



GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REOPENING SCHOOLS
2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
OPERATIONAL PLAN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HYBRID MODEL AT GRISWOLD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Why hybrid? Why now?

- Governor Lamont & Commissioner Cardona have now made the Hybrid model an option for school districts whereas at the time we had to initially submit our plan, the Hybrid model was not an option.
- The Hybrid model allows schools to have approximately 50% of students in the building at a time with 50% on distance learning, and the Hybrid model allows the school district to designate one school day a week for highly intensified deep cleaning.
- Griswold Public Schools has joined with many other districts in the region to begin the 2020-2021 school year with the Hybrid model. At this juncture, our plan is to start the school year with the Hybrid model, reassess, and then eventually move to full-time, in-person learning.
- This cannot be emphasized enough: The information flow with school reopening changes weekly, if not daily. While this may be frustrating, please know we are doing our best to address the changes and make informed decisions for Griswold Public Schools.

Griswold Alternative School will follow the hybrid model below. Here are some important considerations:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are full days of in-person learning, Griswold Alternative School students will attend in person during each of these four days. On Wednesdays, all students will be on distance learning to allow for our custodial staff to focus on one full school day of intense, deep cleaning.
- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** Students will report to Griswold Alternative School for full days of in-person learning. ***We will follow our normal school day schedule .***
- **Wednesday:** All students will be on distance learning. ***We will follow our DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE, with our first class beginning at 8 a.m. See district plan.***

- **Under the hybrid model, can parents and students still opt for district sponsored full remote learning?**
 - Yes, and such students must complete our district learning form and submit it to the school, preferably before August 20th.
- **On Wednesdays, will the buildings be open?**
 - Yes, our building offices will be open and administration will be available.
 - Select staff will be in the buildings depending on programming and student needs. Teachers who opt to come into the buildings to teach from their classrooms on Wednesdays will have to notify building administration.
- **Will bus transportation be provided?**
 - Yes, bus transportation will be provided. We will work closely with STA-Griswold to ensure that students are transported to and from school on their required days.
- **How does cafeteria/food service work?**
 - For in-person learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, we will follow our normal cafeteria/food service schedules.
 - Grab & Go will be available for all students who are opting for distance learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
 - For students who are eligible for free reduced and lunch, the “grab and go” lunches will align to the free and reduced applicability.
 - For students who are not eligible for “grab and go,” meal prices would apply.
 - Grab & Go Service will also be available on Wednesday for all students
 - **Grab & Go Service will operate daily at GMS from 8:00 am-9:30 am.**

- **What will the first two-weeks of school look like, given the shortened weeks and half-days? That is a good question, as the first two weeks will look slightly different. **ALL STUDENTS WHO OPT OUT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING WILL RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.** Here is the schedule below:**

WEEK 1

MONDAY, 8/31	TUESDAY, 9/1	WEDNESDAY, 9/2	THURSDAY, 9/3	FRIDAY, 9/4
NO SCHOOL PD DAY	NO SCHOOL PD DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FIRST DAY ● ½ DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS ● Full day for staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECOND DAY ● ½ DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS AND GPS EDUCATORS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● THIRD DAY ● ½ DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS AND GPS EDUCATORS.

WEEK 2

MONDAY, 9/7	TUESDAY, 9/8	WEDNESDAY, 9/9	THURSDAY, 9/10	FRIDAY, 9/11
NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS	ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY WILL BE ON DISTANCE LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS