

Grand Haven High School Fall 2020 Return to Learn ... Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION	ANSWER
ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL	
<i>Will anything different be happening with student arrival and dismissal?</i>	ARRIVAL: Multiple entry points allow students to spread out when entering the building. Students can enter from the North end doors, Rotunda, Pod 1 or Pod 3 doors. They are encouraged to go to their locker and then directly to class. DISMISSAL: Students are dismissed to lockers and out to the bus loop. Social distancing while waiting for buses will be encouraged.
BATHROOMS	
<i>What is happening with students using the bathroom during passing time and/ or class?</i>	Students will be allowed to use bathrooms as needed. Protocols will be posted for proper cleaning and social distancing.
<i>Will bathrooms be cleaned every 4-hours?</i>	Bathrooms will be cleaned at a minimum of every 4-hours; however, our expectation is that it will occur during each class block.
CAREERLINE TECH CENTER Parents can call CLTC at (877) 702-8601	
<i>If my student is registered for Careerline Tech Center, is there a fully online option for those programs?</i>	No. CLTC is planning a face-to-face option only; however, the student can choose remote for GHHS classes and still attend CLTC.
<i>If a student is enrolled in a CLTC program, how will this play into the school year for in person instruction with a block schedule?</i>	Each CLTC student's schedule at GHHS will place classes to accommodate the AM/PM CLTC schedule.
<i>My understanding is that CLTC is ONLY in person. What are the plans for the CLTC and how does that impact student choice for GHHS (option 1 In Person or option 2 100% remote)?</i>	GHHS students can select Option 1 or 2 and still attend face-to-face CLTC.
<i>I am specifically interested in hearing more about the schedule and guidelines for the students attending the Careerline Tech Center.</i>	The CLTC is mailing home information to each enrolled student.
CLASSROOMS	
<i>Are class sizes being reduced? What will be the maximum # of students per classroom?</i>	We are reducing class sizes as much as possible but the actual number will depend on the course. Our goal is to cap traditional classrooms at 25; however, this does not apply to some elective offerings.
<i>During face to face instruction will there be distancing in desks? Will plexiglass be used to social distance students and teachers? How is social distancing happening?</i>	Classroom furniture will be spaced out as far as possible, students will be seated approximately 5-to-6 feet apart. Plexiglass will not be used in the classroom. Social distancing will occur through proximity.
<i>Will you be using HVAC during the warmer months?</i>	Yes. The Heating and Cooling system will operate daily.

EARLY COLLEGE

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<i>How do my classes work for Early College if I choose the in-school option?</i>	GHHS classes will be scheduled around the Early College classes.
<i>How do my classes work for Early College if I choose the 100% remote option?</i>	The online courses will be selected based on student graduation requirements needed and will have no impact on EC selections.
<i>Will anything be different for Early College or high school if I do online?</i>	It depends on what hours the EC student can be in the building or available to do the online classes.
<i>If Early College students decide to exit the program due to limited in person college courses, will they be charged?</i>	Yes. Any courses completed from previous semesters will be billed to the student. The student now owns the college transcript and credits.
<i>When the need to move face to face for high school courses happens, how will this affect EC students? Will they be able to shift their schedules mid semester when it happens?</i>	Schedules are set for 1-semester at a time and may not be adjusted mid-stream. If there is a time conflict, those will be individually worked out.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

<i>What about the instrumental and vocal music departments?</i>	We are following the State and Local Health Department guidelines regarding all programming. This includes daily instructional time and after school.
<i>What about live audience performances?</i>	We are currently not approved to hold any live audience performances.
<i>Will we get a detailed schedule for extracurricular activities?</i>	Schedules are posted online through the ghaps.org website
<i>Will extra-curricular clubs still be available to students after school?</i>	We plan to run as normal as possible all activities during and after instructional time as allowed by the State and Local Guidelines.
<i>Will choir still be offered for students?</i>	Yes, all music programs will be offered.
<i>What is the plan for the use of instruments in the music programs?</i>	Any sharing of equipment will be sanitized between uses.
<i>Can 100% online students still participate in available clubs, sports, school events?</i>	Yes. After scheduled school hours.
<i>What will GHAPS be doing to proactively support the health and safety of those involved in the performing arts department?</i>	Just like all classes, we will be wearing masks, social distancing and encouraging frequent hand washing.
<i>What is the plan for sports being available to students?</i>	We will be following the State Executive Order and MHSAA Guidelines throughout the school year.
<i>I am confused by the requirement or not of a sports physical this year.</i>	Any athletic that has a physical on file at Lakeshore MS or GHHS (7th-12th last year) MUST complete the MHSAA questionnaire. If not sports physical in on file, a full physical is required. Both documents can be found at: https://www.ghaps.org/athletics/

FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING AT SCHOOL (PHASE 4)

<i>If kids decide on in person learning then later decide it is too much, can they opt out?</i>	No. Instructional decisions are a one-semester commitment.
<i>Will schedules for face-to -face learning only include state required courses?</i>	No. All GHHS courses will be offered.
<i>Can we make a different decision for each of our students, or do we need to choose as a family?</i>	Decisions can be made on a student-by-student basis.
<i>What if the option we choose day 1 turns out to not be the best fit for us, is there any wiggle room or opportunity for another option?</i>	We are basing our staffing and course section numbers on student decisions and will not have the flexibility to move students between options.
<i>Will there be classes outside weather permitting?</i>	Yes.
<i>Will the students have to stay in one classroom for the entire day?</i>	No. Students transition between classrooms as in previous years.
<i>Does blue/gold day refer to the 3 classes the kids have that day? Subjects are assigned a color?</i>	Blue / Gold day refers to the student class hour schedule. Blue Day = 1st, 2nd, Academy, 3rd hour classes Gold Day = 4th, 5th, Academy 6th hour classes
<i>Will the academy portion of the lunch/academy 2 hour period also be held in the field house? How many staff members will be present during the academy timeframe to assist with noise level, behavior, etc., to allow students to focus on homework, etc.?</i>	Academy will be held in individual classrooms with an assigned teacher and at most, 20-students.
<i>Can you explain how the Wednesday flex schedule works?</i>	For in-person learning, Wednesday Flex Day will alternate between a Blue Schedule and Gold Schedule of classes. For at-home learning, Wednesday Flex Day will be used for office hours and student support.
<i>What is the max capacity of students and staff per classroom?</i>	Our goal is 25:1
<i>Does Wednesday require in person attendance?</i>	Yes for face-to-face instruction (the schedule is either a Blue day or Gold day) and an online check in for at-home learning.
<i>What will the protocol be for gym classes and locker room use? Will masks be required?</i>	Yes when they are inside. Outside use of masks are optional.
<i>If a student tests positive and is quarantined for 14 days, how does he/she keep up with class/assignments? What is the process to keep ill or quarantined students on track?</i>	All classroom materials will be available through Google Classroom and students can work from home when capable. Once back in the building, the Academy class can be used to get back on track.
<i>If you choose to go to school and your child doesn't want to wear a mask all the time anymore, can you switch to homeschooling?</i>	Homeschooling is different from the GHAPS fully remote option and parents can select that option whenever possible.
<i>How will gym classes happen if gyms are closed in the state?</i>	Outdoor spaces will be used as much as possible and when inside we will be focusing more on the overall health and nutrition standards.
<i>What happens with my students schedule if they are co-op or internship with the blue/gold schedule?</i>	Co-Op and Internship will be scheduled typically during 3rd and 6th hours in this plan; however, could be in the AM as well.

<i>Do students get to keep their original electives or are some being eliminated due to health risks?? If not, which electives are running, and which are not? Also, if the pre-chosen elective is not running, where/how do the students sign up for a different one?</i>	No electives have been eliminated due to health risks. Classes are determined based on student requests.
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FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING TRANSITIONS TO LEARNING AT HOME (PHASE 3)

