



GUYMON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**RETURN
TO LEARN**

The information found in this plan is subject to change.



Guymon Public Schools Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

The 2020-21 school year is quickly approaching and Guymon Public Schools has been working urgently and diligently to prepare and plan for our students, our parents, and our staff members. Without the input of students, parents, staff members, public health officials, emergency management officials, and community businesses/stakeholders, this plan would not have been possible. We are prepared to begin our school year with in-person, traditional learning; however we do understand that this may not be possible for all students so other learning options will be available.

Although Guymon Public Schools would prefer to have an exact plan for all possible scenarios that may occur throughout the year, it is an unpredictable and uncertain time and many of those plans will be made as the need arises. The following pages contain the health and safety measures that will be in place throughout the district, the learning options that will be available to students, and some of the frequently asked questions we have received thus far.

Please know that Guymon Public Schools will continue to keep students and staff members as the ultimate priority and that no matter what challenge is presented throughout the school year, our students and staff members will always remain the priority.

Thank you for your commitment to Guymon Public Schools. Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, encouragement, and support of the Guymon Public Schools "Return to Learn" plan.

Angela Rhoades
Superintendent, Guymon Public Schools

MISSION STATEMENT:

Guymon Public Schools will educate all students, embrace diversity, and empower lifelong learning.

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, Guymon Public Schools is making decisions that will address:

- 1. the health and safety of our students and staff members;**
- 2. the need to continue to address and close the gap in learning that took place as a result of the interrupted school year;**
- 3. the social and emotional needs of our students and our staff members;**
- 4. the equitable access to instruction and the resources necessary to receive that instruction for all of our students; and**
- 5. the need to be adaptive and flexible during the uncertain and unpredictable times.**

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, Guymon Public Schools consulted with public health authorities, emergency management officials, as well as students, parents, staff members, and community businesses/stakeholders. In response to these consultations, Guymon Public Schools formed a “Return to Learn” Planning Committee who aided in writing the “Return to Learn” 2020-21 Plan.



Guymon Public Schools is preparing to return to school in-person, traditional learning for the 2020-2021 school year on August 14, 2020. However, each family will have a choice in terms of how learning (traditional or virtual) will occur for their student. It is important to remember that in order to participate in virtual learning, students will need to complete and submit an application.

Guymon Public Schools will continue the traditional learning format unless public health officials deem it necessary to temporarily close school buildings due to the spread of COVID-19. If school buildings are temporarily closed Guymon Public Schools will transition to remote learning.

Guymon Public Schools will resume traditional transportation. When possible, windows on all school buses will be down for air circulation and ventilation. Although it is not required, it is highly recommended that students wear a face mask due to the close proximity of students on buses.

Guymon Public Schools will continue to provide breakfast and lunch to students regardless of traditional or remote learning. During traditional learning, the manner in which breakfast and lunch is served will vary depending on the school site. During remote learning, the manner in which breakfast and lunch is served will be determined by the district on an as needed basis.



Guymon Public Schools will daily monitor the health of our students and our staff. This will be accomplished by:

- 1. Physical distancing, where possible, in classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, gymnasiums, auditoriums, bathrooms, buses, etc.;**
- 2. Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting buildings and facilities on a daily basis;**
- 3. Frequent handwashing and other healthy protocols implemented and practiced;**
- 4. Hand sanitizer available in all offices, classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, and gymnasiums;**
- 5. Upon request, masks and gloves will be available for students and staff members who are not able to supply their own masks and gloves;**
- 6. Regular screening at home and throughout the school day of signs and symptoms of illness. Students and staff members are encouraged to self-monitor symptoms and are asked to remain at home if they have any signs and symptoms of illness.**

Guymon Public Schools will continue to prioritize the social and emotional health and well-being of our students and staff members. Counselors at each school site are prepared to meet the needs of our students and our staff members. Guymon Public Schools will take active steps to develop comprehensive training and resources for all students and staff members. All students and staff members need to feel safe and supported in their learning, teaching, and working.

