

Gravette PK-5 ONSite Instruction

Glenn A. Duffy Elementary and Gravette Upper Elementary are excited to welcome our students back to campus. Our schools will follow current Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Guidelines to ensure student safety, and will return to as normal a setting as possible.

School will:



Be Safe

- A pre-screening checklist will be provided to parents and students to complete each morning before coming to school. Thank you in advance for your partnership in protecting the health and safety of all of our students and staff by keeping your child at home if they do not pass the pre-screening assessment.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.
- High traffic, high touch surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer each time they enter a new space.
- School buses will be cleaned between morning and afternoon routes as well as at the end of each day or trip.
- All personal belongings and devices will be used by individual students only.
- Pre-K parents will walk students to the south door of Glenn Duffy and meet a teacher for drop off. Parents will be required to call for pickup and students will be brought to the door. If for some reason a parent is unable to call for pickup, they may pull up to the south door and someone will provide assistance.
- Face Coverings - The Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Disease Control, and the American Academy of Pediatrics all strongly encourage the use of face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
 - Face coverings can be masks, gaiters, face shields, etc. If you are not sure if your child's face covering is acceptable, please reach out to your child's school office.
 - All students will wear a face covering when riding a school bus or district transportation since physical distancing will not be feasible.
 - Adults and students grade 5 and above will wear face coverings when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible. (School entry, exit, hallways, bathroom). Students in grades K-4 are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible. This requirement follows the CDC recommendation that people 10 years old and up wear a face covering to ensure

their safety. And that children ages 2-10 are strongly encouraged to do so, when appropriate. Teachers will make every effort to keep students physically distanced in the classroom, to reduce the need for face coverings. When safe physical distancing of students is not possible, students will be expected to wear their face covering. Any parent who wants their child to wear face covering at all times is welcome to make that request known to their child's teacher.

- If students maintain physical distancing on the playground, face coverings will not be required. The CDC's definition of an individual who has had close personal contact is closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. Staff members who are supervising students on the playground will be responsible for monitoring this. Any parent who wants their child to wear face covering while on the playground is welcome to make that request known to their child's teacher.
- Students may remove face-covering once seated at their lunch table.
- Exceptions to face-covering requirements will be made for those for whom it is not possible due to medical conditions, disability impact, or other health or safety factors. Face coverings should not be used on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious; or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face-covering without assistance. For those with specific health conditions that require they not wear a face covering, a physician's note shall be provided to the school nurse.
- Face covering breaks will occur throughout the day. Breaks will occur when students can be six feet apart and ideally outside.



Provide High Quality Instruction

- Focus will be on mastery of essential standards.
- Teachers will assess students for gaps in learning due to spring Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI).
- Emphasis will be on personalized instruction.
- Scheduling will allow for remediation in each subject area.
- One-to-One technology will be provided by the district. The Gravette School District utilizes Chromebooks for our students' devices. An order has been placed for additional Chromebooks that will allow us to provide a Chromebook for each student this school year.
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans will be followed.



Elevate. Engage. Inspire. **Be Engaging**

Students will have the opportunity to interact with peers by:

- Interacting with teachers and peers and working collaboratively in safe ways within the classroom.
- Attending lunch outside of the classroom on a regular basis.
- Attending recess.
- Attending special activity classes (art, music, PE, computer, library).



Be Flexible

- One-to-One technology.
- Options for students to shift to temporary remote learning as needed.
- We will work with students and families to meet unique individual needs.



Have Open Communication

- Three way communication is critical.
- A variety of communication formats will be used to inform parents on a regular basis about safety, learning, and transition information.
- Resources will be provided to parents.
- Parents are asked to call/email the school each day in the event of a student absence.
- Please reach out to us with any questions you have concerning our ONSite instruction.

