



Greenville Public School District

Dr. Debra Dace, Superintendent

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Stakeholders of the Greenville Public School District

In the GPSD, our focus for the 2020-2021 school year will continue to be on the **5S Movement (Safety, Supervision, and Scores = Student Success)**. Due to the onset of COVID-19, **Safety** is a major priority this school year. With that being said, the GPSD Board of Trustees and I will always strive to make decisions that are in the best interest of students, staff and other stakeholders while understanding that those decisions may not always be the most popular decisions. Nonetheless, let me take this opportunity to say thank you for your support and understanding during these difficult and unprecedented times.

Based on the current statistics regarding the number of COVID-19 cases in Washington County and the safety mandates in the city of Greenville, the Greenville Public School District Board of Trustees voted on how school would resume for students on August 10, 2020. In making the decision, the Board of Trustees considered the health and safety of students and staff as the ultimate goal was to ensure that the best educational opportunities for students would be provided.

The Decision

After careful deliberation, the GPSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to resume school virtually as part of Phase I of the GPSD **"Destination Safe Re-Entry"** Plan. This means that the district will implement district-wide **virtual (online) learning** for ALL students during the 1st- Nine Weeks grading period (*August 10 – October 12, 2020*). During the board meeting, the GPSD Board of Trustees also voted to amend the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Please note the following:

Teachers Return: August 4, 2020

Students Return: August 10, 2020 - All students Pre-Kindergarten - 12th (**Virtually/Online**)

Board Meeting Update: September 22, 2020 – The GPSD Board of Trustees will review the most recent COVID-19 statistical data to consider the continuation plan for the 2020-2021 school year

"Destination Safe Re-Entry"

This plan was developed to provide guidance for stakeholders as it relates to returning to school. It will be updated and shared on the GPSD website and other media platforms in the very near future.

Online Registration

We are currently implementing Online Registration for **ALL students** in the GPSD (**New and Returning**). Information needed to complete online registration can be found on the GPSD website www.gvillepublicschoolsdistrict.com. The links for registering students can be found on the GPSD Website and parents who need assistance with this process can contact their child's base school for support. It is **imperative** that students are registered for school before August 5, 2020 or sooner so that we can plan effectively for teaching and learning. For additional information regarding registration, please contact your child's base school or Pam Dillard at 662-334-7000 (pdillard@gville.k12.ms.us).



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Compulsory Attendance Law

Students who are considered compulsory (ages 6 -17) are **required to attend school**. Additionally, a child, five (5) years of age, who is enrolled in kindergarten becomes compulsory and parents must abide by state regulations as well. Therefore, we strongly encourage parents to work with school officials to meet the needs of their child(ren). With that being said, please work diligently to make sure that students are registered and attend classes virtually on a regular basis.

Attendance

The MS Department of Education has provided guidance regarding modified attendance expectations and the GPSD will develop procedures and protocols to ensure compliance. Additional information will be shared with parents/students upon finalization of those plans. However, please note that schools will record attendance in SAM Spectra for students on a daily basis. As it stands, in order for your child to be marked present, they must be in attendance for the class meeting as will be outlined in the class syllabus or welcome letter.

Grading

The current GPSD grading policy will be implemented as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. Specified assignments will be reviewed for grading purposes. Teachers will work diligently to ensure adequate engagement activities during the virtual setting and monitor student participation accordingly. Please note that teachers may assign grades based on student engagement during online classes as well as participation in other assigned learning opportunities (i.e. i-Ready, MyOn, USA TestPrep, A+ Learning). Students who have prescribed modifications and accommodations will be provided support accordingly.

Assignments

Students will be required to complete assignments as determined by the teacher and outlined in the *Canvas Platform*. Assignments will be graded based on our current policy and grades will be accessible in SAM Spectra via ActiveParent.

Learning Management System

The district will use Canvas and/or Teams to manage student assignments, student calendars, course content and provide resource documents. Training opportunities for parents and students will be implemented prior to the beginning of the school year.

Syllabus/Course Learning Plan

Each student and parent will receive a syllabus or course learning plan that outlines the expectations for all students in the course or grade by Nine Weeks. It will include important dates, deadlines, guidance for makeup work, major test requirements, enrichment materials, and other details needed for students to be successful in their class(es).

Uniforms

During the implementation of Phase I (Virtual Learning), students will not need uniforms but will be expected to dress appropriately while participating in online zoom (and similar) sessions that will provide opportunities for students and teachers to view each other via video camera. However, in the event that we return to school, the intent is for uniforms to be required based on our policy. Therefore, I encourage parents to purchase uniforms when they can.

School Supplies

At this time, we strongly encourage parents to provide needed supplies for student use at home (**i.e. paper, pencil**). **To assist with further needs**, teachers will provide guidance regarding resources needed for students as they complete assignments. However, the recommended supply list is not currently required.

Student Handbook

The policies and procedures outlined in the student handbook will apply to online virtual learning environments as well. To access the 2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbook, please visit the GPSD website www.gvillepublicschooldistrict.com



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Child Nutrition

During the Virtual Learning Phase, Breakfast and Lunch will be provided based on the plan used during summer feeding. We plan to provide meal bundles for the week. It is our plan to provide meals at school sites for pickup as well as deliver meals to students accordingly. Additional information regarding the protocol and schedule for feeding will be provided prior to the start of school.

Technology Information

The GPSD currently has a limited number of technology devices to provide to students. Therefore, we ask that parents reach out to schools if they need a device and school principals will provide guidance accordingly. Please visit our **Destination Safe Re-Entry** page for additional updates regarding technology.

Connectivity (Internet Access)

The GPSD will use several methods to provide internet access to students across the city:

1. School Bus Wifi (Cradlepoints) will be available in designated areas (a map will be posted on our website to indicate available sites throughout the city)
2. School Site public access sites (information will be posted on our website)
3. Mifi (Hotspot) Devices - Limited number of devices available – contact your school principal

Athletics and Activities

Currently, the GPSD has not approved the implementation of Athletics and Activities. As the board considers the return of athletics and other activities, they will seek guidance from the Mississippi Department of Health and the Mississippi High School Activities Association. We will continue to provide updates accordingly.

#TeamGPSD will continue to update our Re-Entry Plan and provide guidance to families accordingly. Please continue to follow us on our social media platforms and GPSD website. You can also contact us at askgpsd@gville.k12.ms.us if you have any questions.

School Contacts

School Name	School Number	Principal/Director
Akin Elementary	662-334-7181	Dr. Kandace Jernigan
Armstrong Elementary	662-334-7121	Yolanda Johnson
Boyd Elementary	662-334-7166	Brigetta Sims
McBride Pre-K	662-334-8100	Dr. Tamalyn Williams
Stern Elementary	662-334-7131	Dr. Eddie Springfield
Trigg Elementary	662-334-7177	Deshanda Riley
Webb Prep	662-334-7146	Debra Reeves
Weddington Elementary	662-334-7101	Vanessa Wigfall
Coleman Middle	662-334-7036	Dr. Wanda Merritt
T.L. Weston Middle	662-334-7080	Walter McDavid
Greenville High School	662-334-7063	Tarrinasha Jones
Greenville Technical Center	662-334-7171	Kavarica Whitley