Health and Safety Measures



- Regular screening at home and throughout the school day for signs and symptoms of illness. Students and staff members are encouraged to self-monitor and are asked to remain at home if they have any signs and symptoms of illness. Students, staff members, and visitors who develop symptoms MUST notify school health officials or another identified point of contact in the school building or facility IMMEDIATELY.
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged and recommended for all students, staff members, and visitors.
- Deep cleaning and sanitizing procedures and protocols will be in place in ALL buildings and facilities.
 - Hand sanitizer in all buildings and facilities.
(classrooms, hallways, office areas, gymnasiums, lunchrooms, buses, etc.)
- Procedures and protocols will be implemented to increase physical and social distancing on buses, as well as during arrival and departure times, in every classroom and hallway, in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch, during recess, etc. To ensure that physical and social distancing procedures and protocols are followed, markings and signage will be posted to ensure that students and employees remain apart when waiting to enter buildings, walking in hallways, working in classrooms, etc. Adjustments will be made within the classrooms, especially with seating and desks, so that physical and social distancing procedures and protocols are followed.
 - Large group settings will be eliminated and/or reduced whenever feasible and possible.
 - Bathroom monitoring to avoid overcrowding.
- In response to a positive diagnosis, Guymon Public Schools will follow the guidance of the Texas County Health Department and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. If a positive confirmation is received, Guymon Public Schools will take prompt action by contacting the Texas County Health Department and the Oklahoma State Department of Health and follow their guidance and direction regarding quarantine, contact tracing, communications to families, and the cleansing, disinfecting, and sanitizing of buildings and facilities.





TRADITIONAL LEARNING

REMOTE LEARNING

VIRTUAL LEARNING

BLENDED LEARNING



TRADITIONAL LEARNING

ALL courses taken on-campus with in-person instruction.

REMOTE LEARNING

ALL courses taken through LMS (Google Classroom) with teacher led, online instruction.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

ALL courses taken through virtual learning platform, off-campus with NO in-person instruction. (This learning option will be available for K-12th grade students and will require an application process.)

BLENDED LEARNING

ALL courses taken through an on-campus, teacher supervised online learning platform. (This learning option will be available for 9th-12th grade students and will require an application process.)

TRADITIONAL LEARNING

- School will begin on August 14, 2020 with ALL classes and/or courses taking place in-person at the regularly assigned school site.
- Health and safety measures implemented at each school site. Each school site will have specific health and safety measures in place.
- ALL students issued technology devices with necessary applications, resources, and software programs installed.
- Use of and implementation of technology devices in preparation for possible temporary school closures and remote learning if public health officials deem it necessary.



TRADITIONAL LEARNING

All teachers within Guymon Public Schools will create fair and equitable opportunities for all students. Within traditional learning, teachers will utilize technology in an effort to increase engagement, depth of knowledge, critical thinking, and rigor. According to the Guymon Public Schools Continuous Strategic Improvement Plan, the district will ensure quality teaching and learning through innovative teaching, up-to-date technology, opportunities to locate, evaluate, and use information, and increased engagement to produce increased student outcomes.

Within traditional learning, each student will have access to a district issued technology device. The technology device will allow access to content and learning opportunities to extend beyond the walls of Guymon Public Schools. As a district, we will be utilizing Google Classroom as the learning management system for teachers to host instructional content. Through the use of Google Classroom, students will be allowed 24/7 access to activities, assignments, and assessments.

All teachers within Guymon Public Schools will combine in-person, traditional learning with remote learning. In doing so, students and teachers will be prepared for a possible, temporary school closure due to COVID-19.



REMOTE LEARNING

- ALL classes and/or courses will be taken outside of the school building, through the use of technology devices and learning management systems.
- Used on a temporary basis in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- ALL students issued technology devices with necessary applications, resources, and software programs installed.
- Opportunity for students and teachers to remain connected and engaged with the content while working from their homes.



REMOTE LEARNING

Transitioning to remote learning will be determined by the district with the guidance and direction of public health officials in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. Remote learning can also be utilized by individual students and families in the event of student exposure and/or illness resulting in a quarantine due to a COVID-19 outbreak. Just like traditional learning, teachers will utilize technology in an effort increase engagement, depth of knowledge, critical thinking, and rigor.