<i>If enrolled in in-person classes during phase 3, will the schedule of online learning be flexible and on a weekly basis as described in the slideshow, or will it follow the schedule provided by the high school?</i>	The high school schedule will be as published and if a student is unable to attend a class, they will communicate directly with their teachers.
<i>Aside from the Governor moving us to phase 3 - what triggers a classroom transition to remote learning?</i>	This decision will be made in cooperation with the Ottawa County Health Department based on building COVID numbers.
<i>Will there be homeschooling options that are offered in the PM for working parents?</i>	Unfortunately, this is scheduled to be aligned with the daily school schedule in order to keep staff and students in a consistent routine.
<i>Learning from home schedule. Are the classes virtual with teachers/students during those times or is it work on your own and if you have questions you schedule during office hours? How will students receive classroom lectures for learning at home?</i>	The learning at home during phase 3 will be a combination of live and video lessons. The time that each is scheduled will also support students' ability to receive help. Office hours will also be available for additional support.
<i>How will PE classes be handled during 1st semester if forced into learning from home?</i>	Students are provided with a menu of daily physical activities to select from.
<i>How will orchestra classes be handled during 1st semester if learning from home?</i>	At home instruction and video recording of practices will be required.

FULLY REMOTE LEARNING

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<i>Is there a fee for Option 2, Fully Remote?</i>	No. This is the educational instruction that GHAPS will provide to our students who select this option.
<i>If my student selects the fully remote option, can we switch in October?</i>	No. The fully remote option is a one-semester commitment and can be changed in January for 2nd semester.
<i>Will my student be able to participate in extracurricular activities if we select Option #2?</i>	Students who are opting to participate in Fully Remote Learning for our instructional time each day will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities after the school day. This includes clubs, music and sports.
<i>If my student selects the fully remote option, can my student still come to school for specials or elective courses?</i>	No. There are no special orders with this model. It's a one-semester commitment and can be changed in January for 2nd semester.
<i>If my student chooses fully remote and is a senior, do they graduate from GHHS?</i>	Yes. These students remain ours and are overseen by our counseling and administrative staff.
<i>Do you know what GHHS teachers will be the online teachers?</i>	No. We will not be able to determine staffing until we know how many students are selecting this option and how many sections we need of each content area.

<i>Will chromebooks be provided for students who choose 100% remote learning?</i>	Yes
<i>What electives will be offered for students who choose the remote learning option?</i>	Electives will be closely aligned to the electives students selected in the registration process.
<i>Are AP courses offered through the 100% on-line learning choice?</i>	Yes
<i>My son is a senior. How will he fulfill his PE requirement if he chooses Option 2 (100% Remote Learning)?</i>	Michigan Virtual has physical education selections to choose from
<i>Will all the same classes that students signed up for be still available?</i>	Not necessarily, we will match them as closely as possible.
<i>Will the 100% online learning follow the same or similar schedule as phase 3 schedule for students that select in person? 9 to 11:45?</i>	That schedule is still being determined but you can expect a consistent daily schedule.
<i>What will happen to required electives such as yoga if I choose to do online school? If I can't do classes like yoga before my senior year is up, what will happen to those credits?</i>	Physical Education is offered through Michigan Virtual and students will be placed in all required to graduate courses in order to complete diploma requirements.
<i>Are Michigan Virtual classes transferable to the HS? Will their credits count towards graduation?</i>	Yes all credits will transfer in and count toward graduation credits.
<i>What accommodations are being made for special needs children especially if option 2 is chosen.</i>	These students will be cohorted and a Special Education teacher will be assigned to handle all IEP accommodations.
<i>How will fully remote kids be on the same learning bases as the kids at school?</i>	The Michigan Virtual curriculum follows all State Standards and Curriculum. The learning will not be day-by-day exact; however, the requirements of each class will be met.
<i>Michigan Virtual is an Asynchronous learning model so students work at their own pace. What mechanisms are in place to ensure students reach set points in the curriculum by the end of the semester and/or end of year to ensure a seamless transition back to in person learning?</i>	Each class will have a locally assigned teacher who will monitor and support student progress.
<i>If my daughter does online will she have any contact with any teachers at school? Maybe an advisor?</i>	We are hopeful that each course will have a GHAPS instructor; however, there may be some that have a regional cohort instructor.
<i>For Option 2, with Michigan Virtual being an Asynchronous learning model, what does the Grand Haven teacher interaction look like?</i>	There will be a required schedule for both the teacher and student to follow for interactions, support and help.
<i>Are the online and In person curriculum the same or are they different?</i>	Both curriculum met Michigan Merit Curriculum Standards; however, are not identical on a day-by-day basis.
<i>Will Michigan Virtual have a parent vue like access and attendance accountability?</i>	This being worked out but hope is to have each of the classes part of the GHAPS Synergy portal.
<i>For Students choosing the online option of Michigan Virtual, do they have a chance to signup for additional classes, if the electives didn't align, so they have a full 6 class load.</i>	If there is not a compatible course, GHHS counselors will work individually with students to finalize any holes in schedules.

