

MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS GSRP Continuity of Learning Plan

Meridian Public Schools has developed this Continuity of Learning Plan regarding the Great Start Readiness Program for the school year of 2019-2020. Due to the spread of COVID-19 across the State of Michigan and the Executive Orders mandated by the Governor, the following pieces of the plan have been in place since Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

- I. Family Engagement~
Meridian Public Schools' GSRP staff will communicate with families through phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook posts, video messages, and COR messages. This communication happens on an almost daily basis, with a minimum of two contacts per week. All members of the GSRP teaching team participate in the communication, including the Lead Teacher, the Assistant Teacher, and the Director. The focus of the communication is on social emotional needs, basic needs, or reading to children daily.

- II. Kindergarten Transition~
Each GSRP teaching team will assist in the transition to Kindergarten with the family as much as possible. This includes answering parents' questions, providing parents with the final COR assessment information, completing the Midland County Preschool Progress Report, relaying information to the district Kindergarten staff, assisting parents with the needed paperwork for Kindergarten, and providing the family with the information-filled Kindergarten Backpack. Staff will also correspond with the family regarding the child's e-learning style, including the child's strengths and weaknesses in case this information would be valuable to the child's future Kindergarten teacher.

- III. Virtual Conference~
The GSRP staff will meet with each family either through a virtual or telephone conference, depending on which method the family prefers. The conferences will be scheduled to last as long as the parent feels necessary to ensure all questions are answered and will be completed before the end of the planned school year.

IV. Communication Method~

Families were contacted by the GSRP staff through the COR system, in which all parents had previously set up either an email or text account. Parents were asked which option of communication they preferred and were given the option of joining the private classroom Facebook page as another means of interaction. Parents are contacted through their preferred method of communication. For families who are unable to access the internet or have connectivity issues, materials/packets are either being delivered or can be picked up along with the district's meal distribution program.

V. Budget~

GSRP funds will be used to continue to pay all staff until the end of the planned school year. Funds will also be used to purchase materials and supplies to provide families with the items needed to provide learning opportunities at home.

This plan was respectfully submitted by Julie Sheets, Meridian Public Schools' Early Intervention Coordinator on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.