Within remote learning, each student will utilize the district issued technology device. The technology device will allow teachers to educate students remotely through the use of Google Classroom (Kindergarten-12 grade). Google Classroom is an online tool designed to assist educators in managing coursework by creating classes, distributing assignments, maintaining curricular materials, and providing grades/feedback to students. Remote learning may include pre-recorded or live lessons/tutorials.

All teachers within Guymon Public Schools will combine in-person, traditional learning with remote learning. In doing so, students and teachers will be prepared for a possible, temporary school closure due to COVID-19.



VIRTUAL LEARNING

- ALL classes and/or courses will be taken in a virtual setting away from the school. When feasible and possible, a Guymon Public Schools educator will oversee instruction. Tutoring and assistance will be provided but this does not require in-person attendance.
- 100% online learning through a virtual learning platform (Edgenuity and ExactPath).
- Requires a semester long commitment, as well as an application and intake process.
- ALL students issued technology devices with necessary installed.



VIRTUAL LEARNING

Virtual learning will be provided to students within Guymon Public Schools who would benefit from a virtual experience during the COVID-19 outbreak. Guymon Public Schools will assign a district educator for support within the virtual learning environment. When possible and feasible, a district educator will be available to students for tutoring and assistance. When possible, a district counselor will be available to students for monitoring of academic progress and guidance on class/course selection.

Any K-12 student who is enrolled in Guymon Public Schools is eligible to participate in virtual learning. Any K-12 student enrolled in virtual learning, will be issued a technology device and will need some basic computer skills as it is an important part of the program. In early grades, a parent or guardian plays an integral role in assisting his or her child on the computer and within the virtual learning environment.

ALL students are expected to log in daily for each course and participate in instruction. It is recommended that students spend the same amount of time on their virtual classes as they would if they attended classes in person at school. Attendance will be measured through student logins, communication with the district educator, participation and completion of activities, assignments, and assessments.

For the Virtual Learning application, please click [HERE](#).



BLENDED LEARNING

- This is on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Guymon High School principal and counselor.
- ALL classes and/or courses will be taken at Guymon High School within the blended learning classroom.
- Some classes and/or courses may be taken within the in-person traditional learning environment.
- Health and safety measures implemented at each school site. In blended learning, the health and safety measures of Guymon High School will be implemented.
- ALL students issued technology devices with necessary applications, resources, and software programs installed.
- Use of and implementation of technology devices in preparation for possible temporary school closures and remote learning if public health officials deem it necessary.



BLENDED LEARNING

Blended learning is a learning option that was implemented for students in 9th-12th grade during the 2019-2020 school year. Blended learning will continue to be a learning option during the 2020-21 school year for students in 9th-12 grade and will be allowed on a case-by-case basis for students. Any 9th-12th grade student must speak with and get approval from the building principal and counselor.



FAQ

Will the school district calendar change for the 2020-2021 school year?

Guymon Public Schools is planning for the majority of the school year, and possibly the entire year, to be on-site, as long as public health officials deem it safe to do so. If public health officials deem that traditional, on-site learning is no longer safe due to a COVID-19 outbreak, Guymon Public Schools will transition to remote learning. It is important to note that remote learning will only be deployed in an emergency, such as a resurgence of COVID-19 or another circumstance in which students cannot receive traditional, on-site instruction in a school building. Please see the attached Guymon Public Schools 2020-21 Calendar.

Will temperatures be taken upon entering a Guymon Public Schools building or facility?

Guymon Public Schools will not check temperatures of any person upon entering a district building or facility. Regular screening at home and throughout the school day of signs and symptoms of illness will occur. Students and staff members are encouraged to self-monitor signs and symptoms, including temperature checks, and are asked to remain at home if they have any signs and symptoms of illness.

Will students and staff members ever be required to wear face coverings, especially if the level of community spread increases?

Face coverings will not be required by students and staff members; however, it is strongly encouraged that students and staff members wear face coverings whenever possible.



FAQ

What will be used for hand washing and hand sanitizing?

