

Back to School Blended Learning Plan

GVSD School Opening Plan:

1. School will begin on August 18 in Lowman and August 24th in Garden Valley with students having an option to be at the school, be part of the class from home via real-time live Google Meet feed or by taking IDLA classes paid for by the district. Some people may have made other plans for homeschool programs and our school choices are separate from those. Students would not be allowed to move back and forth between in school and online school during a quarter unless illness mandates a student stays home after school has started. New student registration will be open at the school from August 10 thru August 12. High school students have already been scheduled by Mrs. Johnson who met with the students and parents. Students in 9-12 can check Lumens now for their new schedules. There should be very few changes as the students and parents already agreed on the individual schedule. The main office will be open beginning August 3.
2. Students who attend at the school: Masks will be encouraged, but not required. Parents who require that their children wear masks need to provide them and notify the school so that we know to help make that happen (in survey). Staff will be issued masks and shields and it will be at their discretion if they wear them or not. Students and parents will need to sign a waiver of liability (view on website) that they know there are risks sending their children to school. If they are not in school but playing sports, the waiver needs to be signed as well. No one should expect or believe that social distancing will be taking place all of the time. Teachers will arrange classrooms for good air flow, sanitation and student private space, but 6' will never be able to be guaranteed in the class, hallways or at recess. We will try to make sure students are not on top of each other anytime that we have students lining up for busses, recess, going to activities, etc.; but that really is all that can be guaranteed. We will try to make common sense decisions on how to keep students safe without infringing on some of their individual needs of socialization and interactions with staff. You will let us know your choice via the survey we send out.
3. Students attending all day via Google Meet from home: The technology challenges that some students/families faced last Spring will be addressed and provided for by the district. There are state and federal funds available for us to use to provide for home connectivity for those who had issues last time. We would need to know immediately who those are so we can see what kind of issue it is and how to get the service to you (in survey). Students taking live classes via Google Meet from home will need to be wearing earphones at all times during classes as the house noises will conflict with the ability of others to hear everything. The school will provide the

headphones. We will also need to know who needs those as many students already have some type of ear buds or headphones. All students will be issued a school Chromebook. Applications are login specific. I-Station and similar apps are loaded by student login. Teachers should include in Google Classroom all of the links to websites that students will need to access for instruction. Students may choose to use their own laptops however; some apps such as I-Station will have to be loaded at home. Instructions on the process of installation will be included in the Google Classroom. We will survey for information for your specific student needs.

4. IDLA choice: The district will pay for a student taking all day IDLA courses for their entire specific grade per term. IDLA now has options for K-12 curriculum. Let us know in survey.
5. In School Food Service: Our food service supervisor, Debbie Updike, does an amazing job always keeping our food service and eating area as sanitary as possible. We will not be serving a salad bar this year. Breakfasts, break time, and lunches have always been staggered, so students should not see much difference. Elementary will be eating breakfast in classrooms as it is a more efficient than before. Tables are sanitized between groups eating so no student would eat at a table that hasn't been sanitized after a previous student. Students may experience spacing in lining up for lunch but will not have a social distance while eating. Small space, but definitely not six feet.
6. Instructional Delivery Methods and Communication----Suggestions from Committee and Parents to be followed:
 - a. Parents and students will be trained in technology needed for Google Meet.
 - b. There will be a consistency of file names and Lumens entry so that there will not be confusion for a parent trying to check student progress in Lumens.
 - c. Expectations from the teacher for in class and Meet on line for appropriate behaviors will be clearly defined.
 - d. Parents will receive phone calls or emails from teachers for any issues in a timely manner. Never should a student be more than two assignments or Lumens entries behind before being notified by the teacher. Teachers will only put in grade entries for those assignments that have been handed out; not future assignments.
 - e. Teachers will suggest appropriate behavior changes for any student who is online and misbehaving. If behavior continues, child will be disconnected from class that day and the teacher will contact the parent.
 - f. Students on line are accountable all day. A student is absent if the teacher can not see the student's face on line during all times of instruction. A student not present at the beginning of class, but signs in later is tardy or absent

depending on time away from class. Rules for tardiness and absences are same as in previous years.

- g. Teachers will update gradebooks in Lumens in a timely manner and will never be behind more than 2 entries. Make up of assignment rules will stay the same as in previous years.

