



GARY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RETURN TO SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

The following information is a condensed representation of modifications listed in GISD's 2020-2021 Return to School Plan. These highlights do not encompass all changes just a select few that should be noted. GISD asks that you read the entire Return to School Plan to verify that you know all updates and modifications that may take place within this year. Thank you!

INSTRUCTION

Instruction will begin on August 12 and may take place two ways: On-Campus Learning and At-Home Learning. Parent commitment for instruction format must be given no later than July 29 at 5:00 pm. Student's instructional format cannot be altered until the end of the entire six weeks grading period.

	On-Campus Learning	At-Home Learning
Device	Chromebook will be checked out to all secondary students with a \$50 lending fee	Chromebook/iPads will be checked out to those requesting them with \$50 lending fee
Internet Service	Students will access GISD internet service	Households must provide internet service that can maintain streaming service
Learning Management System (LMS)	Google Classroom, DoJo, & SeeSaw	Google Classroom, DoJo, & SeeSaw
Daily Attendance	Attendance will be checked daily by teacher Attendance is required	Student must interact with the teacher through a synchronous Google Meet every day for each class Attendance is required
Curriculum/ Assignments	Content level TEKS- Will be high rigor and on grade level with accommodations for those in need	Content level TEKS- Will be high rigor and on grade level with accommodations for those in need



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Submitting Assignments	Assignments will be submitted through the LMS and/or directly to the teacher in the classroom	All assignments will be submitted through the LMS There will be no paper assignments distributed nor will assignments be submitted through text or email
Grading	Grading policies as outlined in the Student Handbook will be followed	Grading policies as outlined in the Student Handbook will be followed
Extracurricular Participation	Students who meet eligibility requirements ARE ELIGIBLE to participate in all extracurricular activities	Students are NOT eligible to participate in extracurricular activities
Instructional Support	Students will receive instructional support from the teacher in the classroom	Students will receive instructional support through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Synchronous office hours through Google Meet 2. Recorded Instructional Videos 3. Feedback through LMS 4. Email/Phone Call

Should a closure be required per governor, TEA, or COVID-19 need, students will continue to learn at home via virtual learning. Teachers will hold virtual class via Google Meet and students will be expected to complete assignments then submit through the appropriate LMS.



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HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

In an effort to prevent COVID-19 exposure, multiple modifications to the normal school day has been established.

Screening	<p>All visitors, staff, and students will receive a temperature check before entering the building.</p> <p>All staff will pre-screen with COVID-19 symptoms questionnaire before coming to work. All visitors & students will complete COVID-19 symptoms questionnaire before entering campus.</p> <p>Students should be pre-screened at home. Any student with a temperature at or above 100.0°F or any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent immediately back home and must be quarantined until meeting the return to campus criteria.</p> <p><u>Please do NOT send a sick child to school.</u></p>
Transportation	<p>Buses will run their regular route, but parents are asked to bring students to school if possible.</p> <p>Bus drivers will take temperatures of every student before allowing them on the bus. Those at or above 100.0°F will not be allowed to attend school that day.</p>
Cleaning/ Sanitizing	<p>Sanitizing stations will be in every classroom and at every entrance.</p> <p>All shared spaces and classrooms will be sanitized with an electrostatic disinfectant fogger daily.</p> <p>Buses will be sanitized with an electrostatic disinfectant fogger after each route.</p> <p>Staff are encouraged to clean student workspaces with cleaning wipes between classes, if feasible.</p> <p>Staff and students will be encouraged to frequently wash and/or sanitize hands throughout the day.</p>



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<p>Morning Procedures</p>	<p>To accommodate parents that can no longer send their student on the bus, but must leave early for work, the school will open at 7:00 am.</p> <p>All elementary students will enter the building through the cafeteria after a temperature check. Parents are asked to stay in their car and not leave until their student has been cleared to enter the building.</p> <p>Secondary students that eat breakfast will enter through the cafeteria as well. Secondary students that do not eat breakfast will enter through the main high school entrance.</p> <p>After 7:30 AM: Elementary students may enter through cafeteria, or a parent may walk them to the main entrance.</p> <p>Secondary students may enter through cafeteria only if eating. All other secondary students must enter through main high school entrance.</p>
<p>Masks</p>	<p>Face coverings will be required for staff when social distancing is not possible.</p> <p>Face coverings are required for all visitors entering the building.</p> <p>Students are asked to wear face coverings.</p>
<p>Shared Space Limitations</p>	<p>Cafeteria – All classes will eat in the cafeteria with social distancing present.</p> <p>Library – Teachers and librarian will collaborate to set up appointments for the entire class to enter the library. Individual students will make book requests via a form, and the librarian will deliver them on a mobile cart.</p> <p>Playground – Students in grades PK-1st will use playground equipment with sanitization between use. All students may use the practice field for recess activities and outdoor PE.</p>



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Shared Space Limitations	<p>Restrooms – Capacity with appropriate social distancing will be communicated to all students and staff. Those individuals waiting for the restroom will wait in the hallway using proper social distancing. Administrators and teachers will monitor bathrooms as much as possible to limit overcrowding.</p> <p>Hallways – Elementary students will transition in the hallway one grade level at a time. This means if 1st grade is in the hallway 2nd grade must wait to transition. Secondary students will stay to the far right of the hallway to maintain as much social distance as possible.</p>
COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure	<p>Should a person have symptoms of or lab-confirmed with COVID-19 they must meet ALL 3 of the following eligibility to return to campus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. At least 1 day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (no fever without the use of fever reducing medications), and2. You have improved in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.), and3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first occurred <p>Should a person determine they were in close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, they must remain off campus until the full 14-day incubation period has passed.</p> <p>Close contact includes being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask) or being within 6 ft for a duration of 15 minutes while not wearing a mask.</p> <p>Please see our COVID-19 Flowchart for more determination information.</p>