

GCHS Fall 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

How will learning for Fall 2020 be different from learning in Spring 2020?

- Our goal is to open schools virtually with a schedule that is as close to normal as possible.
- Students will have a consistent instructional schedule of four blocks.
- The week will include four days of live, face-to-face online instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Wednesdays will be used for independent learning and remediation. Teachers will be available with office hours from 8-11.
- Learning will be interactive between teacher and students.
- All student work will be graded.
- Students and parents will notice a more rigorous and engaging online learning experience with greater connections for all students.

What is the virtual learning schedule?

- **7:30**..... Teachers Arrive at School
- **8:15 – 9:25**..... 1st Block
- **9:25 – 9:35**..... Break
- **9:35 – 10:45**..... 2nd Block
- **10:45 – 11:30**..... Lunch
- **11:30 – 12:40**..... 3rd Block
- **12:40 – 12:50**..... Break
- **12:50 – 2:00**..... 4th Block
- **2:00 – 3:00**..... Teacher Planning
- **3:00** Faculty Dismissal

How will attendance be considered?

- Attendance is required.
- Teachers will take attendance during each block.
- If students need to be absent from class, parents should complete the Online Attendance Form on the school website at gchs.scottsschools.com
- For an excused absence, all assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. on each Friday. (If additional time is needed for an excused absence, please contact the teacher to request a total of five days.)
- Doctor notes may be uploaded to the online attendance form on the school website.

How will students begin online instruction?

- The first day of school is August 24, 2020.
- Students will receive their schedule in the mail, along with a list of frequently asked questions.
- Students need to check their school email before the first day of school.
- Each student will receive a welcome email on 8/20/20 from their teachers.
- The email will contain the Google Classroom code with login information.

Will lunch be provided to students in need?

- Please contact the school office if you would like to request school lunches.

Will students be allowed to request schedule changes?

- Students will have until 8/28/20 to make schedule changes.
- It would be beneficial to make any changes before the first day of school.

Will students need textbooks?

- Teachers will advise if students need textbooks. A pick-up date will be arranged.

What is the Blue Devil Commitment?

- The Blue Devil Commitment is a promise to protect others and ourselves by doing our part to be safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all have a personal responsibility to protect our health and contribute to the safety of our school and community.
- Here's how you can help:
 - Wear a cloth face covering
 - Wash hand frequently with soap and water
 - Use hand sanitizer
 - Practice social distancing
 - Monitor personal health on a daily basis
- Being a Blue Devil is grounded in tradition. Let's build on that tradition by acting with courage to protect our friends, families, and community.

What if a student does NOT have Internet access at home?

- Contact the school immediately
- Instruction may need to be provided on paper and/or jump drive

What does my child need to learn at home?

- A place free of distractions
- Chromebook and charger
- Desk or table would be beneficial

Will the teacher and other students be able to see my child on Google Meet?

- The teacher and other students can see your child if the camera is turned on.
- Dress appropriately.
- Students are expected to follow the GCHS dress code.

How do I let the school know if my child will be absent from school (remote learning)?

- If your child will be absent from online learning (including tardy or early dismissal), use the attendance form on the school website at gchs.scottschools.com
- Doctor notes may also be uploaded on this link
- If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the school at (276)386-7522
- Doctor notes may also faxed to (276)386-2695

What rules apply to online learning?

- Students are expected to behave in an appropriate manner.
- Students are also expected to follow all rules and procedures of GCHS and teachers.

How do parents complete the back to school forms?

- All forms will be linked to the GCHS website at gchs.scottschools.com
- Please complete the Student Information form.
- Please complete the Identification of Military Connected Students form.
- Forms are due by 8/28/20.

What should I do if my Chromebook stops working?

- If your Chromebook stops working, bring it to the school as soon as possible.
- We will need a name, phone number, and description of the problem..