<i>Online Options for Courses- are they limited to those currently listed in the Online class catalogue under "Michigan Virtual" or will the course options be expanded?</i>	We will have a course catalog to select from. Students will be scheduled based on course selections. GHHS staff will be scheduling students, they do not do this independently.
<i>AP Summer Assignments in regards to remote learning- will online only students be required to complete the summer work for their given AP courses?</i>	Correct. The summer AP work was assigned for a GHHS class.
<i>How do MV classes appear on a students transcript?</i>	Michigan Virtual classes are transcribed on a GHHS transcript as a letter grade and credit.

HALLWAYS / LOCKERS

<i>What does the hallway traffic look like before school, between classes, and after school?</i>	Hallways traffic flow will be identified with arrows on the floor. Students will be reminded to use the right side of the hallway, remain social distanced when possible and not congregate in any location.
<i>What will happen during passing times between classes?</i>	Students will be required to use lockers for backpacks and cell phones. This helps to keep the halls less congested and spread students out. Because students are at lockers for less than 3-minutes, this is not a point of concern. The Ottawa County Health Department uses 'within 6-feet for more than 15-minutes' as our guidance.
<i>Will they be staggering start and stop times to reduce the number of students crowding the hallways and bumping into each other by lockers and in bathrooms between classes?</i>	Due to the variety of classes and mixed grade levels of classes, staggered passing times is not possible.
<i>During face to face instruction will all students be switching classes at the same time? So all students in hallways together?</i>	Yes and the building will be marked with directional information to support traffic flow and limiting face-to-face interactions.
<i>How will lunch and passing time be reconfigured to allow for social distancing?</i>	We are intentionally assigning which classes in each pod are dismissed during each lunch to reduce numbers in the hall and eating location (fieldhouse).

LUNCH

<i>If my students purchased school lunch, can they still do this with both plans?</i>	Yes. Lunch orders will be done online a week at a time. Multiple options will be available for breakfast and lunch.
<i>Where will students be eating lunch?</i>	Lunch will be eaten in the fieldhouse.
<i>How will lunchtime social distancing take place?</i>	Tables will be spaced 6-feet apart in the fieldhouse with limited seating at each and bleachers will be pulled out with spaces marked for eating 6-feet apart.
<i>Are some grades having academy when others are at lunch and then they switch? It seems like a lot of kids together in the field house.</i>	Academy is a mixed 9-12 grade class with each Academy being assigned A-B-C lunch ... 1/3 of the students in each.
<i>Have you considered potential auditory/sensory challenges of lunch in the fieldhouse? Students often seek quieter spaces because such an environment can be overwhelming and stressful.</i>	We have; however, based on cleaning requirements, we need to limit the locations that food is being eaten in our building. We will adjust as the situation allows.

<i>Can kids eat lunch outside?</i>	Yes! We have picnic tables outside.
<i>Am I understanding correctly that there's a 2 hour lunch?</i>	Academy is scheduled within that 2-hour Academy/Lunch block with lunch actually being 40-minutes.

ORIENTATIONS

<i>Will the high school be hosting anything special to transition freshmen into the building?</i>	We are working on a plan for 'Freshmen Only Day' to be able to acclimate the Class of 2024 to GHHS. This would allow them to meet each teacher, learn the in's and out's of the building and go through a lunch period with only one grade level.
<i>When will the kids pick up schedules and chromebooks?</i>	Schedules will be published through Student/ParentVUE on Monday, August 24.
<i>For incoming 9th graders will there be a few days prior to school starting where they can learn how to get to classes?</i>	Freshmen Only Day on Wednesday, August 26 with a full schedule of activity to help freshmen settle into GHHS.

