



## **High School Re-Opening Plan (Subject to change based on guidance from NYS)**

**August 2021**

### **COVID-19 UPDATES & EXPECTATIONS**

The COVID 19 pandemic continues to be a challenge for schools, families, and our community. GCCHS continues to strive to maintain a healthy environment for all students. As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, we have tailored a plan based on the feedback from the past year from parents, teachers, and our community.

#### **Guidance Documents:**

We used the documents released from the State Education Department from June 7, 2021, July 9, 2021, July 30, 2021, and August 5, 2021 to base our decisions.

The family survey data was sent to families on July 12, 2021 and we have almost 70 families responding.

Our highlights from the survey:

- Approximately 52% of our families are requesting masks for all students and teachers vaccinated or not.
- 85% of our parents are willing to let the school know whether or not their child has received the vaccine.
- Most of our students plan on eating in school for breakfast and lunch
- Parents want their students back in school 5 days a week.
- Parents want the normal activities to resume (clubs, sports, prom, etc.)

## **Transportation**

- Students must follow all bus rules set forth by the bus company.
- Buses will resume with full loads of students, 5 days a week
- Students will be mandated to wear masks on the bus

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

- Students will be directed to either the cafeteria or the gym upon arrival. Students should be wearing their masks at all times.
- Breakfast will be served from 7:15 AM - 7:45 AM.
- Students will be dismissed at the end of the day by the bell, and will exit through the front doors for walkers and pick-ups and the side door for bus riders.

## **Health Screenings**

- There will be no health screenings this year per the CDC requirements.
- If either students or staff do not feel well, they should remain home and contact the school.

## **Entering the Building**

- All students will enter in the morning through the side doors (walkers, car riders, and bus riders.)
- If a student is tardy, they must go to the main doors and sign in at the office.
- Staff may enter through the side door by the gym or the front doors.
- Visitors must come to the main doors and sign in with the front office.

## **Lockers and Hallways**

- Students will have access to their lockers
- Students must wear masks while at their lockers and in the hallways
- Students will be directed to not linger at lockers or in the hallways, but to quickly get their stuff and move on.

## **Social Emotional Learning**

- The first day of school will be a full day orientation program for students. This will help build community, re-establish our students, and get everyone ready for the new school year. The schedule will be sent to teachers later in August.
- The second day of school, students will follow their schedules. Teachers will give out their syllabus, go over their classroom expectations, and then spend the rest of the period building classroom communities (talking to students, getting to know each other activities, etc.)
- The days will go A day, A day, with the following Tuesday being our first B day.
- Teachers will use their PLC/Safe and Civil groups as a buddy system. These teachers will be around to support you throughout the year, help you through any concerns, and check in on you throughout the year.
- New teachers will be assigned a mentor.

## **Benchmarking/Testing**

- Benchmarks should be given the second or third week of school. This will be the baseline data for the year and should be short (one period or less).
- Benchmarks will be given every quarter thereafter with the midterms in January having your focus standards in the exam.
- eDoctrina should be used for all benchmarks and mid-terms for ease of data.



- Teachers will attach standards to all unit tests to continue to monitor any academic losses and areas of growth needed for students.

## **Mask Breaks**

- Students are allowed to take mask breaks throughout the day, but are expected to wear masks when not on a break.
- Mask breaks will be given at the discretion of the teacher.
- Staff are encouraged to take mask breaks when alone in their rooms.
- All staff and students should be in masks unless they are on a quick break or alone in their rooms.

## **Agendas/Passes**

- Agendas with hall passes included have been ordered for the students. They should be used anytime a student wants to leave the classroom.

## **Bathrooms**

- Students will follow the same procedures as last year for the bathrooms.
- We will allow no more than 1 student in the bathroom at a time.
- Teachers may allow 1 male and 1 female student out at a time for the bathroom
- Students must have a pass to use the bathroom.
- The nurse will let you know of anyone with special bathroom needs.

## **Classrooms**

- Students should report to their classes on time.
- Masks should be worn at all times, unless on a mask break.
- Students should be 3 feet apart from each other (nose to nose).
- Set your classroom expectations with students.
- Continue to use Safe and Civil and ACHIEVE for your classroom management.
- Students who are tardy to classes, not school, should follow our Start on Time Procedures and report to ISS for a late pass.



### **Cafeteria (Based on current knowledge and expectations, may change)**

- Students will sit 4 to a table with the plexiglass dividers up.
- Places will be clearly marked.
- Students must remain seated, and will be required to wear masks when not sitting in their spot.
- Masks must be worn when entering the cafeteria, exiting the cafeteria, and while in line to get lunch.
- Our lunch times will remain 11:00 - 11:30, 11:45 - 12:15, and 12:30 - 1:00.
- Lunch will still be pre packaged until further guidance is given.
- The faculty room is still available for all teachers to eat in.

### **Addressing COVID Related Symptoms**

- If a student or staff member presents with COVID related symptoms, the teacher should contact the nurse immediately for further guidance.
- The nurse will assess the situation and then make a recommendation. If the nurse is not available, the Principal or Assistant Principal will make the necessary decision.
- If a staff member starts to feel sick, they should contact the nurse and the main office in order to secure a substitute teacher.
- We will continue to use our contact tracing protocol from the 2020-2021 school year.