



GLADEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2020-2021 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

Gladeville Middle School is committed to providing our students, their families, and our staff with the safest possible school environment. Keeping students safe and healthy is our top priority as a school. This document outlines some important ways in which we will modify our school environment in order to mitigate the risks posed by the Covid-19 virus. We will communicate health and safety guidelines on all of our school platforms and will update our stakeholders as changes occur. All guidelines outlined in this document are subject to modification throughout the school year as we receive further direction by Wilson County Schools and other local and state officials.

Face Coverings for Students & Staff

All faculty and staff will wear approved and appropriate face coverings or shields if their task requires them to be within 6 feet of any student.

Students are encouraged to wear face coverings whenever possible, especially upon entry/dismissal and during transition times. Students are **required** to wear appropriate face coverings when riding a school bus for any reason.

TEMA will provide schools with disposable face coverings for students and staff. These will be issued to students as needed through their FOCUS teacher. **If any parent needs face coverings for the first day of school, please contact our office, and we will arrange a time when you can pick up disposable masks.**

Cleaning and Sanitization of Classrooms & Supplies

All students will be assigned specific desks or chairs in each classroom in order to aid staff in contact tracing if needed. Classroom surfaces, such as desks and tables, will be sanitized between any change of contact, such as a change of class. Teachers will be provided with approved cleaning materials and will avoid any scented or possibly harmful substances.

The building custodians will thoroughly clean and disinfect all used common surfaces each night and throughout the school day as much as possible.

Due to the impossibility of social distancing and the high volume of students who typically access locker rooms, students enrolled in P.E. and strength & conditioning classes will not utilize locker rooms to change clothes. They will be encouraged to wear P.E.-appropriate attire and footwear on assigned P.E. days and will be able to access restrooms to clean up or if a change of clothes is needed.

Spacing and Student Interaction

Traditional School Model

Under the traditional model, all possible precautions will take place to limit interactions of students within the building in order to isolate and minimize the spread of germs and to aid staff in contact tracing if a student or staff member becomes ill. Within the classroom or hallways, times that were once free and open for students (such as getting materials or class changes) will now have structured procedures to minimize student contact. However, the overall flow of the day and instruction will remain the same. When possible, students will be spaced 6 feet apart. When this is not possible, students will always have assigned locations and procedures to lessen the number of students they come in contact with throughout the day. All general precautions for face coverings, cleaning, and sanitization will be followed on both a traditional and hybrid model.

Hybrid School Model

Under the hybrid model, in addition to all general precautions for face coverings, cleaning, and sanitization, students will be limited to interactions with a cohort of 10 students and only one or two staff members throughout the day. The students in that cohort will also be kept 6 feet apart at all times in the building. In order to achieve this, only one-half of the students can be in the building at a time. Based on neighborhood, students will come to school twice a week on either 'A' day (Tues & Thurs) or 'B' day (Wed & Fri). The other three days of the week, students will engage in remote learning at home. Further details about the traditional and hybrid plans and schedules will be sent out next week in the GMS re-entry plan.

ARRIVAL

Traditional/Hybrid

At 8:15, students will be permitted to be released from buses in a staggered fashion, with only 2 busloads of students released at a time. After all buses are cleared, car riders will be released in the normal fashion. Students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings as they enter the building for temperature screenings.

Students will enter the building by following a path under the awning and through doors by grade-level. As students enter, teachers/staff with thermometers will be stationed midway up the hall taking temperatures. Any students with a fever above 100.4 will be sent to room 305, where Nurse Blevins will be waiting for examination of these isolated students. Students who know they are symptomatic should go directly to 305. Students with athletic or band equipment will go directly to their assigned locker next to the Commons before going to their designated area. All other students will then sit at their designated areas. Students needing breakfast will eat in the commons, spaced appropriately at assigned tables. Students will be appropriately spaced in all designated common areas used as holding places, sitting in every other seat in order to maintain social distancing.

6th Grade: Gym - By row, assigned seats, sectioned off by FOCUS teacher

7th Grade: Gym - By row, assigned seats, sectioned off by FOCUS teacher

8th Grade: Auditorium - By row, assigned seats, sectioned off by FOCUS teacher

At approximately 8:35-40, FOCUS teachers will take their students in a line directly to their rooms, organized by back of each hallway to front to limit crossing of classes.

Upon arrival to their classroom, students will be checked-in by their teachers, who will record a daily symptom check in a digital log. All forms will be accessible by admin and staff.

Any symptomatic students from classrooms who did not report in the morning should be sent to 305 and will be examined by Nurse Blevins. If she determines that a student needs to be sent home, students will be sent to a classroom designated as a holding space. Students/staff will be spaced at least 10 feet apart and will wear face coverings at all times during this process. Disposable face coverings will be provided for those students who do not have one.

ADDITIONAL NURSE & CLINIC PROTOCOLS

Teachers will utilize virtual referrals when sending a student to the nurse. Clinic access will be highly limited, and a separate holding area will be used for students referred to the nurse during the school day.