7. Special Education and At Risk Students

- a. Paras exposure will be as limited as much as possible if students behavior with touching paras is unacceptable.
- b. Masks will be worn by those students whose parents provide them and want them worn by their student.
- c. We will be postponing Pre-K until later as we need to know what is working and get them identified for their special needs in order to offer it.
- d. There will be paperwork involved because those using online will need modifications made in their IEP or an addendum for the specific COVID purpose.
- e. Ms. Mathiason will be contacting Special Education parents to find out if they are planning to send their student to school or want an at home option. Some parents may still opt out of Special Education services.
- f. The School will provide school supplies for those At Risk students in need.
- g. Clothing, cleaners and personal care items will be provided for those who are in need at school as well as those using the distance learning.

8. Health Issues, PPE's and Parent Student Training:

- a. Masks encouraged—not required
- b. There will be plexi-glass dividers in some common areas; i.e. at the counter in the office.
- c. We will deal with any identified cases of COVID of a teacher or student as outlined in the COVID information documents that can be found on our website at www.gvsd.net. There will be two files: 1. COVID Information and Communication, and 2. Idaho Back to School Framework that was provided by the SBOE.
- d. There will be a list for a parent to refer to so they know if their child should be going to school or not. A child showing up sick at school will be isolated and a parent called to pick up right away. The school will not be taking temperatures of all students when they arrive. Parents should be doing that before they send their student to school. If thermometers are an issue, please let us know via the survey.
- e. Nurse Kahre and Mr. Johnshoy will be creating a document or presenting information to all students and parents about sanitation and safety that should be used all of the time, not just for this virus.

9. School Sanitation and Classroom Setup:

- a. We already have soap and water stations in the building, but we will be adding an additional one in the lunch room. Sanitizers will be available in classrooms and numerous other areas.
- b. Many parents are concerned about over use of sanitizers and we will be encouraging soap and water cleansing as the first option if possible.
- c. Our custodial crew always has done a great job of cleaning and sanitation. They will be cleaning as they normally have with each teacher sanitizing desks between classes or uses. The crew will be doing a deep clean on Fridays. An air mister will be purchased and used for sanitizing rooms daily.
- d. Students will have individual school supplies and there will not be shared bins for students to get supplies from. At home students will be given any extra materials that are needed for a specific lesson that the students will be doing in class.
- e. As mentioned previously, classrooms will be organized with as much space as possible between students, but that is not possible in all rooms.
- f. A transparent water bottle will be given to all students so that they can refill from the dispenser. Students need to take them home daily for cleaning and bring them back the next day. Bottles must be refilled from the bottle water dispensers as the regular water fountains will be disabled. All students will need to be using a transparent bottle for anything they are drinking at school. That has been in the policy but not enforced previously.
- g. Some students will have some instructors come to their normal classroom to provide for their extra subjects; i.e. P.E. to take them outside, but students will still be moving about in between classes and at breaks/recesses.
- h. Teachers will have the authority to have students wash hands or use sanitizer if the situation warrants. They cannot request or require students to wear masks.

10. Athletics

- a. Travel may be limited if games are being played where COVID numbers are high.
- b. We will allow attendance for the crowds to be the same as previously, encouraging safe spacing as much as possible. Some schools have gone with no fans allowed or only the immediate family of the home player may attend. There could be some rules made by the league that could affect our decision to stay the same with attendance.
- c. We are looking to a fresh air machine that works as a personal sprayer for those playing sports and request that protection
- d. Our busses allow for at least one seat per player on our teams for away games. The bus company actually gets to determine the bus seating situation.

- f. The IHSAA document that is giving guidance on all sports is also posted on our website.

11. Transportation

- a. Busses will be disinfected 2 times daily and after every trip.
- b. All drivers will have masks made available to them, but they are not required to wear them.
- c. Routes will run as they previously have unless an adjustment need arises.
- d. If a bus driver or student becomes ill, the bus will be sanitized and out of commission for at least 24 hours.
- e. Bus drop off and pickup will change. Busses will be dropping off and picking up at the back of the school. This was the designated spot when the building was built but was changed for some reason. I have always worried about the kids who are being picked up or dropped off and are running in between busses to get to and from the school.
- f. Parent drop off and pick up will happen along the curb at the front of the school. Parents/guardians will stay in their cars and children will then leave the building to go with them. If a parent is picking up a child early, they can press the intercom button, saying who they need to pick up and sign the sign out sheet by the buzzer. The secretary will then send the child/children to your car. This will alleviate all of the congregating in the foyer by parents waiting to pick up their kids, will limit as much outside spread as possible, and be a safer pickup zone than they have had previously.