SAFETY / CLEANING

<i>Will gloves be provided to students as they are providing cleaning in classrooms?</i>	No. We are not asking students to do cleaning. Students will be using a disinfecting wipe to sanitize learning spaces. Students are welcome to wear gloves at school but will need to provide their own.
<i>Are face shields going to be allowed for students?</i>	The use of a face shield also requires a mask. Students will be allowed to wear both but the use of a mask is required.
<i>Do students have to wear a mask all day? What happens if they do not?</i>	Yes. Students who are unwilling to follow this State mandate will not be allowed to stay in the building.
<i>Will there be an opportunity for mask breaks throughout the day?</i>	During lunch and any time a class is held outside.
<i>Will students be responsible for cleaning their own desk/workspace upon entering the classroom? I would not want my students to "assume" that the student who used it prior did a sufficient job cleaning and sanitizing.</i>	Sanitizing of tables/chairs will be mandated at the end of each class and optional when students arrive for the beginning of a class.
<i>How will desks be sanitized between students? My son is wondering if he will need to have Lysol wipes in his backpack. Will it be students' responsibility to clean their work space?</i>	Backpacks must be kept in lockers. Cleaning supplies will be provided in all classrooms.

SCREENING STAFF & STUDENT

A full set of COVID protocols will be posted on the ghaps.org website. Using the guidelines set forth by the Ottawa County Health Department.

<i>What is the protocol if a student/teacher tests positive for COVID? What is going to happen with attendance, if we choose to keep our child home out of precaution as we really don't know if Covid or just sinus/cold/flu?</i>	Parents always have the deciding factor regarding sending a student to school. The GHHS attendance will be flexible and will not have an impact on whether a student receives a grade/credit. Full guidance on COVID protocols will be posted on the ghaps.org website.
<i>If exposed can opt to homeschool after quarantine, even if they are negative?</i>	A parent can always opt to homeschool their child; however, moving to Option 2 Fully Online can only be changed at the semester.

<i>Are those entering the building screened for a temperature? Daily?</i>	No. The expectation and guidance from the Health Department is that this is done daily at home.
<i>What process will the district follow when a teacher or student tests positive for COVID? Will the district require only students and other staff who came in direct close contact (per CDC guidelines) to quarantine or will the entire class or cohort be required to quarantine? As much information you can share here would be amazing, as this is my biggest concern as a household where both parents work outside the home. As a follow up to question #1, how long will the quarantine period last?</i>	These questions will be answered in the GHAPS COVID protocols that have been provided by the Ottawa County Health Department. These will be posted on the ghaps.org website.
<i>If a family member tests positive for COVID and the children of the positive parent are showing no symptom should they still go to school?</i>	Based on the health guidelines, if a student has been in close contact or lives with a family member that tests positive, they may not attend school. Each situation will be individually looked at by the Ottawa County Health Department.
<i>What happens to a student in "close contact" with a known case but not showing symptoms?</i>	This is an individual situation that will need guidance from the Ottawa County Health Department.
<i>If a student is taken out of class (ie 2nd hour) and placed in quarantine, what happens to the other students in that class and the teacher? Do they continue on with their "normal" day potentially infecting other students and teachers as they change classes? Are they and the teacher removed and quarantined? Do they need to be tested? Or is it just self monitoring for symptoms over the next few days? What if they are asymptomatic? How is the potential spread mitigated in that situation?</i>	The School Covid Officer will follow the district protocol on each situation. If the student removed from classes has a fever or other symptoms, they will be required to go home. The Ottawa County Health Department will work with us to determine contact tracing and what communication will go out.
TESTING	
<i>What about juniors that didn't take the SAT last spring. How will that affect applying for college? Will 2021 seniors get to take the SAT at GHHS? If so, do you have a date for that yet?</i>	We are currently planning to SAT test the Class of 2021 on Wednesday, September 23.
<i>Are you planning to PSAT any 9th or 10th graders?</i>	We are currently planning to PSAT test the Class of 2022, 2023, 2024 on Thursday, October 29.
TRANSPORTATION Specific questions can be sent to 850.5150	
<i>For face to face options will bussing still be available? How will there be social distancing on the bus?</i>	Yes bussing is available with assigned seats, masks required, hand sanitizing prior entering and loading from back forward.