



GRATTON School District

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Dear Gratton Families,

We look forward to a new school year and welcoming everyone back for in-person learning! Below you will find information about the protocols that will be in place for the start of our school year. Fortunately, many restrictions have been lifted and we will be able to return to most of the practices we have enjoyed in the past. Our goal is to provide a safe and engaging in-person learning experience that is as close to normal as possible. We know that last year was challenging for many of you. Gratton teachers and staff are committed to supporting all students academically and emotionally. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office if your student or family has any needs that we may support you with. We appreciate your continued partnership as we begin another school year.

What will school look like?

Learning Options for Students

In Person- 5 days per week, entire school day

Independent Study – *You must notify the school by July 29th if you would like your child to participate in Independent Study.*

The district is investigating having Independent Study services administered through a partnering district or the possibility that Gratton's requirement to offer IS services may be waived due to hardship related to staffing.

Morning Drop-off / Daily Health Screening

Staff will no longer be conducting temperature and symptom screening during drop off. Please continue to perform health screening before coming to school and keep your children home if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms.

The health screening checklist is located on the district's website at www.grattonschool.net

Students will go directly to their classroom upon arrival.

Parent Volunteers

We are welcoming parent volunteers back to the classroom.

Parents must wear a mask when indoors.

Field Trips

Field trips will resume.

Student Cohorts

Individual classroom cohorts will no longer be required.

Recess/Lunch

We are returning to combined grade levels for recess and lunch to allow for student interaction with children outside the immediate classroom group.

Weather permitting, students will eat outside.

Individually packaged foods and/or lunches are no longer required.

Masking

It is required that the District adhere to the masking mandate issued by California Department of Health.

Masking is optional outdoors for both students and staff.

Masking is mandated by the state for both students and staff indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Students with physician notes excusing them from wearing a mask are required to wear a face shield with a drape.

(The state will reassess the mandate before Nov. 1)

Social Distancing

No longer required due to universal masking mandate.

Other Best Practices, Layers of Protection in Place

Handwashing

Discourage sharing of items as much as possible

Increased Ventilation

Regular daily cleaning and disinfecting

Outdoor instruction will take place when feasible

Quarantine

The district will work in partnership with Stanislaus County Public Health if quarantining of students or staff is necessary.

Guidance for Band, Sports and other Activities is Forthcoming from the State

If you have not already done so, please complete the online registration at www.grattonschool.net by August 5th.

Sincerely,



Wendy Williams

Principal/Superintendent