



Gresham Middle School is committed to providing the safest and healthiest learning environment possible for our students and staff. The following precautions will be implemented:

### **Virtual Learning**

Enrollment period for students for the virtual learning option will be open July 15-July 22.

- The process for students who choose the virtual option:
  1. School will identify what courses are on the student's current schedule.
  2. Virtual classes will be offered by Gresham.
  3. Our goal will be to schedule a virtual class by a Gresham teacher.
  4. If scheduling cannot accommodate a virtual class by a Gresham teacher, we will recommend a district wide QUEST course.
  5. A student schedule may include a virtual class by a Gresham teacher and a district QUEST teacher.
- Consideration will be given to keep a student assigned to a team so that the team teachers can deliver the virtual option.
- The school day for virtual learning will occur primarily between 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
- Students will be enrolled in the virtual learning program for a full semester. If a student returns to us in January, that student will need to continue with the coursework from the 1<sup>st</sup> semester since we are a year-long school.

### **Safety**

- There are 3 primary models of safety precautions which can be announced as a district or school based. If school was to start today, we would be in the yellow category. The category will remain the same unless communicated otherwise by the district.
- All students and staff will have a temperature check before entering the schoolhouse daily. Temperature checks will occur at the following areas:
  1. 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Teams A/B) main doors
  2. 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Team C) top parking lot entrance
  3. 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Team A and Split) original entrance

4. 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Team B) gym entrance
5. 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Team A) lower front entrance
6. 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Team B) lower side entrance

- All staff will be required to help perform temperature checks on a rotating basis. If a student or staff has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, that person will be asked to leave premises immediately. Students will wait in an isolated room until parent pickup. The school nurse will then do a self-check with the student.
- Staff will do a self-care checklist daily before homeroom.
- Visitors inside the school will be limited. We will be offering a curbside option for student check out.
- Physical distancing of six feet in all areas when possible. However, due to the limitations of classrooms and class enrollment, six feet may not always be feasible.
- Students and staff are required to wear masks at all times. Masks will be available the first week in the office while supplies last.
- No mass gatherings of students such as assemblies or grade/team meetings. All athletics will follow TMSAA guidelines.

### **School Support Services**

- Gresham Middle Administration/teachers and Virtual School Administration/teachers will continue to provide all support services to our students and parents (e.g., IEP, 504, ELL, etc).

### **School Day**

- We will have 3 lunch times (e.g., 6<sup>th</sup> grade/7<sup>th</sup> grade/8<sup>th</sup> grade). Large areas such as the cafeteria, gym, large classrooms and other areas determined by administration will be utilized to physical distance.
- Arrival procedures for the school day:
  1. doors open at 7:30A.M.
  2. students enter at different areas and based on grade band (visibly marked)
  3. temperature checks at student entry points
  4. students are expected to report to team area and not congregate in hallways
  5. students will have the opportunity to get a grab and go breakfast in team areas then enter the early bus room until 8:00 and then proceed to homeroom. Students are expected to report directly to Homeroom and not congregate during this transition.
  6. students will not be issued a locker.

- Transitions will be limited throughout the day.

We are excited about having students back in the schoolhouse. We understand that every parent needs to make a decision that best fits their situation for their family. If you are not comfortable with the learning environment at Gresham Middle School for in person learning, we encourage you to select the virtual option. This is especially important in regards to wearing masks. If you do not want to wear a mask, virtual learning is for you. If you select in person learning, you are committing to wearing a mask while at Gresham Middle School. Those students who experience difficulty wearing a mask will be physically distant from other students wearing masks.

We will review and modify our plan as necessary.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement during the most chaotic time in my principal ship. We love our Gresham students, staff and community!

After reviewing this document as well as the district guidelines, feel free to contact me with questions at [donna.parker@knoxschools.org](mailto:donna.parker@knoxschools.org).

Kind regards,  
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