FAQs

What are the benefits of onsite instruction versus online instruction? *While we understand the need for some families to choose online instruction due to safety concerns or family health issues, our preference would be to have all children onsite receiving direct instruction from our educators. Relationships with teachers and peers, Immediate feedback, social interactions, and daily structure are just a few of the benefits of onsite instruction. That doesn't mean that online instruction won't be best for some learners! Our online instructors will be working collaboratively with our onsite educators to closely align student learning. We intend to provide high quality instruction to all of our students - both ONline and ONSite!*

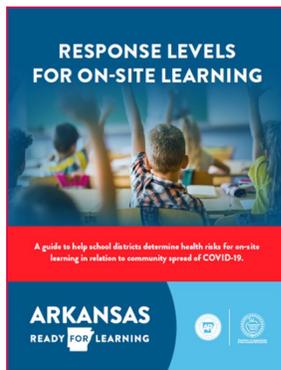
What happens if a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19?

Our campuses will follow guidance provided by the Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas Department of Health. Please view the following link for more information. The school will contact the Arkansas Department of Health for guidance.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R2jzixabeJac-5N6-oV824L0v4v17EJL/view>

How will the school district determine when it is safe for school to be held onsite versus moving everyone to online learning?

The Arkansas Department of Education has released a guide to help school districts determine health risks for onsite learning in relation to community spread of COVID-19. This 8 page document outlines how schools will consult with the Arkansas Department of Health for guidance when determining the level of response needed. If you would like to learn more about “Determining the Level of Response”, please visit the Arkansas Department of Education website, click on “Arkansas Ready for Learning” and look for this document



What happens if my child forgets his/her face covering?

Disposable face masks will be provided, as long as supplies are available.

Will visitors or outside guests be allowed in the school?

Not at this time. Outside visitors will be limited to essential business to reduce the risk of exposure to our students. Please call in advance and we will arrange a time to meet with you, as needed.

Will teachers and other adults be required to wear face coverings?

Adults will be expected to wear face coverings following the same requirements as students. (In high traffic areas and where physical distancing is not possible)

Will water fountains be available?

Water fountains will be shut off. However, water filling stations will be available. Students should bring their own clear water bottle to school each day.

Is the district still offering the Pre-K program at Glenn Duffy Elementary?

Yes, the Pre-K program will be offered, please contact Mrs. Nikki Brecheen for additional information. nikki.brecheen@gravetteschools.net

Can you start virtual and if it gets to where you feel safer can a child go back to school?

Yes, options are provided for students to shift from online learning to onsite learning as needed or vice versa.

What will the classroom environment look like such as 6 ft apart and social distancing?

American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that spacing as close as 3 ft approaches the benefits of 6 ft of space, particularly if students are asymptomatic. We will make every effort to ensure safe physical distancing of students. If small group instruction is needed, participants will wear masks and use hand sanitizer before and after that instruction.

What will bus transportation look like?

Families that can pick up and drop off their own students are encouraged to provide their own transportation. However, bus transportation will be provided. Due to the challenge of physical distancing, students will be required to wear a face covering on buses.

Will attendance be staggered?

At this time, we do not plan to change the current schedule or days of attendance. In addition, buildings will not be open prior to 7:30 a.m., in order to reduce the opportunity for close personal contact of students.

What does the attendance policy look like for students?

If a student is well they are expected to participate onsite or online. In the event a student becomes ill and is required to quarantine for an extended period of time, remote learning will be offered as a temporary service and attendance requirements will be addressed at that time.

Will PPE be provided for the students?

Students are encouraged to bring their own protective gear. The school will provide these items for students who are unable to access them, as long as supplies are available.

Will masks be required the entire day?

All students will wear a face covering when riding a school bus or district transportation since physical distancing will not be feasible. Students grade 5 and above will wear face coverings when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible. (School entry, exit, hallways, bathroom). Students grades K-4 are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in high traffic areas where physical distancing is not possible. This requirement follows the CDC recommendation that people 10 years old and up wear a face covering to ensure their safety. And that children ages 2-10 are strongly encouraged to do so, when appropriate.

Will you be able to make learning fun in the class when everyone is going to be paranoid with washing hands, sanitizing, wearing masks, afraid to touch other people and so on?

We want learning to be fun! It is our goal that our children continue to feel supported in a positive learning environment. We will use this as an opportunity to teach our children proper hygiene and etiquette in a fun and engaging atmosphere.