Handwashing is critical in reducing exposure to coronavirus (or any virus, for that matter). Guymon Public Schools will allow extra time during bathroom breaks, before entry to the building, before and after meals, before and after recess and between classes for students and staff to wash their hands vigorously before transitioning to the next class or activity. Signs will be posted throughout Guymon Public Schools buildings and facilities, to encourage appropriate and periodic handwashing and hand sanitizing.

What steps will be taken if there a student and/or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Since each case is unique, Guymon Public Schools will work with public health officials to determine the appropriate next steps. This may require a specific school site and/or the district to temporarily shift to an online learning environment. Each case is unique, because of this, Guymon Public Schools will communicate through School Messenger and through School Status as to any and all changes that will be needed for a specific school site and/or the district.



FAQ

What will determine a temporary school closure?

Guymon Public Schools works in partnership with public health officials and agencies. The guidance and recommendations given by those public health officials and agencies will determine the steps that should be taken after that decision is made.

Will all athletics and extracurricular activities take place and will there be any restrictions?

All athletics and extracurricular activities may take place based on guidance from the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

When will remote learning be used?

Remote learning will be used by Guymon Public Schools when a school site and/or the district is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak or other unforeseen circumstance. Remote learning training days will be embedded into the traditional learning days in an effort to prepare students and staff members for longer, temporary school site and/or entire district closures.

How long will remote learning be used?

The length of remote learning will be based on health guidelines provided by federal, state and/or local agencies.



FAQ

How will parents receive information about transitions from traditional to remote learning, changes in schedules, etc. ?

All information will be sent via School Messenger, School Status, as well as the district website (www.guymontigers.com) and the district Facebook page (@guymonschooldistrict).

How can parents contribute to Guymon Public Schools?

- Take your student's temperature each day prior to leaving your home.
- Monitor your student for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 and keep your student home if they exhibit any symptoms of the virus.
- Keep students quarantined for 14 days if they have had any exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Openly communicate with your student's teacher and/or site principal.
- Encourage your student to, whenever feasible and possible, wear a face covering, and to practice proper handwashing and/or hand sanitizing and social/physical distancing.
- Work in partnership with Guymon Public Schools as visitor protocols and the check in/check out process is changed, revised, and/or updated.
- Donate hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, face coverings, no touch thermometers, and additional school supplies that may be needed at each school site.



FAQ

Will “grab and go” meals be available if the school is closed?

Yes, our nutrition services team is fully prepared to continue meal service to students. If students are learning remotely, the “grab and go” service will continue. We will determine additional details and schedules at a later time.

How do I receive information about the specific procedures, protocols, and plans that will be implemented at my students school building?

This distance learning plan is what will be implemented throughout the district; however, there will be more specific procedures, protocols, and plans implemented at each school site. The procedures, protocols, and plans implemented with Pre-Kindergarten students will look very different than those implemented with 12th grade students. Please contact the building principal for the specific procedures, protocols, and plans for your students school building.

How do I submit my additional questions or concerns to the school district?

For questions or concerns related to Return to Learn 2020-21, please contact Superintendent of Guymon Public Schools, Angela Rhoades (angela.rhoades@guymontigers.com or 580-338-4340) or Director of Communications and Public Relations, Danielle Collins (danielle.collins@guymontigers.com or 580-338-4340).



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1st Semester Start - End Dates
 ★ Starts - Aug. 14 ★ Ends - Dec. 22

2nd Semester Start - End Dates
 ★ Starts - Jan. 7 ★ Ends - May 20

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Classes not in Session - 1st Semester

Labor Day Sept. 7

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Fall Break Oct. 14-16

Thanksgiving Nov. 23-27

Christmas Break Dec. 23 - Jan. 6

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Classes not in Session - 2nd Semester

Christmas Break Dec. 23 - Jan. 6

PD Day - MLK Jr. Day Jan. 18

Spring Break Mar. 12-19

Fridays Off Apr. 2, 30 May 7, 14

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Quarter Information

	Begins	Ends	Days
1st Quarter	Aug 14	Oct 9	39
2nd Quarter	Oct 12	Dec 22	45
3rd Quarter	Jan 7	Mar 5	41
4th Quarter	Mar 8	May 20	45

Total Days - 168 Taught, 2 P/T, 5 PD, 3 Site

June 2021						
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