

Dear Harold W. Smith Families,



We are very excited and eager to welcome students back to school for in-person learning **on our projected dates the week of October 19, 2020.**

We will be returning under the following hybrid model:

- A/B Schedule
- Monday and Thursday by last name of A-L (projected first day of school, Oct. 19th)
- Tuesday and Friday by last name of M-Z (projected first day of school, Oct. 20th)
- 5-hour school days on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to allow for less exposure
- Start times follow the traditional calendar, ending times will be modified (8:15-1:15)
- Independent Distance Learning Wednesdays (8:15-12:15)

Please read through this document as it has important information regarding the reopening of school and provides guidance for families as they prepare students.

Masks and Social Distancing

Universal masking means that all staff & students have their masks on at all times, except for meal times, and to drink water. *Hands must be cleaned before & after removing the mask. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.*

- If a student is not wearing their mask properly or takes it off and refuses to put it back on, staff will ask them to put it on properly.
- If the behavior continues, parents will be contacted.

For repeat behaviors, an office discipline referral may be necessary, and we will work with each student individually to determine what is causing the defiance, build skills, and correct behaviors.

Entering and Exiting Campus

Students may enter campus no earlier than 7:45 a.m. Students may pick up breakfast near the entrance gates if they like, then report directly to their classrooms.

The safety and well-being of our children, staff and families is our highest priority. In order to ensure safety, we have made some changes to our drop off/arrival procedures as well as our pick up/dismissal procedures. These new procedures will allow for multiple entrance and exit points during arrivals and dismissal times, minimizing the number of people at any given location.

Click [here](#) to read our specific drop off and pick up procedures and view our school map.

Breakfast and Lunch

Free breakfast will be served for all students, in a grab and go method for students as they enter the gates, from 7:45-8:15 a.m. It is important that students arrive to school on time so they can eat breakfast. Students will be expected to wash hands before eating breakfast. Individual desk shields will be used when students are eating breakfast at their desk.

Free lunch will be served for all students. Lunch will be eaten in their classrooms. Teachers will take students to the cafeteria to pick up their lunch and return to their classrooms to eat. Students will be expected to wash hands before eating lunch. Individual desk shields will be used when students are eating lunch at their desk.

Chromebooks

Students are expected to bring their charged GESD-issued Chromebooks to and from school each day. If a student did not pick up a district issued Chromebook, one will be issued to them. Students are responsible to take the device home each evening to charge.

Transitions

Students are expected to maintain social distance and travel on the right-hand side of the hallways and walkways when moving on campus, and use the designated paths and doors as marked.

Visitors

The District will limit nonessential visitors and volunteers. Parents coming to campus will report to the front office and not go beyond unless it is for the safety & well-being of their child. Parents must follow all safety protocols including physically distancing and wearing a face mask.

Health Office

Any student exhibiting COVID like symptoms will be evaluated by our school nurse. She will then communicate with the student's family.

Attendance

If you need to report your student absent, please call our 24-hour attendance line at 623-237-4306.

