVID.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

For onsite days, students will be marked absent or present in accordance with policies listed in the student handbook.

For remote learning days, parents are responsible for making sure students engage with the assigned work.

TRANSPORTATION

While on buses, windows will be open or cracked if it does not pose a safety risk. Keeping windows open, even a few inches, improves air circulation. ADH and ADE also recommend maintaining as much physical distance as possible between riders on the bus. In addition, keeping siblings/household members seated together is also a helpful strategy. Masks are required due to the close nature of a bus environment.

Gosnell's transportation staff will be working with drivers, office staff, and building administrators to help encourage social distancing.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Due to COVID-19, visitors to school buildings will be limited to only those with essential school business, as determined by the building principal.

FOOD SERVICES AND SCHOOL MEALS

Schools will establish procedures that maximize physical distance as much as possible when students are moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors). Using additional spaces outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating, such as the gymnasium or outdoor seating, can help facilitate distance.

Gosnell is implementing the following strategies in the food services department:

- Breakfast and Lunch meals are free to all students for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Staff will continue to practice proper handwashing procedures and use single-use gloves while preparing and serving food.
- Face masks are required for all kitchen staff.
- Kitchens, serving areas, and tables are sanitized at the end of the day and between each meal period.

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

Gosnell Public Schools will review ADH guidance for specific activities and event protocols as well as Arkansas Activities Association guidelines regarding extracurricular activities.