

Globe Unified School District #1

Learning Update – August 10, 2020

The Arizona Department of Health Services released metrics on Thursday, August 6, 2020 designed to help school districts determine whether or not schools should reopen for in-person learning. There are three health metrics that are used and Gila County was not able to meet all of the metrics. The metrics can be found at <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-schools>. As a school, we rely on the advice of health experts in making re-opening decisions regardless of whether one believes in the validity of the metrics.

The list below includes important information for GUSD students/families:

- The Arizona Department of Health Services has determined that it is not safe for schools in Gila County to reopen for in-person learning.
- Globe Schools will begin online/distance education on August 17, 2020 for all students.
- GUSD plans to remain in online/distance learning mode for six weeks (until September 28, 2020) while using the health metrics to determine any decisions that are made. A decision about whether or not school will re-open for in-person learning on September 28 will be made during the week of September 14th.
- Our online/distance learning program is designed for our Globe students. Globe teachers and staff will keep continual communication with students and families to make sure that learning is occurring and specialized needs will be met.
- We will begin handing out computers and hotspots this week for students that have stated they have a need on our enrollment option form. We have a large order of computers and hotspots coming that will not arrive until the first week of September (our country is facing supply chain issues with all of the increased need for remote learning devices). Please only request a remote learning device if you need one so that we can provide a device to as many students as possible, based on need first.
- All online/distance learning are based off lessons designed to meet state standards and teach students from a distance. This experience will be different from the spring. Our Globe teachers have the support of an established online learning program and will receive the training necessary to help facilitate the change to online education WHILE continuing to care about and be invested in EACH of our students.
- We will contact each student family if there is a documented need for specialized learning.
- Please call the school office if you need a specialized service or on-site support services. Copper Rim – 928-402-5800; High Desert – 928-402-5900 and Globe High School – 928-402-6100.
- We care about our students and families and are saddened that we are not able to open for in-person learning at this time. Please give us the opportunity to continue to educate your student. Our program is by GLOBE teachers for GLOBE students. Go Tigers!