



Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQ's) Parents

Please e-mail parent.reopening@gmcs.org for more information.

Questions	Answers and Resources
Where can parents go on-line to access information about reentry of students for 20/21 school year?	Parents and Community members can access GMCS reentry documents at www.gmcs.org . Click on Parents and then on Re-Opening School
When does school start?	The first day of school for GMCS students is August 20, 2020.
What "Model" will GMCS be utilizing for Students?	Effective 8/20/2020, all students in grades Prek-3 and all students with disabilities can attend school in-person at a 5:1 ratio. After labor day, we will offer a 1) Hybrid [in person learning at least two days a week] or 2) Remote [online] learning.
I would like to enroll my student in GMCS for the 20/21 School Year. Where do I start?	Parents can access enrollment information for students at www.gmcs.org . Click on Parents and then Student Enrollment Forms . Parents can also request the forms by sending the request to studentinfo@gmcs.org .
When does online school start?	School will start on 8/20/20.
When can my student attend school for in-person learning?	As of 8/07/2020, the District can provide in-person learning to Prek-3 and students with disabilities in a ratio of 5 students to 1 teacher. This in-person learning will be at the request of parent(s)/guardian(s). Once we have an opportunity to provide a more expansive in-person learning model, parents will be notified and have an option to choose

	in-person or remote learning for their student(s).
Will COVID-19 Testing take place at schools?	GMCS will not be performing any COVID-19 testing. GMCS will continue to provide information to Parents and Community members about the availability of testing by Health Care Professionals throughout McKinley County.
Will GMCS be providing a computing device for remote student learning?	All PreK-2 nd Grade students will receive a GMCS owned iPad to utilize for Remote [online] Learning. All 3 rd -12 th Grade students will receive a GMCS owned laptop to utilize for Remote [online] Learning.
Will Students be receiving school supplies?	All students will receive an individual student supply kit to help facilitate their learning. Students will be supplied with paper/learning packets if that is an assignment required by the school.
Can GMCS help me with internet access?	GMCS will be providing students throughout the District hot-spots that will help them access the internet during Remote [online] Learning. Additionally, we will continue to update our parents on the efforts of the Navajo Nation in providing internet access for tribal communities in McKinley County.
I need to transfer my student to a different school within the District. Where can I find that information?	If you have moved, please utilize the Annual Update of Information Forms for their returning students. Parents can access this information at www.gmcs.org . Click on Parents and then Annual Information Update . If you are requesting a transfer of your student from one school within the District to another school within the District, please complete the In District Transfer Form. This form is located at

	<p>www.gmcs.org, Click Parents, then Policies, Procedures and Forms, then Click on the In District Transfer Form. All In District Transfer forms must be completed and returned in person or via mail to the Curriculum and Instruction Department located at 640 South Boardman, Gallup NM, 87301.</p>
<p>My student will be attending the same GMCS school from last year. Do I need to complete any forms?</p>	<p>Parents will need to complete the Annual Update of Information Forms for their returning students. Parents can access this information at www.gmcs.org. Click on Parents and then Annual Information Update.</p>
<p>How will students be chosen for the days they will attend in the Hybrid Model?</p>	<p>GMCS has utilized two methodologies to determine how students will attend school during the Hybrid model. We will utilize last name information and household information to help keep students from the same family attending school on the same days.</p>
<p>What is GMCS doing to prepare for Students and Staff?</p>	<p>GMCS has enhanced our cleaning procedures, through employee training, purchasing of additional cleaning supplies and purchasing Clorox Electrostatic Sprayers. All schools will be marked for social distancing protocols, masks will be required for all individuals in school buildings and hand soap/hand sanitizer is readily available in all areas.</p>
<p>Can parents change the instruction delivery method or will the student be in only one model all year?</p>	<p>All Parents will have the opportunity to modify their students learning model (Hybrid or Remote). All in-person learning opportunities will be subject to restrictions of the State.</p>
<p>How will the District be assisting special needs students?</p>	<p>Each student's IEP will be updated to reflect the changes in how services are delivered in the online and in-person school environments. A detailed</p>

	framework will be published for parents and educators prior to the start of school.
Will Remote [online] Learning affect graduation credits?	No, graduation credits and requirements for graduation will not change, unless those requirements are changed for all students state-wide by the New Mexico Public Education Department (NM PED).
Are all electives going to be available online (i.e. Driver's Education)	All schools sites will have electives available, please contact your student's school site to determine what electives are available for your student.
I cannot secure internet access for my student, can the District help me?	The District has secured thousands of internet access devices. Parents/Guardians will be notified by each school site about their opportunity to receive these devices.
What will virtual teaching look like for my student?	Teachers will be available for students through their normal schedule. An example of this might be a teacher providing guidance/instruction on a lesson and then students working independently. During this student work time, the teacher may be working with students one-on-one to help resolve issues.
Are students expected to wear masks and social distance during in-person learning?	Yes. Students should wear a mask and anticipate new social distancing requirements. These expectations will be given to students and re-enforced by all staff members.
Is there going to be disciplinary procedures for students who refuse to wear a mask or socially distance?	If the behavior is not corrected after being instructed to wear a mask or socially distance, Parents/Guardians will need to be involved in the solution to the issue. The requirement for wearing a mask and socially distancing is for everyone's safety.

If I choose remote learning for my student, can they still participate in sports?	Yes. Student(s) who are participating in remote learning can participate in sports at their home school. If anyone has questions about eligibility, they can contact the District's Athletic staff by calling 505-721-1000.
I need more information on understanding the need to reopen schools. Can you provide me information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC)?	Yes. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can find information here about the importance of reopening schools from the CDC.