



**GADSDEN**

*Middle School*

*Reopening Guide for Parents*

*2020-2021*

This plan was developed using the ALSDE guiding principles covered in the Roadmap to Reopening Alabama Schools.

This plan is fluid and subject to change in accordance with the Alabama Department of Public Health recommendations, CDC guidelines, and Gadsden City Schools. As guidelines are updated, the plan will be updated accordingly and parents will be notified.

This plan is for the traditional learning setting only. Remote learning guidelines available in Gadsden City Schools system plan.

# Schedule for Staggered Entry

\*Monday, September 28, 2020 -

All students with parent's last name beginning A-E will come to campus.

\*Tuesday, September 29, 2020 -

All students with parent's last name beginning F-K will come to campus.

\*Wednesday September 30, 2020 -

All students with parent's last name beginning L-Q will come to campus.

\*Thursday, October 1, 2020 -

All students with parent's last name beginning R-Z will come to campus.

\*Students will only come one (1) day this week.

\*Friday, October 2, 2020 -

All students will attend remotely.

# General School Procedures and Health – Guidelines

**Prevention**– Parents, monitor your student for COVID-19 each morning **BEFORE** sending them to school. A student with a temperature of 100.4 or greater or showing symptoms of, but limited to COVID-19 should **STAY HOME**.

Symptoms of Coronavirus per CDC:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

# General School Procedures and Health –Guidelines

- **Masks/Shields**- students will wear masks/face coverings while in the building with the exception of eating, exercising in PE, and when playing a musical instrument that requires for them to blow into the instrument to create a sound.
- All staff will be wearing masks and/or face shields when students are present or within the social distancing guidelines.
- **Water Bottles**- Water fountains will be disabled. Students may bring personal water bottles and/or multiple disposable water bottles to keep with them throughout the school day.

# Transitions between classes

Students will be dismissed from class in groups, i.e.  
Boys/Girls

Maintain social distancing in hallways. Follow the Tiger Paws and arrows.

Stay to the right of the red line.

# Arrival & Dismissal

## Arrival

- Arrive no earlier than 7:15
- Upon arriving to school, student will report directly to their 1st period class.
- If student needs to put away music instrument:
  - Go straight to the music room, put away instrument, and then report directly to 1st period.
- Maintain Social distancing guidelines at all times.

## Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed in waves.
- 6th grade: exit through side door in front lobby and proceed to the sidewalk in front of the marquee.
- 7th grade: exit through doors at the end of the 7th grade hall near Strings/Art room. Proceed to the sidewalk next to bandroom along the street.
- 8th grade: exit through front doors of the school. Proceed to the sidewalk in front of the school.

# Visitors

- **No Visitors will be allowed in building.**
- **Check-Ins/Checkouts:** Please notify the school ahead of time if you are checking your students in or out. There will be a system in place to safely check your student in or out from the front door of the school without entering.



# In Class Instruction

- Classroom instruction will be modified to ensure students are minimizing contact, not sharing supplies, and adhering to practical social distance guidelines as space allows.
- **Clear/Mesh backpacks are required.** No lockers will be issued.
- All classrooms will be using devices and the Google Classroom platform. In the event of a closure, each classroom will transition to remote learning via Google Classroom to continue instruction. (See Gadsden City Schools plan).
- Special Education services, Speech, OT, and EL services will continue and will vary depending on individual cases.

# SMARTS

The SMARTS program will be delayed for at least the first two weeks of school.

Starting date will be Tuesday, October 13th

Information and updates on will be sent out as it becomes available.

# Procedures for Sick Students

Students that become ill during the school day will go to the school nurse's office. If they are showing symptoms of illness, they will be monitored in the Science Lab until the parent can pick the child up.

Please refer to the system plan to see the protocol for students that test positive with COVID19 regarding absences and learning options.

## Extra Sanitization Measures

- All areas of the school will be sanitized throughout the school day and at the end of every school day.
- Hand Sanitizing stations will be installed throughout the school.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands frequently and taught proper procedures by classroom teachers and the school nurse.
- Restrooms will be monitored between classes so there are only a few students at a time in the restroom.