



Statement from Administration,

The last Nine-Weeks of the 2019-2020 school year introduced unprecedented conditions due to COVID-19, prompting a quick transition to virtual learning. While this was an effective temporary solution, the 2020-2021 school year reinforced the value of classroom interaction. As students, faculty, and staff studied and worked away from school, a careful and deliberate plan was developed to allow for in-person education while prioritizing the health and safety of our HGBA family.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Academy will remain focused on providing a safe, affordable, and excellent education. In addition to receiving invaluable instruction, students will adopt safe practices such as social distancing and frequent hand washing and sanitizing.

Thank you for helping to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment. We look forward to a successful school year together with your family.

Jordan Breneman

Principal

CAMPUS GUESTS

- For the safety of our students and staff, parents should remain in their cars while dropping off and picking up their children.
- Guests may come on campus, but HGBA reserves the right to change this at any time.
- Because the auditorium is large enough, parents and grandparents will be permitted to come to chapel and be socially distanced from the students. Students may sit with their family member during the service.
- There will be no loitering in the school office area. We ask that all business be completed in a timely and efficient manner.

STUDENTS

- A school setting does not lend itself to continual social distancing, but students will be physically separated to the extent possible throughout the day.
- Teachers will be vigilant in training students to keep proper distance from one another during transitions.
- Students will not be permitted to share any items. This includes, but is not limited to, books, writing utensils, food, drink, etc.
- Face masks are **optional**. No one will be looked down upon or shamed for wearing or not wearing a mask.
- Water fountains will not be used. For this reason, we are allowing and encouraging students to bring in their own capped, clear water bottle or container to use throughout the day. HGBA will also have bottled water for sale for \$1. We ask that containers **only** be filled with water.
- Hot lunch will continue to be served as normal.
- Periodic, mandatory hand washing for each class throughout the school day.

STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness (e.g., cough, sore throat, fever, etc.) must remain at home. DO NOT send your child to school if he has a temperature of 100.4°F or higher.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for the virus, the parents of students in the affected class will be notified. The personal identity of positive COVID-19 cases will be protected.
- Students who had direct contact with the positive individual will have to quarantine 7 – 10 days.
- Students, faculty, or staff who have been identified as testing positive to the virus will be required to quarantine for 10 days. The individual may return to school after 10 days and must be symptom free and fever free
- While a student who tests positive for the virus is quarantining at home, HGBA will make video streaming available so that the students do not fall behind in their studies. Students who participate daily in their video streaming and complete the assigned work from their teacher will be counted present. Students who do not participate during their quarantine will receive excused absences for illness and may be required to make up the work when they return to school. No refunds are provided for missed days.
- Administration works closely with the District 4 Health Department as well as the Georgia Department of Health. Our adopted guidelines come directly from the recommendations of the Georgia DPH.
- Please, use common sense when it comes to the health of your child in relation to the school.

BUILDING AND FACILITEIS

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned during the day and overall cleanings will be conducted at the end of every day.

EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY (ESD)

- To benefit from fresh air and sunshine, ESD will periodically be outside (weather permitting).