

Frequently Asked Questions – Parents/Families

Globe Unified School District #1

*****The FAQ's will continually be developing and changing as new information is given and as we receive additional guidance. Options may change as well depending upon health and safety protocols, COVID spread, etc. This is a live, changing document and everything is subject to change as we are in unprecedented times. Thank you in advance for your flexibility, understanding and patience.*****

When does school start?

School will start on August 17, 2020 for all options: online, in-person and hybrid. If we receive further guidance from the state or if increased cases dictate changes we will notify all families.

How do I select an option?

Parents/families can select a student learning option by filling out the “Enrollment Options” form on our website, at school offices and through calls made to each student during the week of July 21, 2020.

How will I know which option my student gets placed in?

Our intent is to place students in the option that they selected. Communication will be given directly to families as to online training, in-person schedules and hybrid schedule/days as the beginning of school nears (similar to notification of teachers/schedules in past years).

If I choose the online option, will I be able to send my child to school later in the year?

Yes, students will be able to select a different option later in the year. However, we do ask for a one trimester commitment to online learning. Exceptions will be made on a need based case by case basis.

Will the school provide computers and/or internet for online students?

We have purchased remote learning devices and a limited number of internet hotspots to be loaned to students and families on a need basis. We cannot guarantee laptops and internet for each student but have purchased all that we can to try to provide every student that needs one access to laptops and internet. Laptops and internet will be checked-out on a student need basis through our technology department.

Will students that take TKO online option be able to play sports, attend club meetings, etc.?

Yes, students enrolled in TKO are still Globe students and will have the right to participate in any and all extra-curricular events, activities and athletics that happen as a part of Globe schools. Students enrolled in other online, public or charter schools are not permitted to participate in Globe extra-curricular activities or events.

We are new to online learning. How hard is it and will there be training for it?

GUSD will provide training for students and families so that they can better learn how to use our TKO system. The system is very easy to navigate, even for young students, once people are familiar with it. The TKO system also offers all students the ability to hear what is written which can help struggling and learning readers have success. Zoom meetings, webinars and written tutorials as well as one-on-one help with teachers will be offered to TKO students and families to help ensure success.

What will student accountability look like in TKO (online) academy?

Student attendance will be automatically logged by the system each day and in each class they work in. Students are expected to log-in daily M-TH as if they were in a regular classroom. Students will be accountable for the completion of assignments and will have interaction with Globe teachers.

I chose the hybrid option – can all my kids attend the same two days?

Yes, we will work to make sure that families are on the same hybrid daily schedule regardless of school that each family member attends.

What safety precautions will be put in place to keep all staff and students safe on campus?

We will take all reasonable safety precautions to keep our students and staff safe. Safety precautions include:

- The expectation of student and employee health assessments before leaving home
- The goal of health screenings when arriving on campus/busses
- The expectation of physical distancing
- Criteria for using personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face masks and shields
- Modified classroom configurations
- Limited movement of students throughout campus including modifying traffic patterns (one-way halls, etc.).
- Increased sanitization and cleaning (including hand sanitizing stations throughout campuses, germ foggers for classrooms and busses, etc.)
- Different lunch configurations

***Note: some changes will be school specific (for instance, Copper Rim elementary will have recess changes to allow for fewer students and physical distancing whereas GHS will not as they have no recess).

What will health checks look like for students? How long will it take?

Parents/families are asked to conduct health checks before sending a child to school. A teacher committee at each school worked to develop best practices for each school in regards to health checks and how they will look at each school. Ample thermometers and PPE (like gloves) have been purchased to assist in health checks. The Gila County Health Department will approve the health check plan prior to the beginning of school to insure necessity and effectiveness.

What if a child comes to school in-person and gets COVID-19, will they be able to join online learning for the rest of the trimester?

Yes, online learning will be available as an option to any student.

If a student goes to the nurse and has a fever of 101.0 will there be a quarantine area they will go to until their parents pick them up? What is the protocol if someone tests positive?

Our nursing staff will be using Gila County Health department guidelines to guide our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who are seen in the health office with a fever will be secluded and sent home ASAP. They will be asked to stay home for at least 72 hours past when the fever subsides without medicine. If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will be asked to follow the quarantine protocol of 14 days. Classmates and co-workers will be quarantined if advised to by the Health department. If not required to quarantine, staff and students will be asked to monitor for symptoms and follow current health guidelines. Health care will still be the responsibility of the nurse.

How will students be kept safe on busses?

Drivers, monitors and riders will be required to wear a face covering. The goal is for temperatures will be taken prior to getting on the bus. Students will sit in assigned seats, with family members if possible. Busses will be sanitized in the middle and at the end of the day.

Will my child have to wear a mask to come to school?

Yes, it will be required for students and staff to wear a protective face covering which could be a mask or face shield. This is based upon best safety practices and the Mayor's proclamation for the city of Globe. We will have limited numbers of masks and shields to provide to students should they need one or should something happen to theirs during the day. Parents should plan on providing masks/shields for their child(ren).

Is there a limit to the number of kids that can be in the cafeteria during lunches?

Breakfast and lunch will be handled differently based upon school need and based upon teacher input during the summer contingency planning meetings. All plans have the goal of following physical distancing guidelines.

Is there a set time that students must log-in if they select the online option?

There is no set time that a student must log-in during the day (i.e.: 9:00 a.m.) but students must log in at some point in the day and, if in middle or high school, log-in to each course at some point during the day to not be considered absent.

Will the online TKO academy be the same as the distance learning that happened from March to May of last year?

No, the TKO academy is a structured program where students will log into one place to attend all of their classes online. There will not be set packet pick-ups or different websites to go to depending upon teacher. All TKO classes are aligned with state standards and will be run by Globe teachers for our Globe students.

Will online students be able to talk to an actual teacher if they have questions?

Yes, our online students will have regular, daily access to Globe teachers. The online system has a chat option for quick, written responses to questions. Teachers will have office hours set up and meetings through Zoom can be set up between students and teachers as well.

Will there be any worksheets, workbooks or other hands-on items needed if the TKO option is selected?

There may be worksheets or workbooks that are utilized to assist in the learning process, especially in younger grades where letter and number formation is important. Parents will have the option to print the worksheets directly from the TKO system or can elect to have materials mailed to them ahead of time.

Will we be able to switch options at any time?

We ask for a one trimester commitment to any option (TKO, hybrid and in-person). All exceptions to this will be made on a case by case and need basis. We want our students to succeed and are aware that different options may not work for each student. If COVID cases dramatically increase in our community, the district/schools may have to re-design and postpone or eliminate options as well. This will be a time for great flexibility from all.

Can my student still get a school lunch/breakfast if I choose TKO or hybrid option?

Yes, your student can still receive school meals if they select the TKO or hybrid option. The student will have to be able to come to the school to receive the meal on the days that they are not physically learning on campus.

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