

# GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*"A Great Place to Grow and Learn"*

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To the Families, Students, and Staff of Grant Public Schools,

We hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer, it seems to be going by very quickly. It has been great to see many of our students around town and in our school buildings. We wanted to provide some information regarding what things will look like for our students when we return, we hope this helps to answer most of the questions that you may have.

## **When is the first day of school?**

School begins for everyone on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Our complete calendar for the 2021-2022 year can be found here: [https://tb2cdn.schoolwebmasters.com/accent\\_402715/site\\_402716/Documents/2021-2022-Calendar.pdf](https://tb2cdn.schoolwebmasters.com/accent_402715/site_402716/Documents/2021-2022-Calendar.pdf)

## **What will instruction and our day look like?**

We will be returning to face-to-face, in-person instruction 5 days a week. Our day will also return to the traditional school day times (remember that we shortened the day by an hour this past year to accommodate times for remote learners to meet with teachers). Each school building will be sending out specific start and end times in early August. Our classrooms and school day will also look like it did before all of the requirements were put in place this year. It is our intent is to return to as normal as possible based on any requirements, not recommendations, placed on schools across the State of Michigan.

## **When are the Back-to-School Open Houses?**

The information for those are being finalized and will be sent to all families in early August.

## **Will masks be required at Grant Public Schools?**

No, they will be optional.

## **Will students be required to have the COVID-19 vaccination to attend school?**

No

## **Will students be separated in classrooms and throughout the school depending on if they are vaccinated?**

No

## **Will contact tracing continue?**

Yes, schools are required to contact trace any type of communicable disease and report it to their local Health Department within 24 hours.

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**Will students be required to take COVID-19 tests to attend school or participate in extracurricular activities such as music or sports?**

No, the MHSAA and MDHHS ended those requirements in June.

**Will students be required to quarantine this year?**

Not by Grant Public Schools. There is the chance that the MDHHS or DHD-10 may contact a family individually and require it under certain circumstances.

**Will my student still have the option of remote or virtual learning this year?**

Yes, but it will look significantly different than this past year. If you are interested in pursuing this option, it will require an application and meeting with your building Principal. Please contact them for more information.

**Will transportation be provided and what will it look like?**

Bussing will be provided, as always, and masks will not be required. Our Transportation department is finalizing routes as we speak and will be communicating with our families who ride the bus shortly.

**What will cleaning and sanitizing practices look like at GPS this year?**

We are always committed to providing the cleanest and safest environments possible for our students and staff, this will continue. We will continue to have hand sanitizer available, and our custodial staff will have the latest disinfectant practices and products available to implement and use.

**What is Critical Race Theory and is it being taught at GPS?**

By definition, Critical Race Theory is, “a complex area of academic research that was written 40 years ago creating a framework for understanding root causes of inequality and the role of race in the creation and maintenance of those structural and systemic inequalities”.

Critical Race Theory is not any type of curriculum that is being taught in public schools or even at the vast majority of universities. It has garnered a great deal of attention on national news forums and on social media platforms recently. CRT is not a part of our curriculum, nor is it a part of any requirements put forward by the Michigan Department of Education. If you are curious about our curriculum, a link to our GPS K-12 core curriculum and requirements can be found here: <https://www.grantps.net/Curriculum>

At GPS we always welcome and care about all of our students, regardless of gender, race, religion, skin color, or anything else that may make them unique.

We sincerely hope that this helps to answer some of your questions as we move closer to August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please understand that there is always the chance that new requirements may be placed on all schools in Michigan, we will communicate with everyone if that happens. It is our plan to have as traditional of a year as we ever have had, we cannot wait to see everyone again in August. Have a great rest of your summer, see you soon.

Go Tigers!

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