

Gladwin Community Schools

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Dear Flying G families,

It is my hope that this communique finds you all well and enjoying the summer months. Below you will find the most frequently asked questions regarding how school will operate this fall. If you have a question that is not covered, please feel free to reach out to me at 989- 426-9255 or 989-429-0610. You can also reach me via email at mrseebeck@gladwinschools.net

Will masks be required?

No. The Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) recommends that unvaccinated individuals wear a mask while indoors. Gladwin Community Schools will not make this recommendation mandatory. The decision whether or not to wear a mask will be left to the individual student and their family.

Will the Gladwin Community Schools be quarantining students?

No. Gladwin Community Schools will not be quarantining students. All quarantines will be issued by CMDHD.

Will Gladwin Community Schools be contact tracing?

All schools are required to report communicable diseases to their local health department within 24 hours. Positive or probable COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Central Michigan Health Department. When there is a positive or probable case within a classroom we will contact the family.

Will Gladwin Community Schools separate students based on vaccination status?

No.

Will student athletes need to be tested for COVID-19 to participate?

No. MDHHS and MHSAA lifted all requirements for student testing as of June 22, 2021.

Will students be passing through the temperature scanners this year?

No. We are asking parents/guardians of our students to screen them each day before they leave home. Please check your child each morning for these symptoms (please keep them home and notify the school if they have at least one of these listed symptoms):

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- Sore throat

- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Will students be eating in the cafeteria?

Yes. Students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria.

Will there be open house events this fall?

Yes. We are planning those events now.

Will Gladwin Community Schools be offering the Edmentum online program this year?

No. We are planning on an exciting year of face to face instruction for all of our students.

Will students be separated into cohort groups this year?

We plan on using limited cohort groups at the Elementary and Intermediate school only. A scaled back approach will allow students more time to socialize with others while still maintaining some level of social distancing.

Will students be required to wear a mask on school buses?

As of today, yes. Masks are still required, by law, on all public transportation including school buses.

As we move toward a more normal school year it is important that we continue to work together to keep everyone safe and learning in a normal face to face environment. It will be crucial that families check their students daily for symptoms of illness and keep them home when necessary. It is impossible to predict the future, but rest assured that Gladwin Community Schools is committed to providing the most normal experience possible this school year. If changes to our operating procedures become necessary, we will communicate the details immediately.

With Flying G Pride!

Rick