- Face coverings will be required for students and staff who enter the clinic.
- Hand sanitizer will be used when students or staff enter the clinic and again when they exit the clinic.
- The school nurse will use appropriate PPE when students or staff enter the clinic.
- The school nurse will utilize enhanced PPE and isolation for high risk procedures such as breathing treatments and trach care.
- The school nurse will sanitize surfaces between clinic visits.
- The school nurse will isolate sick students.
- Med designees will be utilized as much as possible to minimize risk for students who take daily meds.
- Classroom teachers will be provided gloves and bandaids to reduce the number of avoidable clinic referrals.

CLASS TRANSITIONS

Traditional/Hybrid

Bathrooms will be closed during transitions. All bathroom breaks will be taken during classes, one at a time. No lockers will be used during the 2020-21 school year for student supplies. (Band and athletic lockers will be assigned as needed.) During the last 5 minutes of class, teachers will facilitate cleaning procedures of desks and have all students line up (spaced apart) inside the classroom.

Teachers will have an order of release used every day on their respective hallways, a couple of classes at a time. Students will go directly to their next class and line up along the wall/lockers (spaced appropriately). Once that teacher has released their students, those students can enter, and additional students can enter immediately. Students will go directly to their seats and begin work.

6th grade students will be assigned a separate stairwell from 7th and 8th grade students in order to reduce stairway traffic.

CLEANING CLASSROOMS & SUPPLIES

At the end of each lesson, all teachers will implement cleaning and wipe-down procedures with their classes. Students will gather all belongings and stand in a line while all desks and chairs are sanitized with approved cleaning substances. If manipulatives are used, these will be

cleaned as well. Objects unable to be cleaned should be avoided or distributed to each student individually.

LUNCH

Traditional

On a traditional schedule, we will follow our normal lunch schedule and may add time as needed to maintain appropriate distancing in the lunch lines. Teachers will stop for handwashing on the way to and from lunch. Once in the cafeteria, designated waiting spaces will be marked on the ground for each of the lines, spaced apart. Teachers will be assigned tables for each class, and all students will be given an assigned lunch seat. Students will remain in their assigned seat for the duration of the lunch period.

Hybrid

On the hybrid schedule, the cafeteria will be at half capacity. Classes will be sent to lunch on schedule and assigned places to eat by number of students. Students will have an assigned seat, and the number of usable seats at each table will be limited. Students in different classes will be appropriately spaced while waiting in all lunch lines.

Parents needing to drop off lunch can do so at the front office, but will not be able to enter the building past the vestibule. Front office secretary Tara Dixon will buzz in teachers at the front door, and any lunch will be dropped at a designated drop-off table. Please ensure that your student's name and teacher during lunch period is clearly marked on the lunch.

DISMISSAL

Traditional/Hybrid

Teachers will have all students ready to dismiss 5 minutes before the bell. All students will remain in their seats until dismissal, and rooms will be sanitized after students have left.

Car riders will be released first out of the back doors (facing the football field) and load directly into cars in the line. A teacher will be stationed at the corner and another with a radio at the end of the car line. The other teachers who will be of traffic flow will start out in the parking lot by parents' cars, supervising students. The staff at the intersection will stop all traffic from entering the parking lot before dismissal begins.

As car riders clear, buses will be released two at a time from classrooms in the order they are lined up. As all buses are finishing loading, any students not yet loaded into cars will be shuffled back to the loading area and teachers will move to line positions. When all students who are left are safely to the normal loading zone, buses and all loaded cars will move and any unloaded cars will pull around into the side lot. Normal loading procedures will resume from there.

MINIMIZING EXTERNAL RISKS

The following safety measures will be in place while the district is utilizing the traditional, hybrid, and remote models during the instructional day.

Visitors & Meetings

- Visitors will be limited to each school's secure vestibule unless they are doing business on campus, such as repairs, delivery, dual enrollment, college recruitment, military recruitment, etc.
- All meetings, including IEP, 504, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Open Houses, and other meetings will be conducted virtually via Google Meet or a similar digital platform.

Student Trips

- Student trips will be limited to student group conventions, student group competitions, and athletic trips until further notice.

POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

The procedure following a positive case of COVID-19 in a school building will be to notify staff and parents of those students in proximity of that individual. Notification will be under the direction of the school principal and include students and staff in classes and shared spaces, including the bus and extracurricular activities. The positively identified COVID-19 person will follow directions from their healthcare provider. Notified individuals will be encouraged to watch for symptoms and/or seek medical advice while continuing with health precautions at school. Decisions to move between Traditional/Hybrid/Remote will be determined by the culmination of data impacting a school, group of schools, or the entire district. The health metrics being collected include attendance rates of staff and students, new case counts, effective infection rates, new recoveries, new hospitalizations, and new deaths. The district tracks the daily values, 14-day values, trends, and total counts for each of these measures.