How will my child learn to use technology?

Students will have the opportunity to connect with technology beginning the very first day of school. Our goal is to help all children feel comfortable using technology.

How will classes like P.E., Art, and Music ensure that shared equipment is sanitized before use by other students?

All classrooms, equipment and instruments will be properly sanitized prior to a new class entering the room.

Who is overseeing Bible classes and ensuring that proper safety procedures are followed?

The Bible teachers are excited to work with our children and will be reaching out with additional information.

How will we ensure parents aren't sending their kids to school sick?

Pre-screening checklists will be provided to parents and students. Parents will be our partners in protecting the health and safety of all of our students and staff by keeping their child at home if they do not pass the pre-screening assessment.

If the COVID numbers continue to rise, will the return to school in the fall change?

Gravette School District will follow the state guidelines for returning to school. School is currently scheduled to begin between August 24-26.

What will lunchtime look like? Where will students eat lunch?

Current social distancing guidelines will be followed to determine the location of meals. It is important that meal time continue to be socially engaging for our students. We will be offering lunch in various locations throughout the week. Students will be able to eat a school provided meal or bring their own lunch from home. If you bring a lunchbox from home, consider using a bag that can be thrown away instead of taken back and forth and risking cross contamination or using a lunch box that can be easily cleaned and disinfected (not cloth).

Are students going to be allowed to use the microwave? In an effort to assure proper sanitation procedures are being followed, the microwave will not be used at the beginning of the year. This is certainly an area we can re-evaluate as we move forward.

What will recess look like?

Students will have recess! Smaller groups of students will be utilizing the playground at the same time to allow for physical distancing during physical activity. Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to and following recess. High traffic, high touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

Will you let families with multiple children combine their science, social studies, history, music, and art lessons?

This is not possible since every grade level has its own unique set of academic standards.

Will COVID-19 testing be required before my child can return to school?

No. We ask that parents use the pre-screening tips that will be provided in determining if their child should attend school.

Will all staff be screened?

Screening procedures for our staff will be the same as for our students.

Is there a fee for a student to receive online instruction?

No, there is no charge for a student to receive online instruction.

How will students have access to restrooms in the buildings?

Classroom and hallway restrooms will be accessible to students throughout the day. Restrooms and other high traffic areas will be sanitized throughout the day.

What will my student need to bring to school?

Please send regular supplies to school (based upon grade level supply lists), a clear water bottle (water fountains will be shut off, a bottle fill station is available), a washable or disposable face mask (for use in high traffic areas/buses). Pre-K - 5th grade students will not need a backpack to start the school year. We will limit items being sent from school to home and home to school.

If students are not using a backpack, how will teachers communicate with parents? How will we be able to see our child's school work?

Weekly folders will be sent home with each child containing newsletters and/or student work. Frequent communication will also be maintained through phone calls, email, Remind, or Messenger. Please share your preferred method of communication with your child's teacher.

If students are not using a backpack, will they be allowed to bring a phone/device or feminine products in a purse or other kind of bag? Phones/devices will not be allowed, students will be provided a district-issued device for academic purposes. If parents/guardians need to be contacted, the office staff will be happy to help. Feminine

products may be brought in a disposable bag or one that can be easily cleaned, and left in the student's cubbie, with the teacher, or in the nurse's office.

Is it safe for my child to return to school?

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.

Every family has their own philosophy when it comes to face coverings. My child is comfortable following our family's preference. Will my child be bullied when it comes to wearing/not wearing face covering in class?

Teachers will make sure that every child feels accepted and comfortable with their choice and that no one is made fun of for wearing/not wearing face covering during those times that physical distancing is possible. Parents can be our partners in this pursuit, beginning to have conversations with their child(ren) now and let them know that not everyone feels the same way about face coverings, but we will be respectful of everyone's choice.

Are the chemicals used to sanitize our schools potentially more dangerous to our students than COVID-19? *The chemicals used to sanitize our facilities are the same chemicals we have used for years. They are hospital grade disinfectants that have met the guidelines for the virus and are EPA approved.*