

# Back-to-School Reference Guide

## Social Distancing

The Gouverneur Central School District defines social distancing as maintaining a three (3) foot space between students within classrooms.

However, a distance of at least six (6) feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated.

Cohorting will be used where possible to limit the number of students, teachers, and staff who come into contact with one another.

Physical distancing is not required on school buses.

## Mask wearing

The Gouverneur Central School District requires universal indoor masking. All individuals in school facilities must wear face masks regardless of vaccination status and community transmission levels.

Acceptable face coverings will be provided to employees and students, if necessary. Employees and students may wear their own acceptable face covering.

## Transportation

The Gouverneur Central School District will be busing students on a double tripping schedule. The following daily schedules will be observed in each building.

- 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.

Students will not be required to socially distance on buses, however they will be required to wear a mask at all times.

## Daily COVID Screening

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) no longer recommends temperature screenings or screening questionnaires at school.

All Gouverneur Central School District faculty and staff that are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 and stay home from work.

Families should be mindful of indications their children may exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and seek testing when such symptoms are present.

## Instruction

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.

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.

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## *Gouverneur Elementary School*

### **Daily schedule**

8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

### **Entering School**

Students may be dropped off at the front doors using the circle loop starting at 8:45 a.m.

Please enter the circle loop and pull all the way forward along the sidewalk.

### **Breakfast**

Breakfast will be available at entry for students to pick up on their way to their classroom.

Breakfast will be eaten in the classrooms with staggered timing from 8:45-9:05 a.m..

### **Lunch**

Lunch will be served from the cafeteria line from 10:45 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.

Classes will be assigned tables and seats.

Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria or the gymnasium for additional spacing.

### **Snacks**

Snacks are permitted for students with staggered eating times.

Student snacks should be individually pre-packaged or wrapped.

*Note: Please be aware of specific classroom allergies.*

### **Recess**

Grade levels have assigned recess times during the day.

Lunch and recess cohorts will have the same play time.

The other remaining classes will have structured field or game play.

Items are limited within the classroom.

### **Additional Guidelines**

All students are requested to bring their own water bottle for use. *Fill stations are available.*

Students will have a cubby or locker for their use. All items must go home daily and cannot remain in the classroom or locker due to nightly sanitization.

Please do not send extra play items with students, unless teacher requested.

For questions, please contact Ms. Zawatski or Mr. Trowbridge at 315-287-2260.