

GREENFIELD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN 2021 - 2023

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District Name:	Greenfield Exempted Village School District
District Address:	200 N. 5th Street, Greenfield, Ohio 45123
District Contract:	Quincey Gray, Superintendent
District IRN:	045401

Face-to-Face Instruction	<p>The Greenfield Exempted Village School District will begin the 2021-2022 academic year with 100% in-person instruction five days a week. The health landscape in Ohio has improved significantly, and the spread of COVID-19 in our schools was extremely low as we ended the year. Ohio has also ended all health mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic that impact schools.</p> <p>In the 2020-2021 school year, the Ohio legislature provided schools with the necessary flexibility to implement remote instruction and learning through the submission of Remote Learning Plans. As a result, the district was able to offer two options for families. One option was in-person learning five days a week, and the other option was remote learning. Our remote learning option was aligned with the Ohio Department of Education's remote learning plan criteria.</p> <p>The Ohio Department of Education notified districts in April that the Ohio legislature had not extended the remote learning flexibilities granted for the 2020-2021 school year; therefore, the district plans to return to in-person learning for all students during the 2021-2022 school year. Those students who were enrolled in remote learning last year have been informed of this decision.</p>
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Health & Safety Guidelines

Our approach to health and safety for the 2021-2022 school year will be accomplished through the review of the health and safety guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, the Highland County Public Health District, and other laws and/or health orders issued by the Ohio Legislature and/or the Director of Public Health for Ohio. We recognize the impracticality and sometimes conflicting guidance that exist between agencies, and will develop protocols that are best for the Greenfield Exempted Village School District. The following are mitigation strategies that we have considered and addressed:

1. Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks:

Staff and students will be permitted to wear a mask if they deem it appropriate. Staff and students not vaccinated will be informed of the current CDC recommendations to wear a mask, but they will not be required to wear one. Information and literature on the proper way to wear a mask will be provided to all staff and students at the beginning of the school year.

2. Physical distancing:

Students will be seated and functioning in the classroom in a similar fashion as they were prior to the pandemic. Where it makes sense, teachers may space students three feet apart, but there are no expectations to limit instructional opportunities in order to socially distance. Students will be in pairs, small groups, assemblies, etc. just as they were prior to the pandemic.

3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

School nurses will provide teachers with the proper tools (videos/flyers/posters) to train students on proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette. These procedures will be reviewed at the beginning of the school year and after winter break. Posters will also be displayed throughout the buildings to remind staff and students.

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

Classrooms will be cleaned daily. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and in hallways. Hand sanitizer will also be available on school buses. Areas will be sanitized with an EPA registered disinfectant. Our HVAC systems have been assessed, and their filtration components operate at the recommended MERV level.

5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state and local health departments:

The district will follow all laws and cooperate with the Highland County Public Health Department if contact tracing and quarantine

	<p>are required.</p> <p>6. Diagnostic and screening testing: COVID-19 rapid tests have been provided to the Greenfield Exempted Village School District. The district will promote the availability of these tests and provide the tests to staff or students that are suspected of having COVID-19 (symptomatic or quarantined staff/students).</p> <p>7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students: The district will provide information to parents about vaccination opportunities and will work with local providers to offer vaccination clinics. Vaccination clinics have already been held for staff and students who are 16 years of age and older.</p> <p>8. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies: Students with disabilities who have health related concerns will have their IEP reviewed by an intervention specialist prior to the start of the school year to determine if amendments are needed to modifications and/or accommodations to address the educational concerns as it relates to health and safety. If a parent, teacher, or intervention specialist has a concern related to the health and safety of a student with a disability, an IEP team meeting will take place to review the IEP and make changes as necessary.</p>
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<p>Continuity of Services</p>	<p>1. Academic Needs: The district is positioned as a 1:1 device district, meaning that all students have access to a chromebook or iPad that can be assigned directly to them for teaching and learning. Assignments and academic support through Google Classroom will be provided to students in the event they experience a quarantine or illness that impacts a student's ability to attend school.</p> <p>The district will work with parents in need of internet access by providing them with one or more of the following: a list of locations that have Wifi available, an LTE-capable chromebook, or a mobile hotspot.</p> <p>The district will also utilize districtwide and classwide assessment tools to determine areas of need for students and will provide targeted academic support. Examples include but are not limited to:</p>
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	<p><u>Districtwide Growth and Diagnostic Assessments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWEA MAP Growth ELA and Math assessment - K-4, ELA, Math, Science 4-8, 9-12 in designated courses for ELA and Math • Classroom-based assessments in ELA and Math <p>2. Student and staff social, emotional, and mental health: Staff members have access to clinics that are located on all of our campuses. Our district has a wellness program in place that promotes wellness and provides resources for our staff members.</p> <p>Student social, emotional, and mental health support is provided through school counselors and outside mental health agencies that use space on our campuses to provide services. Our counselors also provide whole group instruction and support on a variety of different topics in addition to individualized counseling. Finally, our counselors and administrators have established relationships with the agencies so that referrals can be made quickly and easily, which benefits our students and their families.</p> <p>3. Food service: The Ohio Department of Education has granted our district a waiver that allows all students (regardless of their free and reduced meal application status) a free school lunch. All students also receive free breakfast each day.</p>
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<p>Semiannual Review and Public Input</p>	<p>This plan will be available on the district website at https://www.greenfield.k12.oh.us. Public input into the development of the plan or in regards to any revisions can be made via email to Quincey Gray at quincey.gray@greenfieldmcclain.org. At a minimum, this plan will be reviewed semiannually (December and June of each year) through the end of calendar year 2023.</p>
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