

# Gouverneur

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Gouverneur Central School District  
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Dear Gouverneur Wildcat Families:

The start of the school year is just around the corner, and everyone is hard at work preparing for the return of students on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

While we were all hopeful in the spring that we would be returning to normalcy in the fall as school reopened, we continue to be faced with uncertainty and questions about what the future has to hold. We have learned more and more about this virus over the past eighteen months, and we will use an approach that allows us to keep as many students, faculty, and staff in school as possible. One thing is certain, our students need to be in school where they can learn and socialize with others.

We will likely face challenges as we bring all students back for in-person learning. In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and in collaboration with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, the district will require all students, faculty, and staff to wear masks at all times and socially distance where possible. Balancing the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff members with keeping students in school full time will be my prime objective.

The Gouverneur Central School District will be providing full-time in-person instruction during the 2021-2022 school year. As a result, a fully remote option for instruction will not be available to students this year.

Should a student or teacher be placed in isolation or mandatory quarantine by the Public Health Department, they will be able to log on to classroom instruction with their District-issued device. This synchronized learning method of instruction will be limited to COVID-19 related quarantines. Other absences will not be afforded this opportunity. For example, if a student is ill (with an illness other than COVID-19) and unable to attend school on a particular day, they will be considered absent and may make up any missed work upon return to school.

With all students in attendance, we'll be returning to a double tripping schedule with busing in the fall. Therefore, the following daily schedules will be observed:

- Gouverneur High School: 7:40 a.m. - 2:28 p.m.
- Gouverneur Middle School: 7:35 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.
- Gouverneur Elementary School: 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Soon you will be receiving building specific information for each of your children. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (315) 287-4870 or [kelly.jackie@gcsk12.org](mailto:kelly.jackie@gcsk12.org).

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we get closer to welcoming your children back to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Jacquelyn L. Kelly  
Superintendent of Schools